

## **ANSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONLINE ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

**Present:** Councillors Diane Graham (Chairman), Paul Vernon (Vice-Chairman) Ben Bentley, Phil Bowers, John Ireland, Jonathan Ireland, Clive Jepson, Myles Manship, Philip Matthews, Colin Tawn, Bev Thornley, Stuart Thornton and Marie Wilkinson.

**In Attendance:** Chris Pilkington (Clerk), Michael Gazur (Responsible Financial Officer), Alexander Stafford MP and one member of the public.

The Chairman read out the statement of behaviours expected of councillors.

#### **82.20 APOLOGIES**

None.

#### **83.20 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.

#### **84.20 QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH ALEXANDER STAFFORD MP**

Further to correspondence received earlier in the year and previous discussions at the Council Alexander Stafford, Member of Parliament for Rother Valley, joined the meeting, to receive questions from members of the Council. He explained that 80% of his work was apolitical and that he valued the work of parish and town councils. A variety of issues were raised with the MP including parish councils being given the option to defer PWLB loan repayments during the pandemic, proposed changes to the planning system, traffic light sequencing at the A57 crossroads in South Anston, legal restrictions on parish councils being able to give grants to churches, a lack of sanctions for members of parish councils found to have breached the code of conduct and the closure of the special needs facility at Rother

Valley College. The MP invited the Council to write to him on these matters.

**RESOLVED:** That the MP be thanked for attending the meeting of the Council and the matters raised followed up with him.

**85.20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**86.20 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.

**87.20 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020**

It was noted that the date of the next meeting should have read 19<sup>th</sup> October rather than 16<sup>th</sup> November.

**RESOLVED:** That with that one amendment the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

**88.20 GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

**(a) CASUAL VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The Clerk reported that local electors had not called for a by-election to fill the vacancy and that the Council should co-opt to fill the vacancy as soon as practically possible. A discussion took place and it was felt that there was little point co-opting someone on to the Council now given that elections to it would take place in May 2021.

**RESOLVED:** That the vacancy on the Council not be filled by co-option but rather at the elections in May 2021.

**(b) CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER ANY MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE BEEN DISQUALIFIED FROM BEING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL THROUGH NON-ATTENDANCE**

The Chairman reported that she had sought advice about the matter from the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations who had advised her that no members of the Council had been so disqualified. A discussion then took place and a proposal made that further advice be sought. The proposal went to the vote and was defeated.

**RESOLVED:** That the report of the Chairman be noted and no further action taken.

**(c) VACANCY ON ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE**

The Clerk reported that there was still a vacancy on the Allotments Committee which required filling but understood that Cllr Vernon was willing to fill it.

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Paul Vernon be appointed to the Allotments Committee to fill the vacancy.

**(d) CO-OPTION OF NON-COUNCILLORS ON TO THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE**

The Clerk explained the proposal from the Allotments Committee that the full Council consider allowing the co-option of plot holders on to the Committee to aid its work.

**RESOLVED:** That the co-option of two non-councillors on to the Allotments Committee be allowed with one to be a plot holder on the North Anston site and the other a plot holder on the South Anston site and the terms of reference of the Committee be amended accordingly.

**89.20 LAND AND PROPERTY MATTERS**

Further to an earlier agenda item discussion of these matters had been deferred to later in the meeting.

**90.20 PLANNING MATTERS**

**(a) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2020/1236, PARTIAL DEMOLITION, EXTENSION AND REMODELLING TO EXISTING PROPERTY TO FORM TWO STOREY SIDE AND FRONT EXTENSIONS, FRONT BALCONY AND SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, BIRKETT HOUSE, LINDRICK COMMON, LINDRICK**

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

**(b) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2020/1347, DEMOLITION OF EXISTING GARAGE, ERECTION OF TWO STOREY SIDE AND SINGLE STOREY FRONT EXTENSIONS, 11 KIRSTALL CLOSE, SOUTH ANSTON**

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

**(c) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2020/1451, FORMATION OF VEHICLE ACCESS, 38 NURSERY ROAD, NORTH ANSTON**

