

## ANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, 15A RYTON ROAD, NORTH ANSTON ON MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022

**Present:** Councillors Diane Graham (Chairman), Drew Tarmey (Vice-Chairman), Tim Baum-Dixon, Ben Bentley, John Ireland, Clive Jepson, Myles Manship, Matt Mears, Colin Tawn and Marie Wilkinson.

**In Attendance:** Chris Pilkington (Clerk).

#### **1.22 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for the meeting and reasons for absence from it were received from Cllrs Phil Bowers and Philip Matthews.

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

#### **2.22 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.

(Cllr Baum-Dixon entered the meeting)

#### **3.22 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR THE EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** That the press and public be excluded for the consideration of agenda items 10(a), (b) and (c) due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.

#### **4.22 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

## **5.22 REPORTS FROM RMBC WARD COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Tarmey reported that he had attended his first meeting of RMBC as a ward councillor and had supported a motion about the better buses campaign. He also reported that burglaries appeared to be going down. Both Cllr Baum-Dixon and himself had voted against the proposed rental increase for RMBC housing tenants. Cllr Baum-Dixon reported that he had supported a motion about tackling child sexual exploitation and had attended a recent community action partnership meeting. He also mentioned that the RMBC conservation officer was willing to help in getting the Lychgate war memorial listed and restored.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

## **6.22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

## **7.22 GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE MATTERS**

### **(a) BUDGET AND PRECEPT DEMAND FOR THE 2022/2023 FINANCIAL YEAR**

The Clerk presented the draft budget and precept demand for 2022/2023. Cllr Mears requested a recorded vote on the adoption of the budget and precept.

**RESOLVED:** That the budget for 2022/2023 as presented be adopted by the Council and a precept demand of £392,800 for 2022/2023 be submitted to Rotherham Council.

In favour – Cllrs Bentley, Graham, Ireland, Manship and Tawn.

Against – Cllrs Baum-Dixon, Mears, Tarmey and Wilkinson.

### **(b) CASUAL AND ORDINARY VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The Clerk reported that local electors had not called for a by-election to fill the casual vacancy on the Council created by resignation of Cllr Wilson and that therefore the Council now had two ordinary and one casual vacancy to fill by co-option. No expressions of interest in joining the Council had been received.

**RESOLVED:** That this be noted and an article placed in YourMag to encourage interest in joining the Council.

### **(c) REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AND FILLING OF TWO VACANCIES ON THE COMMITTEE**

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

Committee. No expressions of interest in joining the Committee were received from members present.

**RESOLVED:** That consideration of revised terms of reference for the Committee and the filling of vacancies on it be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

**(d) VACANCIES ON ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE**

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

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

**(e) GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Cllrs Jepson and Tawn had asked for this item to be placed on the agenda and they detailed their concerns about councillors having resigned, the failure to attract people to join the Council, vacancies on committees, attendance and items being deferred or not progressed. A discussion then took place.

**RESOLVED:** That the concerns be noted.

**(f) STATEMENTS MADE BY CLLR MANSHIP AT THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

Cllr Jepson has asked for this item to be placed on the agenda and he outlined his concern that Cllr Manship had misled the Council by stating that Kindness & Co were a charity when in fact they were a Community Interest Company and because he had not mentioned that he was a director of the company. Cllr Manship stated that he had not intentionally misled the Council and apologised for having done so. He also reminded members of the good work Kindness & Co did in the local community.

**RESOLVED:** That the apology of Cllr Manship be accepted.

**(g) MOTION OF NO-CONFIDENCE IN THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

Cllrs Jepson and Tawn had asked for this item to be placed on the agenda and they outlined their concerns about the claims made by Cllr Tarmey in Lib Dem election literature during the recent Anston & Woodsetts by-election. A discussion took place and a motion of no-confidence was put forward but not carried.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council has confidence in the role of Cllr Tarmey in his role as Vice-Chairman of the Council.

**8.22 SEALING OF DOCUMENTS**

**RESOLVED:** That exclusive rights of burial be granted to Mrs DH of Thurcroft, Mr JH of North Anston, Mrs SC of North Anston, Mrs ML of Wickersley, Mrs MA of North Anston and Mrs BW of South Anston.

