

RYHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

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

MINUTES

2425 105 Apologies for absence
DCllr F Heptinstall sent her apologies.

2425 106 Declarations of interest
Cllrs B Burnage, L Booth and G Booth in respect of the Caretaker.

2425 107 To approve the minutes of the council meetings held on the 8th October 2024
Approved

2425 108 Matters arising (for information only)

(1) The Clerk attended an SLCC network meeting in Hebden Bridge

Noted – The Government’s consultation on remote attendance and voting at meetings has opened and individuals are invited to submit their views on it and the Clerk can provide an online link to any councillor who wants to make a submission.

The Protect UK website provides detailed guidance to address the impacts of Martyns Law and general issues of building and event safety and security.

The Cloudy IT “GovAssist” AI software was demonstrated and whilst highly effective would really be of benefit to a larger organisation.

(2) Times for locking and unlocking of the Cemetery gates

Noted – There have been repeat issues over the times and reliability of all 3 gates being correctly locked and unlocked. Wakefield Council is responsible but struggles to provide the service and Cllr L Booth has offered to do it for them.

2425 109 To receive items of correspondence

(1) Wakefield Council have adopted their BNG supplementary planning document
Noted

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(2) **Wakefield Council planning decision for Stable block**
Noted – the plans were approved with limiting conditions.

(3) **Concerns over visitors to Sunny Bank allotment site**
Noted – the concern over dogs on leads and public access were addressed as part of agenda item 2024 116(1) below.

2425 110 District Councillor's comments (for information only)

DCllr U Ali has spoken to Crofton Academy staff and parents about the request to WYCA for a school bus to be set on, but WYCA are waiting for Arriva to act, and he has escalated the issue to Wakefield Council, the MP and national government. He has received no response from Hemsworth Academy.

DCllr M Cummings reported that the hedges had been cut back, a cycle sign has been ordered for Common Lane, and that she had supported the application for St Pauls to become the polling station.

Members raised concerns over potholes on Ten Lands lane that required attention and continued parking on the Cow Lane restrictions.

2425 111 WY Police – Safe Scheme update

Noted - The Chair has shared the update with members and a summary is on the website.

2425 112 Planters

Noted – the wrong coloured planters were delivered. They have been returned and the correct black ones are expected in mid-December.

The supplier will provide two Christmas trees in planters by way of donation which will be delivered on 27th November 2024. They will be solar powered and they will be on Station Road and Nostell Lane (set back from the junctions to maintain sight-lines).

2425 113 Christmas features

Noted – the lamp column features have been put up and the switch on is set for 1st December 2024, and the main xmas tree will be put up on the 27th November 2024 along with the new trees.

2425 114 Mower replacement

Resolved – the caretaker was asked to identify a suitable mower based upon the needs of the council and the amount of work that would be undertaken with it, and to identify a supplier who could provide ongoing support for maintenance and warranty matters.

2425 115 Banking arrangements – reserves account

Resolved – the council would not invest in a low risk cash fund, and wanted a guaranteed savings account for the reserves and instructed the Clerk to identify a suitable provider. Up to £50k would be deposited in the account and the account needs to be outside of the Unity Trust banking group to secure separate FSCS protection (the current protection limit is £85k). It needs to offer a better rate than Barclays Bank the current provider.

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2425 116 Allotment sites

(1) Inspection, Keys and Management

Noted – A reinspection would take place after the 15th November 2024. An ex-tenant at Sunny Bank has returned their keys.

Resolved - Allotment holders have made informal comments about dogs being off leads and causing injury but no formal incident reports have been received by the Clerk. The only report received was for a dog being off a lead as it entered the site. It was confirmed that only dogs belonging to allotment holders should ever be on site and they should always be on a lead and kept on the holder's plot.

(2) Water charges and monitoring

Noted – the clerk would continue to monitor and report water use.

2425 117 Account Payments & VAT reclaims

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

2425 118 Access to well head / St James' hermitage

Noted – the site was cut-back and an initial inspection showed the inside to be in good condition but work was needed to the stone work and door, and to the pointing on the west side.

2425 119 Training for councillors

Noted - Whole Council Training is booked for 19th November 2024 at 1.30pm to 4pm.

2425 120 Bus service issues

Noted – No progress has been made with improving service reliability. The Police are aware of our concerns and will try to assist where they can by checking the back road to Crofton at the end of the school day. Hemsworth Academy have not replied to the council's letter.

2425 121 Asset Register and Insurance review

Noted - the Clerk has made enquiries with potential insurers / brokers but this is a limited market. The Clerk has obtained new business quotes and will receive a renewal quote based at the end of November 2024.

The quotes will be considered at the meeting on the 10th of December 2024 ready for the policy renewal in the new year.

2425 122 Clerk pay increase – NALC update

Noted - the national pay award has been settled and back pay arrangements are now needed for the Clerk.

Noted – the governments proposals to change employer National Insurance will make the council liable for payments in the new financial year which are likely to be circa £500pa. This needs to be factored into the budget.

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2425 123 Items for the next agenda

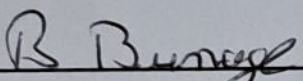
Access to wellhead / St James' hermitage, Bus Services, Planters, Mower replacement, Allotments, Insurance review and Reserves banking.

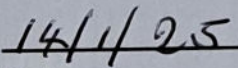
2425 124 Date, Time and Venue for the next meeting of the Council

6pm at St Paul's Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Ryhill on Tuesday 10th December 2024.

C R Greaves

Charles Greaves
Clerk to the Council
Ryhill Parish Council


Signed as a true record


Date

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Account payments for 12th November 2024

Payee	Description	Date	Amount £	VAT	A/C	Approver	Submitter	
Unity Trust Bank	Account Service Charge	31/10/24	5.40		UT			Auto
Charles Greaves	Clerk Salary & Expenses	12/11/24	528.79		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
WYPF	Pension	12/11/24	144.51		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
HMRC PAYE	Income Tax	12/11/24	124.80		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Charles Greaves	Expenses for SLCC meeting	12/11/24	19.80		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	36 miles at 45p + 3.60
John Hope	Caretaker work	12/11/24	300.00		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	

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