

RYHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th July 2024

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

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2425 45 **Apologies for absence**
Cllr A Morley sent her apologies.

2425 46 **Declarations of interest**
Cllr B Burnage, L Booth and Cllr G Booth in respect of the Caretaker.

2425 47 **To approve the minutes of the two council meetings held on the 11th June 2024**
Approved

2425 48 **Matters arising (for information only)**

(1) Transfer of banking from Barclays to Unity Trust
Noted – The £12,500 cheque has cleared so further cheques at this amount will be sent until the money is transferred in full.

(2) Land Registry Property Titles and Plans
Noted – Titles and Plans are being obtained for all of the council's land holdings.

2425 49 **District Councillor's comments (for information only)**
DCllr M Cummings confirmed that: a meeting at the Well head with the Conservation Officer had been arranged for the 19th July, the Christmas lights can go on the existing light columns, that Wakefield Council is starting a school parking enforcement initiative, there will be road patching on Swine Lane and Haw Park Lane.

DCllr F Heptinstall confirmed that Wakefield Council had given in principle approval to roadside planters, and that the footway had overgrown vegetation that would be dealt with around Station Road and Lafflands Lane.

DCllr U Ali confirmed that their recent surgery went well and that he is making further enquiries over the planning application for the 5G mobile phone mast.

Questions were raised over cutting back of vegetation by the Ryhill stone sign on Nostell Lane, a hanging branch near 1 Station Road that needing cutting off, that parents were still

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driving down Chapel Street to collect their children, that weed spraying had been missed on George Street, that leftover tarmac needed removing from beside a lamp column on Station Road, and that a sign post on Swine Lane needed repairing. The district councillors agreed to make enquiries.

2425 50 WY Police – Safe Scheme update

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

2425 51 To receive items of correspondence

(1) Wakefield Council “Money Smart” service

The service guide has been shared with members along with details of the Energy Debt fund that has been set-up. The service can be contacted through www.wakefield.gov.uk/moneysmart.

(2) Wakefield Planning – feedback on Design guide and future design code

The guide has been shared with members and they are invited to make any comments direct to Wakefield Council.

2425 52 Planters, Baskets and Christmas lamp column features and maintenance review

(1) Lamp column checks

Noted – Wakefield Council have approved all of the previously used light columns for continued use for the Christmas features.

(2) Planters

Noted – Wakefield Council have given approval in principle to new roadside planters, subject to there being no impact to highways safety or operation.

(3) Christmas provision

Approved – now approval has been given for continued light column use, an order for the usual Christmas features will be submitted along with a set switch-on date.

2425 53 Rycroft Leisure

(1) Leisure

Noted – Solar panel project progressing, Pitch fees are to increase, new Curling group started with grant funding and a member waiting list, majorettes have returned, Kick-Boxing event went well, 3G nets purchased, Flood lighting ongoing. H&S review ongoing but emergency lighting has been replaced. 2 more relief staff are wanted, Security officers working well but funding runs out in September.

(2) Trading

Noted – There were concerns over the capacity of the bar area, tables and chairs need renewing.

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(3) Permission for Solar panels

Approved – the council agreed to Rycroft Leisure installing solar panels and submitting the grant request.

(4) Valuations for Asset register

Noted – The clerk offered words advice to those councillors who are trustees of Rycroft Leisure to assure themselves that the asset, risk and insurance registers for the CIC were appropriate and up to date.

2425 54 Biodiversity policy and strategy

Approved – the biodiversity strategy was agreed and will need to be considered in future decision making and planning. The strategy will be published on the website and updated as required.

2425 55 Planning Issues

(1) Removal of conditions

Approved – the Council agreed a detailed objection to the removal of conditions on a stable site in Ryhill where it was considered would harm the green belt and interfere with the public bridleway.

The objection will be submitted to the Wakefield Council as part of the planning assessment.

(2) Process to call-in decisions to the planning committee

Noted – Wakefield Council confirmed that there is no process to allow a Parish Council to call-in a decision, but Wakefield Council ward councillors could do this if they felt it appropriate to do so.

2425 56 Account Payments & VAT reclaims

Resolved - the council approved the payments on the schedule. This includes the transfer of a further £50,000 of funds from Barclays to the Unity Trust accounts.

Resolved – the council approved the closure of the 2 Barclays savings accounts and for the funds to be transferred to the main current account with Barclays Bank. A total of £22,500 will be retained with Barclays representing 3 earmarked reserves, and to minimise the risk of loss from banking failure or loss of service.

2425 57 Access to well head / St James' hermitage

Resolved – Cllrs C Bashforth and A Atherton will look to clear the site to improve access, taking account of the advice following the on-site visit from Wakefield Council.

2425 58 Training for councillors

Resolved - the council agreed to look into the YLCA group training sessions.

2425 59 Newsletter

Noted – 1,500 newsletters have now been delivered to the council and will be distributed around the village using community buildings and local shops.

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- 2425 60 **Assets and valuation review**
Noted - the Clerk and Chair will carry out an inspection of all sites on the 15th July 2024 and will report back their findings to the council.
- 2425 61 **Internal Audit fee, External Audit submitted and AGAR notice issued**
Noted – the public rights document was amended on the instruction of the external auditor.
- 2425 62 **Allotments – replacement of noticeboards**
Resolved - the council will place new noticeboards in both allotment sites.
- 2425 63 **Items for the next agenda**
Allotment Noticeboards, Access to wellhead / St James' hermitage, Biodiversity strategy, Planters, Christmas features, Training for councillors, Asset review and the AGAR.
- 2425 64 **Date, Time and Venue for the next meeting of the Council**
6pm at St Paul's Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Ryhill on Tuesday 10th September 2024.

C R Greaves

Charles Greaves
Clerk to the Council
Ryhill Parish Council

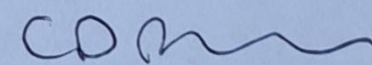

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Date

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Account payments for 9th July 2024

Payee	Description	Date	Amount £	VAT	Ref	Authorised	Authorised	
Integra Accounts	Internal Audit fee plus vat	24/06/24	180.00	30.00	103374	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Charles Greaves	Land Registry fees £3 x 20	09/07/24	60.00		-	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Charles Greaves	Ream of printer paper	09/07/24	7.99		-	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Charles Greaves	Land Registry fees £3 x 6	09/07/24	18.00		103375	C Bashforth	C Greaves	85.99
Charles Greaves	Clerk Salary & Expenses July	09/07/24	494.27		103376	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
WYPF	Pension July	09/07/24	134.52		103377	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
HMRC PAYE	Income Tax July	09/07/24	116.20		103378	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Charles Greaves	Clerk Salary & Expenses August	09/07/24	494.27		103379	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
WYPF	Pension August	09/07/24	134.52		103380	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
HMRC PAYE	Income Tax August	09/07/24	116.20		103381	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
John Hope	Caretaker work	09/07/24	390		103382	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Unity Trust Bank	Funds transfer from Barclays	09/07/24	12500		103383	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Unity Trust Bank	Funds transfer from Barclays	09/07/24	12500		103384	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
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Unity Trust Bank	Funds transfer from Barclays	09/07/24	12500		103386	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Barclays	Internal account transfer	09/07/24	19822.45		-	C Bashforth	C Greaves	By letter
DC Print	Newsletter printing	11/07/24	420		UT 1	C Bashforth	C Greaves	UT a/c

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