

ANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, 15A RYTON ROAD, NORTH ANSTON ON MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2020

Present: Councillors Diane Graham (Chairman), Paul Vernon (Vice-Chairman), Ben Bentley, John Ireland, Jonathan Ireland, Clive Jepson, Glyn Prendergast, Colin Tawn and Stuart Thornton.

In Attendance: Chris Pilkington (Clerk to the Council), an employee of Corporate Services and seven members of the public.

14.20 APOLOGIES

Apologies for the meeting and reasons for absence from it were received from Cllrs Philip Bowers, Philip Matthews, Bev Thornley and Marie Wilkinson.

RESOLVED: That the reasons for absence of Cllrs Bowers, Matthews, Thornley and Wilkinson be accepted.

15.20 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

There were no interests declared.

(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.

16.20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A number of questions were received from members of the public. One related to the recent precept raise and the Clerk explained the reasons for the increase. The other related to the grass cutting regime on fields owned by the Council and the Clerk responded to that question too. Another questioner asked about splitting the recreational charity from the Council and it was noted that this could be considered.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

17.20 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR THE EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded for the consideration of agenda items 8(a) due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.

18.20 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2020

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 20th January 2020 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

19.20 SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

RESOLVED: That exclusive rights of burial be granted to Mr AB of Thorpe Salvin and Mrs DP of Dinnington.

20.20 GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE MATTERS

(a) CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk presented a report updating members on ongoing projects and activities.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(b) NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS SURVEY ON THE GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SMALLER AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND GUIDE

RESOLVED: That the survey be noted.

The meeting was suspended at 7.25pm and recommenced at 7.35pm.

(c) POSTS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Cllr Jepson had asked for this matter to be placed on the agenda and he stated that in his opinion some posts made by some members of the Council on social media were misleading. A discussion took place with differing views being expressed.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

21.20 PLANNING MATTERS

(b) DRAFT BASSETLAW LOCAL PLAN

RESOLVED: That the plan be noted.

22.20

PARISH MATTERS

(a) PROVISION OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND TREES IN 2020

Cllr Prendergast reported that further to the last meeting the Clerk and he had met with staff from Dinnington St John's Town Council to discuss their arrangements for Christmas lights and trees. Their main cost was the power supply. The Clerk and he would be meeting a representative from the company used by Dinnington St John's Town Council and other local councils for Christmas lighting to discuss options and an update would be provided to the next meeting of the Council.

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

(b) ARRANGEMENTS FOR AWARDS EVENING IN 2020

Cllr Prendergast reported that he would be e-mailing councillors to ask for ideas for how the event should be run.

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

23.40

REPORTS FROM MEETINGS

(a) ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL CLERKS MEETING – TUESDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2020

The Clerk reported back on the meeting he had attended. The principal authority was revising the planning protocol setting out the relationship between RMBC and local councils. They had also produced a new model emergency plan document for parishes to adopt and the Joint Working Group between RMBC and the parishes was being reviewed.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(b) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS SOUTH YORKSHIRE BRANCH MEETING – SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2020

The Chairman and Cllr Bentley had attended the meeting. Matters discussed had included training webinars being provided by the Associations, the White Rose Update newsletter now being sent out on a weekly basis, increases in the subscriptions rates to YLCA and the National Association of Local Councils, the new YLCA website and the Associations needing to appoint a new Vice-President. Cllr Bentley suggested that the National Association of Local Councils appoint a lobbyist to represent the sector at Westminster

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and councillors e-mail Cllr Bentley with their views on NALC appointing a lobbyist to represent the sector in Parliament.

(c) COMMUNITY MATTERS (YORKSHIRE), MAKING YOUR COMMUNITY BUILDING A SUCCESS EVENT – THURSDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2020

Cllr Graham reported back on the event she had attended and it was noted that Community Matters could provide support with identifying funding for projects.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

24.20 CORRESPONDENCE

ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL DRAFT LIBRARY STRATEGY 2020 TO 2025

Cllr Jepson declared an interest in the matter given his role as a member of the principal authority.

RESOLVED: That no response be made.

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

ITEM 8(a) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2020/0045 – CHANGE OF USE OF LAND TO FORM EXTENSION TO CEMETERY WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESS AND CAR PARK (USE CLASS SUI GENERIS), LAND AT SHEFFIELD ROAD, SOUTH ANSTON

RESOLVED: That no response be made.

26.20 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.

27.20 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council next meet on Monday 16th March 2020 at 7pm at the Parish Hall, 15a Ryton Road, North Anston.

Chris Pilkington PSLCC

Clerk to Anston Parish Council

13th March 2020