# **WEST BRETTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30 pm on

## Monday 10 March 2025

## in West Bretton Village Hall

###### **Present**: In attendance:

###### Cllr J Wriglesworth Mrs S Earnshaw, Clerk

###### Cllr D Spaul Members of the Public: 2

###### Cllr K Shaw D/Cllr Nicholls

###### Cllr L Watson D/Cllr Harvey

###### Cllr R Liley (Chair)

**2503/01 Welcome and apologies**

Cllr Liley welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted from YSP.

**2503/02 Non-attendance of Councillors**

All Councillors present.

**2503/03 Public Admissions to Meetings Act (1960)**.

There were no items of a confidential nature which required the exclusion of members of the public and press from any item on the agenda which may be of a confidential nature of the business being transacted.

**2503/04 Declarations of Interest**Cllr Spaul, as Treasurer of the Bretton Memorial Institute Management Committee, declared a non-pecuniary interest in the agenda item to discuss an application for a grant.

**2503/05 Ordinary vacancies on the Parish Council**There were no updates on the filling of the two vacancies.

**2503/06 To approve** as an accurate record **the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 February 2025**It was proposed by Cllr Spaul, seconded by Cllr Shaw and resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2025 be signed as an accurate record.

**2503/07 Question Time**

A discussion took place regarding the issues on Green Lane/Top Lane and the available options for addressing them. It was suggested to approach the District Council to explore ways to prevent similar issues in the future, including the installation of signage. It was suggested to bring relevant parties together for a meeting to discuss the matter further, involving the Parish Council, the District Council, the Police and the Landowner as this is a community safety concern.

**2503/08 Yorkshire Sculpture Park**

The Clerk shared an email from Mr Rodd, Deputy Director, YSP:

* You will have seen the new brown tourist signs being refreshed and updated. This has been in partnership with West Yorkshire Combined Authority. We have also installed a new path in the country park.
* We have two new exhibitions opening in time for Easter – one in the chapel and another in the Weston space. Full details on our website.
* Although costs continue to rise, to ensure that we continue to provide an excellent value for money day out, our entry prices will be unchanged for 2025. However, we will continue to remain closed on Mondays (except for school and bank holidays). We’d request that residents do not enter the site when YSP is closed.
* Our Friends membership continues to grow and we’d encourage anyone in the Parish to purchase a Friends membership – this directly supports YSP financially as well enables access to a number of benefits from discounts in all our outlets, access to pre-sales for exhibitions, invitations to special events and the ability to bring in a guest for free

**2503/09 Bretton Hall**

The Clerk reported that an update is still awaited.

**2503/10 District Councillor reports**

DCllr Harvey reported:

* She continues to follow up clarification for the Xmas tree 2023 invoice
* Boom Power planning appeal, Solar Farm, New Hall Farm Flockton - there will be a public enquiry on 25/3/25 for 8 days.
* There are a number of applications which could have an impact on the Rural Ward (another application in Kirklees for a Solar Farm at Low Farm/Solar Farm at Woolley/Development at Broad Cut Farm)
* The Budget for 2025/26 has been passed for WMDC.

DCllr Nicholls reported:

* Reported that he maintains a monthly diary to keep track of work and this was discussed.
* He commented that redundancies relating to the Budget 2025/26 were voluntary and none were compulsory

**2503/11 Police Matters**

1. It was noted the Safe Scheme report for February had not been received in time for this meeting.
2. It was agreed priorities for the Safe Scheme should remain as last month and the Clerk was asked to contact PC Firth to request an update regarding signage previously discussed. There had been photographs from a resident submitted in relation to the activities around Green Lane/Bella Vista and it was hoped these concerns could be discussed at the PACT meeting scheduled for 27 March.

**2503/12 Highways**a) To receive updates on the progress of the traffic campaign and determine any additional actions needed.  
  
The Parish Council had submitted a response to the recent consultation and was awaiting feedback. Cllr Liley to reach out to reiterate the number of incidents and deaths involving the air ambulance in the past six months

West Yorkshire Mayor’s Safer Communities Fund – the Clerk reported that the application from the Parish Council for an award of £2,250 to purchase a Smiley SID had been successful. It was agreed that Cllr Liley would attend the presentation on Monday 17 March.

b) To receive any update available to an application to Wakefield Council for a grant from the Local Capital Grants Programme for assistance to purchase a Smiley SID:  
District Councillors confirmed that each Ward’s new budget will only have £30,000 for the next year.   
  
c) Following the recent road traffic collisions on the A637 Huddersfield Road at Haigh, as well as the fatalities in January on Bramley Lane, it was agreed that District Council should be urged to prioritise road safety measures.   
  
d) Other issues: Cllr Spaul reported he had not walked FP06 yet but hoped to have his report for the next meeting.

