

## ANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, 15A RYTON ROAD, NORTH ANSTON ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021

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

**In Attendance:** Chris Pilkington (Clerk) and one member of the public.

#### **92.21 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for the meeting and reasons for absence from it were received from Cllrs Ben Bentley, Phil Bowers, Jonathan Ireland, Myles Manship and Tracey Wilson.

**RESOLVED:** That the reasons for absence of Cllrs Bentley, Bowers, Manship and Wilson be accepted. The reason for absence from Cllr Ireland was not accepted.

#### **93.21 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**

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.

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

**RESOLVED:** That should they be present the press and public be excluded for the consideration of agenda item 10(c) due to the confidential nature of the item to be discussed.

#### **95.21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2021**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

**96.21                    REPORTS FROM RMBC WARD COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Baum-Dixon reported on the issues which he and his fellow ward councillors had dealt with since coming into office in May. They included overgrowing vegetation and grass cutting, anti-social behaviour, rural crime, speeding issues, working with a community group to find a site for a defibrillator, littering and working to redraft the RMBC ward plan. Both he and Cllr Wilson were on various committees of RMBC and they had met with Clerk to discuss joint working with RMBC.

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

**97.21                    PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**98.21                    GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

**(a) ORDINARY VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The Clerk reported that one expression of interest in joining the Parish Council had been received from a Mr Philip Matthews.

**RESOLVED:** That Mr Philip Matthews be co-opted on to the Parish Council as a member for the south ward of the parish. It was agreed that he would sign his declaration of acceptance of office at the end of the meeting.

**(b) REVISED STANDING ORDERS**

Following on from the last meeting of the Council and the resolution about public participation the Clerk presented revised standing orders.

**RESOLVED:** That the revised standing orders be adopted by the Council.

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

The Clerk reported that he had not yet had time to prepare draft revised terms of reference for the Committee. Cllr Matthews expressed an interest in being co-opted on to the Committee.

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

**(d) REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE AND FILLING OF TWO VACANCIES ON THE COMMITTEE**

The Clerk reported that he had not yet had time to prepare draft revised terms of reference for the Committee. Cllr Graham expressed an interest in being appointed to it.

**RESOLVED:** That consideration of draft revised terms of reference for the Committee be deferred to the next meeting of the Council and that Cllr Graham be appointed to the Committee.

**(e) SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY FOR PARISH COUNCIL**

Further to the last meeting of the Council the Clerk presented a draft social media policy.

**RESOLVED:** That the social media policy be adopted by the Council.

**(f) ACTION PLAN FOR THE 2021-2022 FINANCIAL YEAR**

The Clerk had not yet been able to prepare the action plan and asked to defer consideration of this matter to the next meeting of the Council.

**RESOLVED:** That this be noted and the action plan considered at the next meeting of the Council.

**(g) CONCERNS ABOUT RMBC STANDARDS & ETHICS COMMITTEE**

Cllr Jepson had asked for this item to be placed on the agenda and he explained his concerns about the length of time the RMBC Standards & Ethics Committee took to consider complaints made about councillors and the lack of communication with parishes and ongoing investigations and the code of conduct.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council write to the Chief Executive of RMBC expressing its concerns about the performance of the Standards & Ethics Committee.

**99.21 SEALING OF DOCUMENTS**

**RESOLVED:** That exclusive rights of burial be granted to Mr AP of Todwick.

**100.21 PLANNING MATTERS**

**(a) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2021/1214, ERECTION OF ONE DWELLING HOUSE, LAND AT RED CROFT, LINDRICK DALE, LINDRICK**

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

**(b) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2021/1289, SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION TO FORM GARAGE, 10 KIRKSTALL CLOSE, SOUTH ANSTON**

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

**(c) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2021/1243, PRIOR NOTIFICATION FOR A LARGER HOME EXTENSION WITH A SIX METRE REAR EXTENSION, A HEIGHT OF THREE METRES TO THE EAVES AND AN OVERALL HEIGHT OF 3 METRES**

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

**101.21**

**LAND AND PROPERTY MATTERS**

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

The Clerk reported that nothing more had been heard from RMBC regarding a lease for the site.

**RESOLVED:** That this be noted and an update provided to the next meeting of the Council. Cllr Wilson would contact the relevant RMBC officer in her capacity as a RMBC ward councillor.

