

ANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
THE PARISH HALL, 15A RYTON ROAD, NORTH ANSTON ON
MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2022**

Present: Councillors Diane Graham (Chairman), Marie Wilkinson (Vice-Chairman), Clive Jepson, Drew Tarmey, Phillip Matthews

In Attendance: Yvonne Colverson (Locum Clerk)

Public Participation:

No members of the public were present

167.22 APOLOGIES

Cllr Wright – Ill health, Cllr Bowers – Ill health, Cllr Bentley – unavailable, Cllr Concannon – unavailable

RESOLVED That these apologies, and reasons for absence, are approved

168.22 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

Cllr D Tarmey declared an interest in item 7 Planning due to him being on RMBC Planning Board

(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.

169.22 Minutes

RESOLVED: Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 22nd November 2022 2022 are approved as a true record of the proceedings.

170.22 REPORTS

a. Clerk's Report – Council received the following report outlining actions taken since 22nd November 2022

Planning RB2022/1384 – Comments submitted to RMBC as resolved

Royal British Legion – Donation of £100 has been made, as resolved.

Casual Vacancy – Casual Vacancy, due to the resignation of Kevin Pearson, will be advertised by RMBC at the earliest date possible

RESOLVED: That this information be received

b. Ward Councillor – Council received the following report from Cllr D Tarmey

A number of local projects are now progressing

There is significant capital budget and community leadership funding available. Cllr Tarmey has written to other local Parish Councils but, to date, has had no response. Anston can apply for funding

RESOLVED: That this information be received

c. Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council Parish and Town Council Network Meeting,

Cllr C Jepson reported that the number of meetings will be reduced from 8 to 4 annually.

RESOLVED: That a letter will be sent to Cllr Allen at RMBC stating the Councils concerns and disappointment at the reduction of these meetings

Tim Archer had delivered a presentation on play areas at the meeting. There was now some concern regarding wheelchair accessible roundabouts.

RESOLVED: That this information is received and RMBC be asked to inspect the new play area before it is signed off with the contractors

e. CAP meeting report – Cllr D Graham

Cllr D Graham reported crime data, this is no longer as comprehensive as in previous years this is due to a change in the way data is recorded and reported by the police.

Forestry Commission is to replace/replant 237 dead whips and 8 trees, on Greenlands

RESOLVED: That this information is received

171.22 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC:

RESOLVED; That items 8a and 8b will be discussed with the press and public excluded

172.22 PLANNING:

No planning applications had been received

173.22 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Staffing review –

i. The Council received a report following a recent review of staffing structure carried out by a LCC consultant.

RESOLVED: That this information is received

ii. The Council were asked to consider recommendations from the Staffing Committee following their consideration of the above report.

RESOLVED: That all members of the Council will be invited to a working group meeting, on Tuesday 10th January 2023, to discuss the report in detail.

b. Complaints

i. Council considered the adoption of a Vexatious and Habitual complaints policy and procedure

RESOLVED: That the Council has adopted a Vexatious and Habitual complaints policy and procedure

ii. Council were asked to consider a request for additional information following their response to a previous complaint by a member of the public

RESOLVED: That this complaint will be dealt with using the Vexatious and Habitual complaints policy and procedure

iii. The Council received a working group report following investigation into a previous complaint. This report recommended an external investigation.

Cllr D Tarmey commented that any future complaints will be dealt with in line with the Council's complaints policy and procedure. In addition the complaint considered be upheld however any further action would not be a prudent use of public funds.

RESOLVED: by majority vote, that the complaint is upheld but no further investigation will take place

Recorded Vote:

Cllr D Graham – For

Cllr M Wilkinson – For

Cllr D Tarmey – For
Cllr P Matthew – For
Cllr C Jepson – Against

c. Health and Safety Support

Item carried over from November meeting. No further information was available.

Cllr D Graham requested that a representative from Wirehouse be invited to the next Parish Council meeting.

RESOLVED: S Medley from Wirehouse will be invited to the January 2023 meeting.

d. Update on new play equipment

Cllr D Graham reported on the progress of the new play area

RESOLVED: That this information be received and that thanks is given to Cllr D Graham who has undertaken the monitoring of this project in the absence of a full-time Clerk

e. Hillcrest – The Clerk reported that RMBC had been in touch with a possible tenant for Hillcrest.

It was noted that the 3 month period of marketing the building, with the restriction of only using for early years, has now come to an end

RESOLVED: That RMBC will be contacted and a request made that the Parish Council has a lease with no restrictions and use as decided by the Parish Council

f. Firework display 2023 – Council considered date options, including price and availability of contractors

RESOLVED: That the 2023 firework display will take place on Friday 3rd November 2023

g. Royal Garden Party – Council were asked to nominate one of their members to attend a Royal Garden Party in summer 2023

RESOLVED: That Cllr Clive Jepson is nominated

h. Work experience: Council were asked to consider offering a work experience placement for Wales High School

RESOLVED: That a work experience placement, working with the outdoor maintenance team, will be offered

174.22 CORRESPONDENCE

Anston pre-school – Letter of thanks for support showing over the years the pre-school used the Community Centre

RESOLVED: That this information is received

175.22 ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Joint Authority and Governance Unity, Barnsley Council – notification of change of meeting date, from 15th May 2023 to 2th May 2023

RESOLVED: That this information be received

176.22 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Civility and Respect joint scheme

Survey of skate park/BMX tract

Appointment to Finance, Staffing and Land Management Committee, following resignation of Kevin Pearson

Appointment of a Complaints Committee

177.22 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council take place on Wednesday 25th January 2023

Meeting closed 9.05pm

Yvonne Colverson

Locum Clerk to Anston Parish Council

19th December 2022