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

**(d) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2020/1491, APPLICATION TO VARY CONDITION 02 (APPROVED PLANS – REPLACE VELUX WINDOWS WITH DORMER WINDOWS AND ADDITIONAL WINDOW TO GABLE END) IMPOSED BY PLANNING APPLICATION**

**RB2020/0326. HUNGERHILL FARM, FLAT AT TROPICAL BUTTERFLY HOUSE, WOODSETTS ROAD, NORTH ANSTON**

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

**(e) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2020/1516, SINGLE STOREY FRONT, SIDE AND REAR EXTENSIONS, 11 NEWCASTLE CLOSE, NORTH ANSTON**

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

**(f) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2020/1525, BALCONY TO FRONT AT FIRST FLOOR LEVEL, 8 PENNY PIECE PLACE, NORTH ANSTON**

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

**(g) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2020/1554, DORMER ALTERATIONS, INCLUDING REPLACING FLAT ROOF WITH NEW PITCHED ROOF, HIGH CRAGG COTTAGE, 10 THE GREEN, NORTH ANSTON**

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

91.20

**MEETINGS**

**(a) ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL PARISH LIAISON BRIEFING, TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

The Clerk and Cllr Jepson had attended the meeting and Cllr Jepson reported back on it. The main items of note had been the ongoing response by RMBC to the current pandemic and the public art audit being carried out by RMBC.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted and the minutes of the meeting circulated when available.

**(b) ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL EMERGENCY PLANNING FLOOD FUNDING MEETING, MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

The Clerk and Cllr Jepson had attended the meeting the purpose of which had been to encourage parish and town councils in the district to apply jointly for funding available to them from the South Yorkshire Community Fund to help make communities more resilient to flooding.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council work jointly with other willing local councils in the district to submit an application for funding from the Fund.

**(c) SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS VIRTUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE, MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER – FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

The Clerk had attended the conference and gave a report on its proceedings.

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

**(d) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS SOUTH  
YORKSHIRE BRANCH MEETING, WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER  
2020**

Cllr Bentley reported that he would be attending the meeting on behalf of the Council and had e-mailed members of the Council asking for their comments on the agenda items. Cllr Thornton stated that he would not be attending the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That this be noted.

92.20

**PARISH MATTERS**

**(a) ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

The Clerk explained that there would be no parade this year due to the coronavirus epidemic but that there would be a small ceremony at the Lychgate war memorial. A wreath had been purchased for laying on behalf of the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED:** That this be noted and the Chairman represent the Parish Council at the ceremony.

**(b) PROPOSAL TO DONATE £2,000 EACH TO THREE LOCAL CHARITIES**

Cllr Tawn spoke to the proposal he had asked to be put on the agenda. Namely that the money which would have been spent by the Parish Council on the bonfire and fireworks display be instead donated to local charities. A discussion then took place.

**RESOLVED:** That £6,000 be donated to local charities and that a decision on which charities the money would go to be deferred to the next meeting of the Council. Members of the Council to send the Clerk suggestions of up to four charities to which monies could be donated.

**(c) PROVISION OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND TREES**

The Clerk updated members on progress.

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

**(d) PROVISION OF PLANTERS**

The Clerk reported that he was still in the process of gathering costings for planters.

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

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

**ITEM 8(a) UPDATE REGARDING THE HILLCREST PROPERTY**

The Clerk explained that they had received a letter from RMBC setting out their concerns and that he would be trying to set up a meeting with them so that they could be discussed with a view to returning to the Parish Council with a proposal more acceptable to it.

**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 trying to set up a meeting with TGMS Ltd to discuss several issues relating to the project.

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

**ITEM 8(c) UPDATE ON OLD LIBRARY BUILDING**

Cllr Bentley and the Clerk updated members on the work of the Old Library Building Working Group.

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

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

None.

**95.20 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the next meeting of the Council take place virtually via Zoom on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Chris Pilkington PSLCC

Clerk to Anston Parish Council

13<sup>th</sup> November 2020