

ANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, 15A RYTON ROAD, NORTH ANSTON ON TUESDAY 19th APRIL 2022

Present: Councillors Diane Graham (Chairman), Ben Bentley, Clive Jepson, Philip Matthews and Marie Wilkinson.

In Attendance: Chris Pilkington (Clerk) and four members of the public.

51.22 APOLOGIES

Apologies for the meeting and reasons for absence from it were received from Cllrs Tim Baum-Dixon, Phil Bowers, Matt Mears and Drew Tarmey.

RESOLVED: That the reasons for absence of Cllrs Baum-Dixon, Bowers, Mears and Tarmey be accepted.

52.22 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.

53.22 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), 10(c), 10(g) and 10(i) due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.

54.22 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 21st MARCH 2022

The draft minutes of the meeting had only been circulated on the day so it was agreed to defer approval or otherwise of them to the next meeting of the Council for that reason and because only a few members who had been present at the March meeting were currently present.

RESOLVED: That approval of the minutes of the March meeting of the Council be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

55.22 REPORTS FROM RMBC WARD COUNCILLORS

There were no ward councillors present.

56.22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

57.22 GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE MATTERS

(a) CASUAL AND ORDINARY VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

An election had not been called to fill the most recent casual vacancy on the Council. Following the article in YourMag one expression of interest in joining the Council had been received and that person was present in the public gallery to learn more about the Council.

RESOLVED: That the individual be invited to submit a letter of interest and to attend the next meeting of the Council to speak to it and take questions prior to the Council taking a decision as to whether to co-opt that person or not.

(b) VACANCY ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

There was still one vacancy on the Committee.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

(c) VACANCIES ON ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

There were still two vacancies on the Committee.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

(d) VACANCY ON THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

There was still one vacancy on the Committee.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

(e) VACANCY ON THE STAFFING COMMITTEE

There was still once vacancy on the Committee.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

58.22 SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

There were no exclusive rights of burial requiring approval.

59.22 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2022/0537, REMOVAL OF STATIC CARAVAN AND REPLACEMENT WITH DETACHED OUTBUILDING, DALE HOUSE, LINDRICK DALE, LINDRICK

RESOLVED: That no response be made.

60.22 LAND AND PROPERTY MATTERS

(b) CEMETERY EXTENSION PROJECT

The Clerk reported he was still awaiting an update from the Council's land agents and that he had asked for a meeting to try to progress matters.

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

(d) REPLACEMENT OF PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Clerk reported that the works at the Whitegates site had been completed and those at the Lockwood site were scheduled to take place shortly. Additional play sand for use at the Whitegates site was being obtained.

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 again reported that he still had to liaise with RMBC to see if any consents were needed for one or more of the new noticeboards.

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

(f) PROVISION OF HANGING BASKETS

The Chairman reported that she and the RFO had contacted Hobsons to arrange for the new baskets to be ordered. It was agreed to sell the existing baskets.

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

(h) PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY TO RACKFORD MEADOW

Cllr Bentley reported that he and others had done some work on this matter in the past and Cllr Wilkinson stated that she had some paperwork relating to it.

RESOLVED: That Cllrs Bentley and Wilkinson liaise with the Clerk to progress the matter and an update provided to the next meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED: That up to date costings be brought to a future meeting of the Council.

61.22

PARISH MATTERS

(a) BOOKS RELATING TO THE HISTORY OF THE PARISH

The Clerk reported that the RFO was progressing the reprinting of the book.

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

(b) SOUTH YORKSHIRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FLOOD RESILIENCE PROJECT

The Clerk suggested that the Parish Council order similar sleeping bags and beds as those ordered by Dinnington St John's Town Council to create a combined store of equipment.

RESOLVED: That similar materials be ordered as those ordered by Dinnington St John's Town Council and an update provided to the next meeting of the Council.

(c) YOUTH SERVICES PROVISION IN THE PARISH

As was reported at the last meeting of the Council there would be a focus on youth service provision at the RMBC Joint Working Group meeting on 11th May 2022.

