

RYHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th October 2024

Present: **Councillors** **C Bashforth (Chair), G Booth, A Atherton, R Caley
A Morley, K Fretwell, L Booth and B Burnage**

Clerk **C Greaves**

District Councillors **M Cummings, U Ali and F Heptinstall**

MINUTES

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| 2425 | 85 | <p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Cllr T Staves sent her apologies.</p> |
| 2425 | 86 | <p>Declarations of interest</p> <p>Cllrs B Burnage, L Booth and G Booth in respect of the Caretaker.</p> |
| 2425 | 87 | <p>To approve the minutes of the council meetings held on the 10th September 2024</p> <p>Approved</p> |
| 2425 | 88 | <p>Matters arising (for information only)</p> <p>(1) Transfer of banking – CCLA deposit fund information</p> <p>Noted – CCLA has been paying almost double the interest rate with Unity Trust or Barclays but as it is a money market fund there is a potential risk to the capital. Historically this has been negligible, though it is possible that in future there could be significant defaults. Members wished to consider the issue at the next meeting.</p> <p>(2) Transfer of funds to Unity Trust Instant access interest account</p> <p>Noted – There is £57k in the Barclays current account which pays no interest. Account payments includes authority to transfer more money to Unity Trust</p> <p>(3) WYPF – online submission system</p> <p>Noted – The monthly submission system has changed 3 times in the last 12 months and exception reports identified issues with hours of work submissions. WYPF have now clarified what the column data needs to be and the exception issues have been cleared off.</p> |
| 2425 | 89 | <p>District Councillor's comments (for information only)</p> <p>DCllr U Ali confirmed that Wakefield Council and WYCA were speaking to Arriva in order to address the reliability of bus services in the area.</p> |

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DCllr F Heptinstall reported that the ivy at the bus stop on School Lane will be cut back in the next month.

Members raised concerns over hedge cutting around road junctions and overgrown footpaths. The district councillors agreed to make enquiries.

After the meeting DCllr M Cummings informed the Clerk and Chair that due to issues at the Cemetery it would now be locked overnight – from dusk to dawn.

2425 90 WY Police – Safe Scheme update

Noted - The Chair has circulated the update amongst members and a summary is on the website. The Chair will raise concerns over the safety of children walking home from high school due to the bus issues, and ask them to make visits to the Rycroft youth club.

2425 91 To receive items of correspondence

(1) Open Country – countryside disabled access charity

Noted – the Clerk directed the group to contact Rycroft Leisure

(2) SLCC – WY Branch meeting – Hebden Royd 23/10.24

Noted – the Clerk will be attending the meeting

(3) Inconsistent Bus Service affecting high school attendance

Noted – the issue was raised with District councillors. Members asked for the matter to be discussed at the next meeting and for the Clerk to write out to the Heads of both High Schools to highlight local concerns.

(4) Overgrown public footpaths – old train line

Noted – the Chair had referred the complaint to District Councillors.

(5) Resident needing support with a Boiler issue

Noted – The Clerk directed the resident to the CAB drop in at the Learning Centre.

(6) Resident complaint over tree height and Sky TV reception

Noted – The Clerk visited the location and confirmed that the tree that the resident felt was interfering with their signal was their responsibility. The Clerk advised the resident to check that the tree wasn't protected and to use a qualified tree surgeon if they had any work undertaken to the tree as it was close to the fence and houses.

(7) Allotment Water charge for Cemetery Road

Noted – The bill has been estimated, and on checking the Clerk confirmed it was only a little over. There were concerns that this may mean there is a leak so further monitoring of use will take place and will be reported back at the next meeting.

2425 92 Planters

Noted – the planters have been ordered and delivery is expected in the coming weeks. The supplier has also offered two Christmas trees by way of donation.

2425 93 Christmas features



Noted – the features have been ordered and the lamp column data and designs have been sent to Wakefield Council.

2425 94 Remembrance Sunday

Noted – the donation cheque was given to Cllr Burnage to present to the RBL. Cllr A Morley confirmed that Rycroft Leisure had reminded users of the service times and expectations.

2425 95 AGAR and required actions

Noted – Rycroft Leisure confirmed their asset valuation is from 2022 and remains current.

2425 96 Allotment site inspections

Noted – letters have been sent to 4 tenants where concerns were raised. These letters will be followed up after the next council meeting (along with the water usage).

2425 97 Account Payments & VAT reclaims

Resolved – the council approved the schedules for October payments and further account transfers from Barclays to Unity Trust.

2425 98 Access to well head / St James' hermitage

Noted – the site will be cut-back by a working group of parish councillors and volunteers to enable a closer inspection of the building.

2425 99 Training for councillors

Resolved - the "Whole Council Training" course will be held on Tuesday 19th November 2024 at 1.30pm to 4pm.

2425 100 Rycroft Leisure

Noted – Cllr Morley reported that: the Fire alarm in the youth centre is to be replaced with one on a direct feed to the fire brigade, there were issues with the performance of security staff as well as abuse of staff by some customers and that the contract was to be reviewed, the adapted bikes were popular and were in use every day which helped bring in additional food and drink sales, an over 18s majorettes troupe had started-up, the new nets were needed for the 3G pitch, new sensor controlled front doors were to be fitted along with security shutters, the youth centre had a successful summer season and a residential stay, the young at heart group are having a trip out to Scarborough and that 2 members of staff have retired and job advertisements have been issued.

2425 101 Insurance review

Resolved - the Clerk has made enquiries with potential insurers / brokers but this is a limited market and they will not give quotes unless within 90 days of renewal. The Clerk will obtain quotes based on the updated asset and risk register and for annual and 3 year cover, and will report back to the council at the next meeting in November, ready for the policy renewal in the new year.

2425 102 Clerk pay increase – NALC update

Noted - the national pay award is still pending.

2425 103 Items for the next agenda



Access to wellhead / St James' hermitage, School Buses, Planters, Christmas features,
Training for councillors, Mower, Insurance review and Reserves banking.

2425 104 Date, Time and Venue for the next meeting of the Council

6pm at St Paul's Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Ryhill on Tuesday 12th November 2024.

C R Greaves

Charles Greaves
Clerk to the Council
Ryhill Parish Council



Signed as a true record

12.11.24

Date

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Account payments for 8th October 2024

Payee	Description	Date	Amount £	VAT	A/C	Approver	Submitter	
Unity Trust Bank	Account fee – Service Charge	30/09/24	18.00		UT			Auto
Clear Councils	Insurance Top-up premium	01/10/24	64.33		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Royal British Legion	Wreath and Donation	08/10/24	50.00		Barclays	C Bashforth	C Greaves	s137 payment
Charles Greaves	Clerk Salary & Expenses	08/10/24	517.69		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
WYPF	Pension	08/10/24	141.25		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
HMRC PAYE	Income Tax	08/10/24	122.00		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
SLCC	Membership fee	08/10/24	144		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Business Stream	Cemetery allotment water charge	08/10/24	156.31		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	£36.09 credit on a/c
Unity Trust Bank	Funds transfer from Barclays	08/10/24	12500		Barclays	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
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John Hope	Caretaker work Sept	08/10/24	457.50		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
C Bashforth	Planter reimbursement	08/10/24	35		UT	A Atherton	C Greaves	

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