

RYHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th March 2024

Present: Councillors C D Bashforth (Chair), G Booth, B Burnage
 K Fretwell, A Morley, T Staves and A Atherton
 Clerk C Greaves
 District Councillors M Cummings

MINUTES

1 Apologies for absence

Cllr L Booth and Cllr R Caley had prior engagements.

2 Declarations of interest

Cllr B Burnage and Cllr G Booth in respect of the Caretaker.

3 To approve the minutes of the council meeting 13th February 2024

Approved.

4 Matters arising for information

4.1 A further £500 deposit cheque is required to open the new Unity Trust accounts.

4.2 NPG Sunny Bank wayleave payment remains outstanding.

4.3 The Clerk has confirmed the continuation of the Safe Scheme to West Yorkshire Police with the budget set at £7,000 for the 2024/25 financial year.

5 District Councillor's comments

DCllr M Cummings informed the meeting that Yorkshire Water would be undertaking work on Sunny Bank. She also requested feedback on the proposed changes to the mobile phone mast (item 7.3 on the agenda).

A request for drain clearing on Chapel Street would be raised with Wakefield Highways.

6 WY Police – Safe Scheme update

The Chair has circulated the update amongst members and a summary is on the website.

7 To receive items of correspondence

7.1 Wakefield Pride

Noted – This is the 20th anniversary of Wakefield Pride. If you want to know more or to get involved visit their website – www.wakefieldpride.co.uk

7.2 Portrait of HM The King

Resolved - The Clerk will apply for a framed photograph and permission will be sought from St Pauls Methodist Church for it to be displayed.

7.3 Mobile phone mast consultation

Resolved – Concerns were raised over the visual impact of the larger mast and service boxes. The Clerk will contact Clarke Telecom and ask:

- (a) Whether a smaller mast could be used,
- (b) Whether the other mast near George Street / Cemetery Road had been factored into their proposal,
- (c) For more detailed plans showing the power cable and its position,
- (d) What the impact would be on the overdue Wayleave payment,
- (e) What screening is planned for the compound area.

8 Rycroft Leisure CIO

Noted – Ward Richards and Colin Poole are standing down from the management board.

8.1 Rycroft Trading

Noted - Fire safety checks have been carried out, and the Health course has been completed. A kids supervisor has been appointed to work over the evenings on a weekend to ensure good behaviour and that all children are off the premises by 8pm. December and January sales have been good and the bar is being redecorated, the kitchen and flooring are being upgraded and new tables and chairs are being bought. Steps are being taken to limit the total capacity of the building to enable proper management and safety of the building.

8.2 Rycroft Leisure

Noted – Two new toddler groups have formed and the sports season has now moved from Rugby to Cricket. The Scouts are using the facilities on a Thursday and the Bowling Club is looking to recruit more new members. The Rycroft Bike Club and GB Triathlon scheme continues. 13 bikes have been donated and demonstrations of bike repairs and security were shown to users, and their bikes were logged with the Police in case they are stolen. An application has been made for a new Trustee and the youth centre has seen its number rise and is seeking 3y funding to secure its future. To replace the Gala, Rycroft are looking to run 2 family events – one on May Day =the other in the August Bank Holiday.

9 South Pennine Branch meeting

Noted – The meeting took place by zoom on the 7th February. YLCA have introduced new employment contract templates, they have clarified the ability to fund church activity and intend to change their website host w.e.f 1 April 2024. They discussed the Bio-Diversity net gain and are issuing a duty and policy template. YLCA also reminded members to appoint an Internal Auditor and the need to consider the Public Sector Equality duty. The updated Good Councillor Guide is available online and will be printed in May 2024. Walton PC commented on the transformation of its tennis courts into a garden with the design support of University students and this resource should be considered for any future schemes. There is a Talking Tables discussion group at Drax on 27th April 2024, and they have requested speakers (the

WYMCA Policy Officer and Social Media have been suggested). Feedback has been requested on YLCA services and there is lots of training available. A request for face to face planning training on a Saturday is being considered. The next meeting is hybrid on the 5th June 2024. Any training requests should be sent to the Clerk.

10 Planters / Baskets and Xmas lamp column features review

Resolved – Wakefield Council will pay for the hanging basket lamp column tests, but the xmas lights tests will be undertaken later in the year and they haven't committed to pay for this. Ryhill will provide column details and ask for the basket checks to be completed. However, we do not know which will pass and which will fail and as new brackets would still be needed, and so we will miss the 2024 deadline set by First Impressions to submit an order. Whilst we can fully plan for 2025 knowing the outcome of the tests and the likely costs, for 2024 the council will implement an interim option, which will be to put out more planters to plant up twice a year, to thank the existing residents who plant-up and to remind them of the refund process, and to have 2 more Xmas tress in the village (potentially on Station Road and Nostell Lane so that there is one on each main road into the village).

11 Annual Meeting of the Parish

Resolved – This will be held at 6pm at St Paul's Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Ryhill on Tuesday 9th March 2024. The regular monthly meeting will follow it.

12 Account Payments

Resolved - the council approved the payments on the schedule plus a further £500 initial deposit for the new Unity Trust Bank accounts.

13 Newsletter

Resolved – This would be considered at the May 2024 meeting.

14 Items for the next agenda

Mobile phone mast, Audit, VAT Reclaim, Planters, Lamp column and Maintenance reviews, village Flag Pole, May Fest, Allotment management, Letter of thanks to Ward Richards and Colin Poole re Rycroft Leisure.

19 Date, Time and Venue for the next meeting of the Council – Immediately following the end of the 6pm Annual Meeting of the Parish, at St Paul's Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Ryhill on Tuesday 9th ~~March~~ 2024.

April.

C R Greaves

Charles Greaves
Clerk to the Council
Ryhill Parish Council



Signed as a true record

2.4.24

Date

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Account payments for 12th March 2024

Payee	Description	Date	Amount £	VAT	Ref	Authorised	Authorised	
Charles Greaves	Clerk Feb Salary & Expenses	12/03/24	456.52		103341	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Charles Greaves	Clerk Feb Expenses	12/03/24	30		103342	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
WYPF	Pension	12/03/24	132.21		103343	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
HMRC PAYE	Income Tax	12/03/24	114		103344	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Unity Trust Bank	Deposit cheque #2	12/03/24	500		103345	C Bashforth	C Greaves	

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