

ANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, 15A RYTON ROAD, NORTH ANSTON ON MONDAY 16th MARCH 2020

Present: Councillors Diane Graham (Chairman), Paul Vernon (Vice-Chairman), Ben Bentley, Philip Bowers, Jonathan Ireland, Clive Jepson, Glyn Prendergast, Drew Tarmey, Colin Tawn, Bev Thornley, Stuart Thornton and Marie Wilkinson.

In Attendance: Chris Pilkington (Clerk to the Council).

28.20 APOLOGIES

Apologies for the meeting and reasons for absence from it were received from Cllrs John Ireland and Philip Matthews.

RESOLVED: That the reasons for absence of Cllrs Ireland and Matthews be accepted.

29.20 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

Cllr Thornton declared an interest in agenda item 6(f).

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

(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

There were no requests for dispensations.

30.20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

31.20 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR THE EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

No items were identified.

32.20 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2020

It was noted that the apologies of Cllr Wilkinson and the acceptance of her reason for absence had been omitted from the minutes.

RESOLVED: That the apologies of Cllr Wilkinson and approval of her reasons for absence be added to the minutes, and that with that one amendment the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 17th February 2020 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

33.20

GOVERNANCE MATTERS

(a) CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported that he had not been able to produce a written report for the meeting and asked that the matter be deferred to a future meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and a written report brought to the next meeting of the Council.

(Cllr Thornton was excluded from the meeting for disruption)

(b) REVISED EMERGENCY PLAN

The Clerk presented a revised emergency plan to the meeting along with two proposed amendments relating to the coronavirus pandemic namely:

“The Council empowers the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to do anything expedient and necessary to ensure the continuous business of the Council, and to deal with mandatory undertakings in order to prevent the authority from incurring liability during the period that the delegation is applicable”

“The Council empowers the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to do anything expedient and necessary to support the relevant authorities to combat the coronavirus epidemic and to support those impacted by the epidemic in the parish and elsewhere”

RESOLVED: That the two amendments be accepted and the revised emergency plan as amended be adopted by the Council.

(c) ADOPTION OF REVISED PUBLICATION SCHEME

The Clerk reported that he had not been able to produce a revised publication scheme in time for the meeting.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and a revised publication scheme brought to a future meeting of the Council.

(d) REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR STAFFING COMMITTEE

The Clerk presented revised terms of reference for the Staffing Committee.

RESOLVED: That the revised terms of reference of the Staffing Committee be adopted.

(e) PROPOSAL THAT ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE ACCOMPANIED BY BRIEFING PAPERS

Cllr Ireland had asked for this item to be included on the agenda. However given the coronavirus pandemic and the desire to hold a short meeting he suggested deferring the item to a later date.

RESOLVED: That consideration of the proposal be deferred to a future meeting of the Council.

(f) COMPLAINT BY A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL REGARDING BFKKO GROUP

The Clerk reported that a member of the Council had made a complaint regarding BFKKO Group.

RESOLVED: In the absence of the councillor concerned it was agreed to defer consideration of the matter to a future meeting of the Council.

34.20

PLANNING MATTERS

(a) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2020/0169, TWO STOREY SIDE AND SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, 21 RACKFORD ROAD, NORTH ANSTON

RESOLVED: That no response be made.

(b) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2020/0263, SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION, CARTREFLE, RYTON ROAD, SOUTH ANSTON

RESOLVED: That no response be made.

(c) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2020/0276, ERECTION OF GLASS CANOPY TO REAR, 10 PARKSTONE PLACE, SOUTH ANSTON

RESOLVED: That no response be made.

(d) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2020/0326, ERECTION OF NEW BUTTERFLY HOUSE AND ERECTION OF NEW DWELLING HOUSE, HUNGERHILL FARM, FLAT AT TROPICAL BUTTERFLY HOUSE, WOODSETTS ROAD, NORTH ANSTON

RESOLVED: That no response be made.