**2503/13 Village Institute**

Cllr Spaul reported:

* Wine tasting
* The Beer tasting will not be going ahead
* There will be an Open meeting on Tuesday 18 March to view the plans for the Village Institute

**2503/14 West Bretton J&I School**  
The next meeting is on Tuesday 18 March.

**2503/15 Planning Applications received/approved for the period:**

**a) PLANNING DECISIONS**  
25/00106/AGR - Land off Huddersfield Road, Bretton   
Agricultural Building for the storage of grain. Prior approval not required.

25/00015/TCA – 4 Cobbler Hall, Bretton  
Cherry Tree T1 - Reduce crown from current height of 9m to 6m; Cherry Tree T2 - Reduce crown from current height of 6m to 5m. – Application approved  
  
**b) VALIDATED PLANNING APPLICATIONS**25/00405/TCA – Keepers Lodge, Innfold Farm, Bretton.   
Crown Lift 1 Hornbeam Tree to generate a 1m clearance between the adjacent wall and access gate. Validated: 26/2/25

25/00413/FUL - Bullcliff Farm Cottage Denby Dale Road Bretton Wakefield WF4 4JN

Conversion of outbuilding and construction of cedar-clad extension to replace the existing pergola to form an annex and garden room to the main dwelling house. Validated: Wed 26 Feb 2025

There were no comments to submit for the above planning applications.

**2503/16 Parish Plan**Councillor Wriglesworth distributed his suggested plan and agreed to provide an update for the next meeting.

**2503/17 Finance**a) It was proposed by Cllr Wriglesworth, seconded by Cllr Spaul and **resolved** to accept the bank statements, budget monitor and bank reconciliation for February 2025 and approve the payments schedule for March 2025. Councillors initialled paperwork and payments to be made via bank transfer and authorised by any two of Cllr Spaul, Cllr Liley or Cllr Wriglesworth.

Mrs S Earnshaw Salary (Mar) inc in lieu of office £138.10

HMRC Tax period 11 £30.40

Mrs S Earnshaw Reimburse HP Instant Ink invoice £5.49

WY Police Safe Scheme Qtr 3 Oct-Dec24 £153.75

Unity Trust Bank Service Charge £6.00

b) It was proposed by Cllr Wriglesworth, seconded by Cllr Spaul, and resolved to award West Bretton Over 50’s Club a grant of £200 to assist with the cost of transport for trips. *(Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976) S19)*

c) Cllr Spaul declared a non-pecuniary interest in the grant application from West Bretton Village Hall and did not take part in discussions. It was proposed by Cllr Liley, seconded by Cllr Wriglesworth, and **resolved** to award a grant of £500. *(Local Government Act 1972 S142)*

1. There were no other grant applications received for consideration.

**2503/18 Clerk’s Report**

1. The Clerk reported:  
   - the change of meeting date from 10 November to 17 November due to neither the main hall or committee room being available on 10 November  
   - A road safety officer had visited the school on 6 March to review safety of the road(s) around the school, vehicle usage and parking practices along Bretton. She indicated she would be recommending: reducing the speed limit to 20mph on Bretton Lane, repainting the zig-zag lines near the school and installing a pedestrian crossing to ensure safe access to the Institute.
2. Correspondence received and appropriate action or responses

Wakefield Council Planning lists

Unity Trust Bank Monthly statements

NALC Chief Executive’s Bulletins and new login details

YLCA Fortnightly training bulletins/White Rose updates/training opportunities

WY Mayor’s SC fund Result of application for grant

Unity Trust Bank Reducing interest on bank account

Wakefield Council Climate Change – tree planting success

Resident Reporting RTC on A637 – 25 February 2025

Resident Photos of the state of the area around Green Lane were provided

**2503/20 Matters of an urgent nature (for information only)**or **items for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting (Monday 14 April 2025)**

Next agenda:

The meeting closed at 20.38 hrs.