

RYHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2024

Present: Councillors C Bashforth (Chair), G Booth, R Caley, B Burnage
K Fretwell, L Booth and T Staves
Clerk C Greaves
District Councillors M Cummings, U Ali, F Heptinstall

MINUTES

- 2425 12 **Apologies for absence**
Cllr A Morley and Cllr A Atherton sent their apologies.
- 2425 13 **Declarations of interest**
Cllr B Burnage, Cllr L Booth and Cllr G Booth in respect of the Caretaker.
- 2425 14 **To note the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 9th April 2024**
Noted.
- 2425 15 **Matters arising for information**
- (1) Unity Trust Bank accounts £50,000 is being transferred from Barclays.
 - (2) NPG Sunny Bank wayleave payment has been recalculated as £169.79pa.
 - (3) Portrait of HM The King has been handed over to St Paul's.
- 2425 16 **District Councillor's comments**
DCllr M Cummings introduced newly elected DCllr F Heptinstall to the council and informed the meeting that the reply to her mobile phone mast questions was that a new one was required. The full reply has been shared with members.
- Potholes works had been raised for George Street.
- The Ryhill cemetery gates are to be replaced.
- Weed spraying is to start.
- Questions were raised over parking on Millward Street (needs to be reported to the Police) and household waste being put into the Cemetery bins (to be looked into).
- 2425 17 **WY Police – Safe Scheme update**
The Chair has circulated the update amongst members and a summary is on the website. A request for regular visits to the Cemetery has been passed on to the scheme co-ordinator.

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2425 18 To receive items of correspondence

(1) Mobile phone mast consultation

The reply from Clarke Telecom has been circulated to members and explains that the proposed mast is required in order to maintain effective mobile coverage. Members were reminded that they could submit their own comments to Wakefield Council over the planning application for the mast 24/00744/TEL.

(2) Flower tubs planter request

A resident of George Street has offered to look after planters near their home. Details will be held on file until a decision is made over planters and locations.

(3) Healthy Hearts 20th May

The event will be held at the Ryhill & Havercroft Community Learning Centre between 10am and 2pm. All are welcome.

(4) Welcome Space grant

Resolved – A grant of £600 was approved which represents 50% of the estimated annual running costs.

2425 19 Village Flag Pole

Resolved – no further action would be taken due to the issues around planning consent, buildings insurance, installation, maintenance and inspection.

2425 20 Planters, Baskets and Xmas lamp column features and maintenance review

(1) Lamp column checks

Noted - The testing has not yet been carried out.

(2) Planters

Resolved – suitable sites would be suggested to Wakefield Council for consideration along with the type of planter being considered for that site.

(3) Stencil for dog fouling

Noted - The council has received the new stencils for the village caretaker to use.

2425 21 May Fest – joint Ryhill Parish Council and Rycroft Leisure event

The May Fest was held on the 4th May at Rycroft Leisure with 11 stalls. Whilst quiet, it was a pleasant afternoon. £120 was raised for the MND charity and Children's crafting was enjoyed at a cost of £18.

The next event will be held on the 26th August 2024 Bank Holiday weekend.

2425 22 Cemetery management

Noted – Cllr Burnage will be removing the wreaths, a new gate will be fitted and the issues over nuisance have been shared with the safe scheme.

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2425 23 Allotments

Resolved – the Clerk will write to those Sunny Bank allotment holders who have not renewed their plot to ask them to remove their property and to return their keys in order to obtain a refund of their key deposit. The waiting list will be reviewed and new plots offered to those in the queue.

Noted –The water bill for the Cemetery Road allotments is nil this year due to previous calculation errors, and the Clerk has now sent out renewal letters to Cemetery Road allotment holders and rent renewals are now being paid. The waiting list will be reviewed once the renewals period has ended.

2425 24 St James Shrine / Hermitage

Resolved – A budget of £500 was set in order to pay a contractor to undertake clearance work to allow access to the hermitage to check for repairs required before any organised public access can take place. Discussions will start with the owner and Wakefield Council to include the location in the 2025 Heritage Open Days programme.

2425 25 Account Payments & VAT reclaims

Resolved - the council approved the payments on the schedule.

2425 26 New policies – Expenses, Bio-Diversity, Risk Policy Asset & Insurance and Risk Registers

Resolved – Members would review the Bio-Diversity policy to understand how it may impact on land management. The Clerk will review the insurance arrangements to ensure that they are adequate and to enable the council to shop around in time for the next policy renewal (January 2025).

2425 27 Items for the next agenda

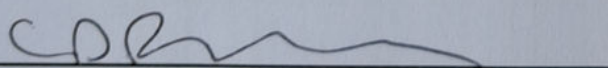
Planters & Lamp column review, Ryhill Leisure and Trading, Allotment renewals, Internal Audit and AGAR.

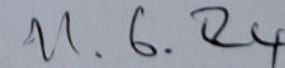
2425 28 Date, Time and Venue for the next meeting of the Council

6pm at St Paul's Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Ryhill on Tuesday 11th June 2024.

C R Greaves

Charles Greaves
Clerk to the Council
Ryhill Parish Council

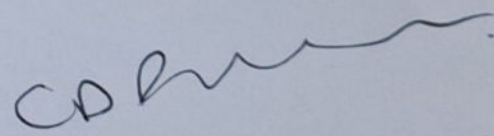

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Date

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Account payments for 14th May 2024

Payee	Description	Date	Amount £	VAT	Ref	Authorised	Authorised	
Charles Greaves	Clerk Salary & Expenses	14/05/24	486.32		103354	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
WYPF	Pension	14/05/24	132.21		103355	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
HMRC PAYE	Income Tax	14/05/24	114.20		103356	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Charles Greaves	32 2 nd Stamps @ 85p	14/05/24	27.20		103357	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
WY Police	Safe scheme payment on account	14/05/24	7,000		103358	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Cheryle Bashforth	Dog fouling stencil	14/05/24	58		103359	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
John Hope	Caretaker work	14/05/24	247.50		103360	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Welcome Space	Lunch club grant	14/05/24	600		103361	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Unity Trust	Replacement cheque 103353	14/05/24	50000.00		103362	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
WYPF	Replacement cheque 103296	14/05/24	33.20		103363	C Bashforth	C Greaves	

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