(e) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2020/0358, ALTERATIONS TO ELEVATIONS, INCREASE IN ROOF HEIGHT TO CREATE ADDITIONAL ROOMS IN ROOF SPACE AND REPLACEMENT OF REAR DORMER WINDOW, 10 WILLOW CLOSE, SOUTH ANSTON

RESOLVED: That no response be made.

(f) NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM JOINT WASTE PLAN ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION

RESOLVED: That the consultation be noted.

RESOLVED: That in view of the coronavirus epidemic and the possibility of the Parish Council not being able to meet for some time the Clerk be given the delegated power to respond to planning applications on behalf of the Council until further notice.

35.20

LAND AND PROPERTY MATTERS

(a) ADVICE FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS REGARDING THE LYCHGATE WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk presented the solicitors advice received from the legal team at the National Association of Local Councils regarding the ownership of the Lychgate War Memorial and maintenance responsibility for it. The advice was that the Lychgate belonged to the Parochial Church Council, that maintenance responsibility rested with Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council and that further to Section 3 of the War Memorials (Local Authorities' Powers) Act 1923 the Parish Council did not have a power to contribute towards the maintenance of it.

RESOLVED: That the advice of the solicitor be accepted, the Lychgate be removed from the asset register and insurance policy of the Council and that the Council work with RMBC and the Parochial Church Council to find a way to get the memorial repaired.

(b) TIER 1 RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT REGARDING THE VIABILITY OF EXTENDING THE CEMETERY IN SOUTH ANSTON

The Clerk presented the report produced by TGMS Cemetery Development Ltd.

RESOLVED: That the Tier 1 Risk Assessment report including its recommendations be accepted.

36.20

PARISH MATTERS

(a) PLANS TO CLOSE DINNINGTON COLLEGE

Cllr Bowers had asked for this item to be included on the agenda and he spoke about his concerns about the planned closure of Dinnington College and the likely impact on the local community and on young people in particular.

RESOLVED: That the Council regrets the planned closure of Dinnington College and calls on all parties involved to work together to find a mutually agreeable solution.

(b) PROVISION OF CHRISTMAS TREES AND LIGHTS

Cllr Prendergast reported that he had met with Blachere, the company who provided Christmas lighting for Dinnington St John's Town Council, and would be meeting the Clerk shortly to discuss possible options to bring to a future meeting of the Council.

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

(c) 2020 AWARDS EVENING

Cllr Prendergast reported that he had e-mailed all councillors asking for ideas and had received several responses. He would bring detailed proposals to the next meeting of the Council.

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

37.20

CORRESPONDENCE

(a) ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL MAYORS CHARITY EASTER EGG RAFFLE

RESOLVED: That £30 be donated to the charity appeal.

(b) DINNINGTON RUGBY CLUB, INVITATION TO OPEN DAY ON SUNDAY 22nd MARCH 2020

The Clerk reported that the rugby club had invited the Parish Council to send representatives to its forthcoming open day. It was though understood that the open day had been cancelled due to the coronavirus epidemic.

RESOLVED: That the Council send representatives to the club's next open day whenever it may be held.

(c) LETTER FROM RESIDENT REGARDING SITES OF HISTORICAL INTEREST IN THE PARISH

The Clerk reported on a letter from a local resident suggesting that blue plaques be placed on sites of historical interest in the parish and that photos could also be taken of them. The latter could be put on a phone app.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council liaise with the resident to take the ideas forward.

(d) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS TRAINING PROGRAMME, APRIL 2020 – OCTOBER 2020

RESOLVED: That the training programme be noted.

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

There were no such items.

39.20 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

No items were identified for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting which had not already been identified earlier in the meeting.

40.20 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That due to the coronavirus pandemic the April meeting of the Council be cancelled and the date for the next meeting of the Council be set in due course.

Chris Pilkington PSLCC

Clerk to Anston Parish Council

14th July 2020