**(b) CEMETERY EXTENSION PROJECT**

The Clerk reported that the planned meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> June between the cemetery development company and the Council's land agents had not taken place and he was trying to rearrange it.

**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 play equipment working group would be meeting soon to consider the proposals received and to agree a recommendation to bring to a future meeting of the Council.

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

**(e) MEMORIAL BENCH FOR THE BAULK**

The Clerk reported that the memorial bench was due to arrive later in the week and he would let members know when it was due to be installed.

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

**102.21**

**PARISH MATTERS**

**(a) PROPOSAL FOR COVID-19 MEMORIAL IN GREENLANDS PARK OR ELSEWHERE IN THE PARISH**

The Clerk again reported that he was still investigating costings for a memorial on the memorial wall in the Parish Council cemetery in South Anston.

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

**(b) DONATION OF LAPTOPS TO LOCAL SCHOOLS**

The Clerk reported that the laptops had arrived and would be formally donated to local schools when they re-opened in September.

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

**(c) BOOKS RELATING TO THE HISTORY OF THE PARISH**

The Clerk asked whether or not members wanted to retain the existing forewords in the booklet and add one from the current Chairman to it or just have the latter in it.

**RESOLVED:** That a foreword from the current Chairman be added to the booklet in addition to the existing forewords and an update provided to the next meeting of the Council.

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

The Clerk again reported that he was liaising with the ward councillors about this matter.

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

**(e) BOULDERING IN ANSTON STONES WOOD**

The Clerk reported that Network Rail had put fencing along the track at one of the locations where bouldering took place to stop people trespassing on the track. He would also be contacting Natural England about the matter.

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

**(f) MEMBERSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD CANAL TRUST**

Cllr Jepson had asked for this issue to be put on the agenda. The Council had been a member of the Trust but a few years ago had not renewed its membership. The Clerk explained that corporate membership cost £50.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council rejoin the Chesterfield Canal Trust.

**103.21           REPORTS FROM MEETINGS**

**(a) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS JOINT ANNUAL MEETING – SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021**

The Clerk reported that neither of the Council's representatives to YLCA meetings had been able to attend the meeting and that therefore there was no report from it.

**RESOLVED:** That this be noted.

**104.21           EVENTS**

**(a) 2021 STEAM RALLY**

The Clerk reported that the Steam Rally had been cancelled at late notice following the organisers not being able to satisfy RMBC's requirements in relation to Covid-19. Cllr Baum-Dixon reported that in his capacity as a RMBC ward councillor he, other ward councillors and the local MP had met with both parties to try to prevent its cancellation but without success. The organisers were planning to hold the event in 2022 and would be making a formal complaint to RMBC. The Clerk stated that he had agreed to roll over the organisers deposit for the event to 2022.

**RESOLVED:** That this be noted and the rolling over of the deposit approved.

**(b) ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2021 BONFIRE NIGHT & FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

The Clerk reported that RMBC had been in touch with parish and town councils who would be organising bonfire night events in November and he had requested a site meeting with them to discuss arrangements for the Anston event.

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

**105.21           CORRESPONDENCE**

**(a) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS, BALLOT TO SELECT THREE PARISH REPRESENTATIVES TO THE RMBC STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE**

The Clerk reported that the parish nominations to the Committee had been received and the Parish Council could vote for up to three of the seven candidates nominated.

**RESOLVED:** That this be noted and no votes cast by the Parish Council.

**(b) SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE & CRIME PANEL ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021**

The report had been received by the Council. Cllr Baum-Dixon stated that in his capacity as a RMBC ward councillor and representative of the principal authority of the panel he had raised the issue of more attention being needed to the issue of rural crime.

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

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

**10(c) OLD LIBRARY BUILDING**

The Council considered advice from its solicitors and it was agreed to accept that advice and its recommendations.

**RESOLVED:** That the advice and recommendations of the Council's solicitors be accepted and the Clerk be given the delegated power to progress the following of the advice acting in consultation with the Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, and an update be provided to the next meeting of the Council.

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

**RESOLVED:** That the matters of Remembrance Day poppies on lampposts and arrangements for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Council.

**108.21 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council next meet on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7pm at the Parish Hall, 15a Ryton Road, North Anston.

Chris Pilkington PSLCC

Clerk to Anston Parish Council

15<sup>th</sup> September 2021