

ANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, 15A RYTON ROAD, NORTH ANSTON ON MONDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2021

Present: Councillors Diane Graham (Chairman), Drew Tarmey (Vice-Chairman), Tim Baum-Dixon, Clive Jepson, Philip Mathews, Matt Mears, Colin Tawn and Marie Wilkinson.

In Attendance: Chris Pilkington (Clerk) and one member of the public.

143.21 APOLOGIES

Apologies for the meeting and reasons for absence from it were received from Cllrs Phil Bowers, John Ireland and Tracey Wilson.

RESOLVED: That the reasons for absence of Cllrs Bowers, Ireland and Wilson be accepted.

144.21 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.

145.21 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR THE EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded for the consideration of agenda items 9(a), (b) and (d) due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.

146.21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18th OCTOBER 2021

It was noted that the word 'subject' should be used rather than 'submit' in 135.21(i) and the word 'improved' used in 135.21(k) rather than 'removed'.

RESOLVED: That with those changes the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 18th October 2021 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

147.21

REPORTS FROM RMBC WARD COUNCILLORS

Cllr Baum-Dixon reported on the work of the ward councillors and highlighted the issue of speeding outside the Tropical Butterfly House on Woodsetts Road, fencing on Ryton Road and near St James' Church and burglaries in the ward. In answer to a question he clarified the reasons for the recent resignation of one of the ward councillors.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

148.21

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

149.21

GOVERNANCE MATTERS

(a) CASUAL AND ORDINARY VACANCIES ON PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk reported that there was still one casual and ordinary vacancy on the Council. No expressions of interest had been received since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and the vacancies re-advertised with a view to co-opting to fill them at the next meeting of the Council.

(b) REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AND FILLING OF THREE VACANCIES ON THE COMMITTEE

The Clerk reported that he had not yet had time to prepare draft revised terms of reference for the Committee. There were still two vacancies on the Committee.

RESOLVED: That Cllr John Ireland be appointed to the Finance & General Purposes Committee. In addition that consideration of revised terms of reference for the Committee be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

(c) REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

The Clerk presented revised terms of reference for the Committee.

RESOLVED: That the revised terms of reference for the Committee be adopted by the Council.

(d) VACANCY ON ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

The Clerk reported that there was still one vacancy on the Committee. No expressions of interest in joining the Committee were received from members present.

RESOLVED: That filling the vacancy on the Committee be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

(e) ACTION PLAN FOR THE 2021-2022 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Clerk presented an action plan for the current financial year based on the budget for the year. This could then be submitted as part of the Council's application for accreditation under the Local Council Award Scheme.

RESOLVED: That the action plan be adopted by the Council.

150.21 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2021/2033, LISTED BUILDING CONSENT FOR REPLACEMENT DOORS AND WINDOWS, LODGE FARMHOUSE, MAIN STREET, NORTH ANSTON

RESOLVED: That no response be made.

151.21 LAND AND PROPERTY MATTERS

(d) REPLACEMENT OF PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Clerk reported that this matter was in progress.

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

(e) LOCATION AND NUMBER OF REPLACEMENT NOTICEBOARDS

The Clerk reported that he had received some suggestions from councillors as to where new noticeboards could be sited. He awaited comments from other councillors.

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

(f) REVIEW OF PROVISION OF HANGING BASKETS

The Chairman stated that she thought the design of the hanging baskets in some neighbouring parishes was better than those used in Anston. The Clerk reported that with RMBC replacing many of the street lights in the parish the Parish Council would need to purchase new brackets for its hanging baskets and so now might be a good time to review the location, design and number of hanging baskets provided by the Council.

RESOLVED: That the number, design and location of hanging baskets be reviewed and costed proposals brought to the Council ahead of the setting of the budget for 2022/2023.

152.21

PARISH MATTERS

(a) PROPOSAL FOR COVID-19 MEMORIAL IN GREENLANDS PARK OR ELSEWHERE IN THE PARISH

The Clerk reported that he was still investigating costings for a memorial plaque.

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

(b) BOOKS RELATING TO THE HISTORY OF THE PARISH

The Clerk reported that the Responsible Financial Officer was progressing the reprinting of the book.

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

(c) PROBLEMS WITH LITTER IN THE PARISH

The Chairman reported that RMBC had installed a number of new litter bins in the parish. In his capacity as a RMBC ward councillor Cllr Baum-Dixon undertook to supply a list of RMBC bins in the parish.

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

(d) BOULDERING IN ANSTON STONES WOOD

The Clerk reported that there was no news regarding this matter.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and the matter dropped from the agenda of meetings of the Council for the time being.

