

ANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LAND & PROPERTY COMMITTEE HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, 15A RYTON ROAD, NORTH ANSTON ON THURSDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2022

Present: Councillors Kevin Pearson (Chairman), Shaun Concannon, Phil Bowers, Diane Graham, Philip Matthews and Marie Wilkinson.

In Attendance: Chris Pilkington (Clerk) and two members of the public.

14.22 APOLOGIES

Apologies for the meeting and reasons for absence from it were received from Cllr Clive Jepson.

RESOLVED: That the reason for absence of Cllr Jepson be accepted.

15.22 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

(a) TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 31 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT INTERESTS UNDER THE MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

None.

(b) TO RECEIVE AND DECIDE UPON REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS TO COUNCILLORS TO TAKE PART IN DISCUSSIONS AND VOTES WHERE THEY HAVE DECLARED DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None.

16.22 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR THE EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

None.

17.22 SOUTH ANSTON CEMETERY

(a) REPAIRS TO PATHWAY

The Clerk reported that he had nothing more to report on this matter.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and an update provided to the next meeting of the Committee.

(b) COVID-19 MEMORIAL PLAQUE

The Clerk reported that Beecrofts had offered to donate the plaque lettering and fitting free of charge. The Council now needed to agree the wording for the plaque.

RESOLVED: That the offer be accepted with thanks and draft wording be circulated to councillors for comment and the wording agreed at the next meeting of the Committee.

18.22

ALLOTMENTS

(a) LATEST INSPECTION OF THE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk explained that formal inspections of the allotments still needed to take place. He had identified plot holders at each site who were willing to participate in the inspections.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and an update provided to the next meeting of the Committee.

(b) VACANT ALLOTMENT PLOTS

The Clerk updated members on the current number of vacant plots.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

(c) WAITING LIST

The Clerk updated members on the number of people currently on the waiting list.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

(d) REVIEW OF RENTAL RATES

The Clerk reported that he was still gathering additional information to inform the review of rental rates.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and an update provided to the next meeting of the Committee.

(e) REVIEW OF MODEL TENANCY AGREEMENT

The Clerk reported that he was still gathering materials to inform the review of the model tenancy agreement.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and an update presented to the next meeting of the Committee.

(f) ANNUAL ALLOTMENTS COMPETITION

The Clerk had nothing more to report regarding this matter but asked members if they wanted separate awards for the two different allotment sites or combined awards.

RESOLVED: That as part of the competition there be separate awards for the two allotment sites.

19.22

RECREATION GROUNDS

(a) ADDITIONAL PITCH AT CROWGATE RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk reported that he had asked RMBC for costings for the installation and maintenance of a junior pitch at the site and he awaited a response.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and an update provided to the next meeting of the Council.

(b) GENERAL UPKEEP OF CROWGATE RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk raised various concerns about the condition of the site raised by Cllr Baum-Dixon and a discussion took place about the mound and other issues there.

RESOLVED: That Jones Homes be contacted to ask them to remove the mound they left behind at the site.

(c) FENCING AROUND PLAY AREAS AT LOCKWOOD AND WHITEGATES RECREATION GROUNDS

The Clerk reported that he had contacted RMBC for advice as to their approach to fencing off of play areas and he awaited a response.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and an update provided to the next meeting of the Committee.

(d) ROSPA INSPECTION REPORTS OF THE LOCKWOOD AND WHITEGATES RECREATION GROUNDS

The Clerk reported that since the last meeting of the Committee the latest ROSPA inspection reports of the play equipment at the Lockwood and Whitegates Recreation Grounds had taken place and he was implementing their recommendations.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and an update provided to the next meeting of the Committee.

20.22

VILLAGE GREENS

(a) NORTH ANSTON VILLAGE GREEN

A discussion took place regarding the village green with various views being expressed by councillors present and a member of the public.

RESOLVED: That the Council's ecologist be asked to assess the flora and fauna of the village green and advise as to how it could be protected consistent with the purpose of the green as a place for recreational activities.

(b) LINDRICK GREEN

The Clerk had nothing to report on this matter.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and an update provided to the next meeting of the Committee.

21.22

BUILDINGS

(a) ADDITIONAL ASBESTOS SAMPLE AT OLD LIBRARY

The Clerk reported Bardon Environmental had visited the building to obtain an additional sample for asbestos sampling. They had not been able to access all areas of the roof but no asbestos had been found.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

(b) REPAIRS TO OLD LIBRARY BUILDING

The Clerk reported that the meeting of the Finance Committee held earlier in the month had agreed to fund a full condition survey of the building and he was progressing that.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and an update provided to the next meeting of the Committee.

(c) OFFER FROM ST JAMES CHURCH TO MAINTAIN LAND AROUND THE OLD LIBRARY

The Clerk reported that an offer had been received from St James Church who owned the neighbouring Church Hall to clean and keep tidy the area around the Old Library building in return for an annual donation of £200.

RESOLVED: That the offer be accepted.

22.22

FIELDS AND OPEN SPACES

(a) STABLING OF HORSES ON HODKIN'S FIELD

The Clerk reported that he had still to liaise with the relevant agents to market the field for stabling.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and an update provided to the next meeting of the Committee.

(b) WATER SUPPLY TO RACKFORD MEADOW

Cllr Wilkinson reported that she was gathering information to pass on to Cllr Bentley.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and an update provided to the next meeting of the Committee.

(c) GRASSCUTTING REGIME ON THE BAULK

The Clerk reported that he was continuing to chase RMBC to arrange a meeting to discuss grasscutting at the Baulk and elsewhere.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and an update provided to the next meeting of the Committee.

(d) HEDGES ALONG RACKFORD MEADOW

Cllr Pearson raised an issue about hedges at Rackford Meadow and asked for them to be cut back.

RESOLVED: That the hedges at Rackford Meadow on the left hand side at the main entrance be cut back.

23.22

OTHER MATTERS

(a) PROVISION OF NOTICEBOARDS

The Clerk reported that he had been liaising with RMBC to establish whether advertising consent was required for the proposed new noticeboards in North and South Anston opposite The Cutler and at the top of Yeomans Way respectively and RMBC had confirmed that it was not. The other location for a new noticeboard would be outside the main entrance of the Parish Hall.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and three new noticeboards ordered for the parish.

(b) SIGN ON BOUNDARY MARKER

The Clerk reported that further to past discussions of the Parish Council Dinnington St John's Town Council had placed a 'Dinnington' sign on the Parish Council boundary stone on Lakeland Drive.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

24.22

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

None.

25.22

ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

None.

26.22

DATES AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Land & Property Committee take place on Thursday 22nd December 2022 at 7pm at the Parish Hall, 15a Ryton Road, North Anston.

Chris Pilkington PSLCC

Clerk to Anston Parish Council

13th October 2022

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