

ANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONLINE ON MONDAY 18th JANUARY 2021

Present: Councillors Diane Graham (Chairman), Ben Bentley, Phil Bowers, John Ireland, Jonathan Ireland, Clive Jepson, Philip Matthews, Colin Tawn, Bev Thornley and Marie Wilkinson.

In Attendance: Chris Pilkington (Clerk) and Michael Gazur (Responsible Financial Officer).

1.21 APOLOGIES

None.

2.21 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

Cllr Thornley declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in respect of agenda item 7(a).

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

None.

3.21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Clerk read out a letter from a member of the public raising concerns about the decision made by the Parish Council at its meeting on 19th October 2020 to give £2,000 each to three charities from the money which the Council had planned to spend on the Bonfire Night & Fireworks Display which had had to be cancelled because of Covid-19. A discussion then took place.

RESOLVED: That the member of the public be informed that the decision had been made democratically by the Council but that it had been a close vote with some members of the Council voting against the proposal.

4.21 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR THE EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

5.21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 21st December 2020

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 21st December 2020 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

6.21 GOVERNANCE MATTERS

(a) BUDGET AND PRECEPT DEMAND FOR THE 2021/2022 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Clerk presented the draft budget and precept demand for 2021/2022. Cllr Jepson requested a recorded vote on the adoption of the budget and precept.

RESOLVED: That the budget for 2021/2022 as presented be adopted by the Council and a precept demand of £385,000 for 2021/2022 be submitted to Rotherham Council.

In favour – Cllrs Bentley, Bowers, Graham, Jonathan Ireland, Matthews, Tawn, and Wilkinson.

Against – None.

(b) REVIEW OF INTERNAL AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS

The Clerk presented the proposed internal audit arrangements for 2020/2021.

RESOLVED: That the internal audit arrangements be adopted as presented by the Council.

(c) LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME

The Clerk updated members on progress towards achieving accreditation under the Local Council Award Scheme. He would be bringing a draft training strategy and an action plan for the Council to a future meeting of the Council.

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

7.21 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) TESCO EXPRESS DEVELOPMENT, THE CUTLER PUB, NORTH ANSTON

Cllr Jepson updated members on the development. There were still issues in relation to the car parking area and more generally with what had been agreed with the planning inspector not having been followed and enforced.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

(b) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2020/2041, SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, 2 GRASMERE CLOSE, NORTH ANSTON

RESOLVED: That no response be made.

8.21

MEETINGS

(a) ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL COVID-19 BRIEFING, 12th JANUARY 2021

Cllr Jepson and the Clerk had attended the meeting and reported to members the key issues discussed at it which included lateral testing for Covid-19 and information about vaccination centres. A discussion took place and the work of the Anston Medical Centre in North Anston as a vaccination centre was noted.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and the Anston Medical Centre written to and thanked for their work as a vaccination centre.

9.21

CORRESPONDENCE

(a) ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL, CONSIDERATION OF TERM TIMES FOR 2022/2023 CONSULTATION

RESOLVED: That the consultation be noted.

(b) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS, CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY BILL

RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted.

10.21

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR WHICH PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

ITEM 8(a) UPDATE REGARDING THE HILLCREST PROPERTY

The Clerk reported that there was a meeting planned between the Parish Council, RMBC and the Academy Trust on 25th January to further discuss the future of the site.

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

ITEM 8(b) UPDATE ON CEMETERY EXTENSION PROJECT

The Clerk reported that he was planning to arrange a meeting shortly with the cemetery development company.

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

ITEM 8(c) REPORT OF THE OLD LIBRARY WORKING GROUP

The report of the Old Library Working Group was received and a discussion took place.

RESOLVED: That the report of the working group be noted and that decisions of the Council made about the building at its meeting on 10th August 2020 be confirmed.

11.21 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

Cllr Bentley asked that the report of the Old Library Working Group again be considered by the Council.

RESOLVED: That the report of the Old Library Working Group be considered again by the Council at its next meeting.

12.21 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Council take place virtually via Zoom on Monday 15th February 2021.

Chris Pilkington PSLCC
Clerk to Anston Parish Council
25th January 2021