(e) SOUTH YORKSHIRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FLOOD RESILIENCE PROJECT

The Clerk reported that a meeting was being set up of the parishes involved in the project. The advice of the internal auditor had been sought regarding how the Parish Council should manage the grant money received and her advice was that the Council should pay out monies on behalf of the parishes rather than monies being directly transferred to them.

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

(f) YOUTH SERVICES PROVISION IN THE PARISH

The Clerk reported that he had contacted RMBC for an update on the current provision of youth services in the parish and he awaited a reply.

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

(g) FESTIVAL OF TREES AT SOUTH ANSTON METHODIST CHURCH

The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council participate in the festival and have a tree. She also reported that the group at the Church who organised the event were interested in submitting a grant application to Council to part fund the event.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council have a tree at the event and the organisers provided with copies of the grant application forms and guidance.

153.21 MEETINGS

(a) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS SOUTH YORKSHIRE BRANCH MEETING, STANTON VILLAGE HALL – WEDNESDAY 27th OCTOBER

The Chairman had attended the meeting on behalf of the Council and gave a detailed report on its proceedings.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(b) ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL PARISH & TOWN COUNCIL NETWORK MEETING – WEDNESDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2021

RESOLVED: That the agenda of the meeting be noted.

154.21 EVENTS

(a) ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2021 BONFIRE NIGHT & FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The Clerk reported that the event on Friday 5th November had been a great success with over 5,000 people estimated to have attended a well-received fireworks display. The sourcing of stewards through an events management company along with other measures had prevented trespassers into the fireworks zone as had happened in the past, and £1,272.10 had been raised for good causes on the night. Traffic problems on Ryton Road and with the Parish Hall toilets had been noted. He also informed members that the fireworks organiser had suggested Friday 4th November 2022 as the date of the next event as he would not be available on the Saturday. In addition he reported that one offer of sponsorship for the event had been received by the

Council. He also reported that at the October meeting of the Council, Cllr Manship had informed the Council that Kindness & Company was a charity when it was in fact a community interest company. Moreover he had not mentioned that he was a director of the company.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk and staff be thanked for their efforts in putting on a successful event, that the good causes collection be split equally between the Children's Air Ambulance charity and the local Kindness & Company organisation and that the next bonfire & fireworks display event take place on Friday 4th November 2022.

(b) REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2021

The Clerk reported that the new arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday parade involving road closure notices and the use of a traffic management company had gone well. The Chairman had read out the names of some of the fallen during the ceremony at the Lychgate and laid a wreath on behalf of the Council. It had though been noted that traffic was still passing the Lychgate whilst the ceremony was taking place and he suggested that the road in question be closed next year for the duration of the ceremony.

RESOLVED: That this be noted, a donation of £100 be made to the Royal British Legion and the road in front of the Lychgate be closed for the duration of the ceremony in 2022.

(c) ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE IN JUNE 2022

Cllr Baum-Dixon reported and Cllr Manship and he were intending to meet soon to develop proposals. Other councillors expressed an interesting in joining the meeting and it was suggested that St James' Church and the Women's Institute be asked if they had any plans to mark the Jubilee.

RESOLVED: That a working group of Cllrs Baum-Dixon, Manship, Mears and Wilkinson be formed to develop proposals to mark the Jubilee, that the Clerk contact St James' Church and the Women's Institute to find out if they had any plans to mark it, and an update provided to the next meeting of the Council.

155.21

CORRESPONDENCE

(a) ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL – FENCING ON RYTON ROAD

The Clerk reported that he had received correspondence from RMBC regarding the fencing in which the principal authority stated that they had failed to find out who had originally installed the fencing. Moreover, that it would now be the landowner's responsibility to maintain it after such a long period of time. RMBC were offering to remove the fencing.

A discussion took place and it was felt that the fencing was needed for safety and other purposes and that RMBC should repair it.

RESOLVED: That RMBC be again asked to repair the fencing.

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

9(a) FUTURE OF THE HILLCREST PROPERTY

The Clerk reported that no progress had been made regarding this matter. Nothing having been heard from RMBC.

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

9(b) CEMETERY EXTENSION PROJECT

The Clerk reported that he was meeting shortly with the Council's land agent and the cemetery development company.

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

9(c) OLD LIBRARY BUILDING

The Clerk updated members on developments relating to the building.

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

157.21 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That an update on the run-off on the village green be added to the agenda of the next meeting.

158.21 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council take place on Monday 20th December 2021 at 7pm at the Parish Hall, 15a Ryton Road, North Anston.

Chris Pilkington PSLCC

Clerk to Anston Parish Council

16th November 2021