**9.22 PLANNING MATTERS**

**(a) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2022/0016, SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION TO FORM GARAGE, 10 KIRKSTALL CLOSE, SOUTH ANSTON**

**RESOLVED:** That no response be made.

**(b) ADVANCE NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM WASTE LOCAL PLAN**

**RESOLVED:** That notice of the consultation be noted.

**10.22 LAND AND PROPERTY MATTERS**

**(d) REPLACEMENT OF PLAY EQUIPMENT**

The Clerk reported that the play equipment for the Lockwood and Whitegates sites had been ordered and the play equipment working group would be meeting shortly to discuss the information needed to support the grant application for the Parish Hall Recreation Ground play equipment.

**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 Cllrs Graham and Jepson and himself would be meeting shortly to identify the locations for the proposed noticeboards.

**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 reported that she had obtained costings for replacement hanging baskets from one more company and that Cllr Bentley and herself would be walking the parish shortly to identify locations for the baskets.

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

**11.22 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 a future 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 brought to a future meeting of the Council.

**(c) PROBLEMS WITH LITTER IN THE PARISH**

Cllr Baum-Dixon reported that he was trying to get RMBC to provide new bins at Windsor Walk.

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

**(d) SOUTH YORKSHIRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FLOOD RESILIENCE PROJECT**

The Clerk reported that a meeting of the local councils involved had taken place earlier in the month and the project was progressing.

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

**(e) YOUTH SERVICES PROVISION IN THE PARISH**

The Clerk reported that further to the last meeting of the Council he had contacted JADE in Dinnington to request a meeting. Cllr Baum-Dixon reported that he was looking at other options such as the Woodlands Community Centre.

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

**(f) PROPOSAL FOR MEMORIAL BENCH IN SOUTH ANSTON**

Cllr Baum-Dixon reported that he was to talk with Cllr Bowers and ward councillor Tracey Wilson about the matter.

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

**12.22**

**MEETINGS**

**(a) ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL PARISH & TOWN COUNCIL JOINT WORKING GROUP MEETING – MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022**

Cllr Jepson had attended the meeting which had only finished shortly before the Parish Council meeting started. He would report back in detail at the next meeting of the Council.

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Jepson present a report on the meeting to the next meeting of the Council.

**(b) SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE ROTHERHAM SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM – WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022**

The Clerk reported that the Council was meeting with the neighbourhood policing team on 19<sup>th</sup> January and asked members to let him know of items to raise with them. Various items were raised including off road biking, road safety and substance abuse.

**RESOLVED:** That the matters mentioned be raised with the police and a report back given to the next meeting of the Council.

**(c) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS REMOTE CONFERENCE, FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**

The Clerk reported that the details of the YLCA conference in March had been circulated to members.

**RESOLVED:** That the information about the conference be noted.

**13.22**

**EVENTS**

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

Cllrs Mears reported that the working group was looking at quotes for beacons.

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

**14.22**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**(a) ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL – CONSIDERATION OF TERM DATES FOR 2022/2023 CONSULTATION**

**RESOLVED:** That the consultation be noted.

**(b) SOUTH YORKSHIRE COMBINED MAYORAL AUTHORITY – BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN CONSULTATION**

**RESOLVED:** That the consultation be noted.

**15.22**

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

**(a) FUTURE OF THE HILLCREST PROPERTY**

The Clerk again reported that the Council's solicitors had contacted RMBC again for an update but no reply had been received.

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

**(b) CEMETERY EXTENSION PROJECT**

The Clerk updated members on the project and Cllr Bentley presented additional information to members.

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

**(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.

**16.22 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That discussion of the Parish Council's facebook page be added to the agenda of the next meeting of the Council.

**17.22 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

**(a) SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOLDING OF MEETINGS**

The Clerk asked members if they wanted to make any changes to the security arrangements in relation to the holding of meetings.

**RESOLVED:** That no changes be made to the current arrangements but that they be reviewed again in three months' time.

**(b) DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 at 7pm at the Parish Hall, 15a Ryton Road, North Anston.

Chris Pilkington PSLCC

Clerk to Anston Parish Council

15<sup>th</sup> February 2022