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

62.22

MEETINGS

(a) COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP MEETING FOR ANSTON & WOODSETTS WARD - THURSDAY 14th APRIL 2022

The Chairman reported that she had attended this meeting via Teams on behalf of the Parish Council. Whilst RMBC officers and South Yorkshire Police had attended it no ward councillors had been present. She felt that little had come out of the meeting but did report that the ward was the only one in the Rotherham district to have witnessed a reduction in crime in recent times.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(b) ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMUNITY FLOOD PREPAREDNESS MEETING – THURSDAY 28th APRIL 2022

The Clerk reported that details of the awareness session had been circulated to members.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

**(c) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS SOUTH
YORKSHIRE BRANCH MEETING WEDNESDAY 22nd JUNE 2022 –
QUESTIONS FOR THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER**

YLCA had asked member councils for questions for the Police & Crime Commissioner ahead of his attendance at the branch meeting in June. Cllr Bentley would be representing the Parish Council at the meeting and had asked members to copy him into any questions they wanted asking of the PCC.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and the original e-mail from YLCA be circulated again to members of the Council.

63.22

EVENTS

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

The Chairman asked that the working group send the Clerk details of any beacon(s) and other items which needed ordering for the planned events as that information had not yet been provided. She stated that she would e-mail the group to that effect.

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

(b) STEAM RALLY – JUNE 2022

The Clerk reported that he had been liaising with the organisers of the Steam Rally and that as far as he was aware all the arrangements for the event were being put into place by them. He would be sending them the invoice for the remainder of the money due for the hire of Rackford Meadow.

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

**(c) ANNUAL BONFIRE & FIREWORKS DISPLAY – FRIDAY 4th
NOVEMBER 2022**

The Clerk reported that arrangements for the event were in hand and he had no matters of concern to report to the Council.

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

**(d) REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE – SUNDAY 13th
NOVEMBER 2022**

The Clerk reported that arrangements for the parade were in hand and he had no matters of concern to report to the Council.

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

64.22 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE REPORT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICAL STANDARDS

The Chairman reported the concerns raised by YLCA and others that the Government's response to the standards report had been inadequate.

RESOLVED: That the Council write to Alexander Stafford MP correspondence raising its concerns about the Government's response to the report.

(b) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS - NOMINATIONS FOR SOUTH YORKSHIRE YLCA BRANCH CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN AND BRANCH REPRESENTATIVES ON THE JOINT EXECUTIVE BOARD

RESOLVED: That no nominations be made.

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

AGENDA ITEM 10(a) FUTURE OF THE HILLCREST PROPERTY

The Clerk reported that the Chairman and he had met with some surveyors from RMBC on 8th April to assess the property. There had been some concern that the surveyors thought that they would be commercially marketing the property whereas the agreement with RMBC was to work together with them to identify whether there was any demand for pre-school use of the building. The Clerk had written to RMBC to follow up on the verbal agreements made at the last meeting of the Council. The latest Parish Council article in YourMag would appeal for expressions of interest in using the building for pre-school use.

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

(c) AGENDA ITEM 10(c) OLD LIBRARY BUILDING

The Clerk reported that he had asked for an additional asbestos sample to be taken, for remote monitoring of the fire alarm to be put into place and asked for expressions of interest from members in visiting the property.

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

AGENDA ITEM 10(g) NORTH ANSTON VILLAGE GREEN

The Clerk updated members on matters relating to the village green and a course of action was agreed.

RESOLVED: That the course of action be progressed and an update provided to the next meeting of the Council.

AGENDA ITEM 10(i) SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT THE PARISH HALL

Further to a previous meeting of the Council members reviewed the security arrangements at the Parish Hall and a course of action was agreed.

RESOLVED: That the course of action be progressed and an update provided to the next meeting of the Council.

66.22 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

Cllr Bentley asked for the matter of the creation of a basic parish allowance to be put on the agenda of the next meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED: That the matter of the creation of a basic parish allowance be put on the agenda of the next meeting of the Council.

67.22 DATES AND VENUES OF MEETINGS

(a) DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED: That the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council take place on Monday 16th May 2022 at 7pm at the Parish Hall, 15a Ryton Road, North Anston.

(b) DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council take place on Monday 23rd May 2022 at 7pm at the Parish Hall, 15a Ryton Road, North Anston.

Chris Pilkington PSLCC
Clerk to Anston Parish Council
11th May 2022