

ANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, 15A RYTON ROAD, NORTH ANSTON ON MONDAY 20th DECEMBER 2021

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

In Attendance: Chris Pilkington (Clerk).

159.21 APOLOGIES

Apologies for the meeting and reasons for absence from it were received from Cllrs Phil Bowers and Myles Manship.

RESOLVED: That the reasons for absence of Cllrs Bowers and Manship be accepted.

160.21 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.

161.21 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR THE EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded for the consideration of agenda items 9(a), (b) and (c) due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.

162.21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2021

It was noted that Cllr Wilson should have been noted as being absent rather than Cllr Mears. In addition it was asked that the bonfire report section of the minutes reflect that at the October meeting of the Council Cllr Manship had stated that Kindness & Company was a charity when

it was in fact it was a community interest company. Moreover that he had not informed the Council that he was a director of the company.

RESOLVED: That with those changes the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 15th November 2021 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

163.21 REPORTS FROM RMBC WARD COUNCILLORS

Cllr Tarmey reported that he had been elected as a RMBC ward councillor for Anston & Woodsetts and had signed his declaration of acceptance of office. The Clerk had already sent him an e-mail about the fencing on Ryton Road to be raised with officers at RMBC.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

164.21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

165.21 GOVERNANCE MATTERS

(a) CASUAL VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk reported that Cllr Tracey Wilson had resigned as a member of the Parish Council on 6th December 2021 creating a casual vacancy for the north ward of the Council. Local electors had until 11th January 2022 to call for a by-election to fill the vacancy. If one was not called then the Council could co-opt to fill the vacancy.

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

(b) CASUAL AND ORDINARY VACANCIES ON PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk reported that he had readvertised for expressions of interest in being co-opted on to the Council. No expressions had been received since the last meeting of the Council.

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

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

The Clerk reported that he had not yet prepared draft revised terms of reference for the Committee. Following the resignation of Cllr Wilson there were now two vacancies on the Committee. No expressions of interest in joining the Committee were received from members present.

RESOLVED: That consideration of revised terms of reference for the Committee be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

(d) VACANCIES ON ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

The Clerk reported that with the resignation of Cllr Wilson there were now two vacancies on the Committee. No expressions of interest in joining the Committee were received from members present.

RESOLVED: That filling the vacancies on the Committee be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

(e) GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE SOUTH ANSTON FESTIVAL OF TREES AND LIGHTS

The Clerk reported that a grant application had been received from the festival but not on the appropriate forms or with all the information required.

RESOLVED: That the festival be asked to resubmit the application on the appropriate form.

166.21

PLANNING MATTERS

(a) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2020/1513, RE-PROFILING OF THE EXISTING TIPPED MATERIAL, IMPORTATION OF ADDITIONAL MATERIAL AND FINAL RESTORATION, KIVETON LANDFILL SITE OFF DOG KENNELS LANE, SOUTH ANSTON

The Clerk reported that following objections by the Parish Council and many others the application had been withdrawn.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

(b) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2021/2200, APPLICATION TO UNDERTAKE WORKS TO A TREE PROTECTED BY RMBC TPO NO.7, 2002, 1-2 THE GATE HOUSE, THE GREEN, NORTH ANSTON

RESOLVED: That no response be made.

(Cllr Baum-Dixon entered the meeting)

(c) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2021/1935, TWO STOREY AND SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, DETACHED OUTBUILDING TO REAR AND FORMATION OF MEANS OF ACCESS, 1 CROWGATE, SOUTH ANSTON

The Chairman reported that the Council, via the Clerk using his delegated powers, had submitted an objection to the application with concerns being expressed about the type of material proposed to be used and about traffic. In response the applicant had changed the material proposed to be used and conditional planning permission had been granted.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

(d) ENFORCEMENT NOTICE EN2021/0249, 63 RYTON ROAD, NORTH ANSTON

The Clerk reported that the planning authority were taking enforcement action in relation to a development at the property.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

167.21

LAND AND PROPERTY MATTERS

(a) FUTURE OF THE HILLCREST PROPERTY

The Clerk again reported that no progress had been made regarding this matter. Nothing having again been heard from RMBC despite the efforts of Cllr Wilson and others.

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

(b) CEMETERY EXTENSION PROJECT

The Clerk reported that he had met with the Council's land agent and the cemetery development company. The Clerk proposed a course of action and alternatives were discussed.

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

(c) OLD LIBRARY BUILDING

The Clerk updated members on developments relating to the building.

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 more public consultation information was required before the grant application for the recreation ground equipment could be submitted. That did not prevent the Council placing the order for the new equipment and refurbishment of other equipment at the other two sites.

RESOLVED: That the orders be placed for the refurbishment and/or new equipment for the Lockwood and Whitegates sites. Moreover that the play equipment working group liaises with the Clerk and the play equipment company to gather together the evidence for the grant application.

(e) LOCATION AND NUMBER OF REPLACEMENT NOTICEBOARDS

The Clerk reported that he had not received any additional suggestions from councillors regarding locations for noticeboards.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk and Cllrs Graham and Jepson meet to discuss proposed locations for new noticeboards and an update be provided to the next meeting of the Council.

(f) REVIEW OF PROVISION OF HANGING BASKETS

The Chairman reported that she had obtained costings for replacement hanging baskets from one company but more were required.

RESOLVED: That Cllrs Bentley, Graham and Jepson liaise with the Clerk to identify locations for hanging baskets and an update be provided to the next meeting of the Council.

168.21

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 plaque.

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

(b) BOOKS RELATING TO THE HISTORY OF THE PARISH

The Clerk again reported that the Responsible Financial Officer was progressing the reprinting of the book.

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

(c) PROBLEMS WITH LITTER IN THE PARISH

Cllr Baum-Dixon reported that he had sent the Clerk a list of RMBC maintained litter bins in the parish and that he was hopeful that the bins at Windsor Walk in South Anston would be replaced by RMBC.

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

(d) BOULDERING IN ANSTON STONES WOOD

The Clerk reported that the Council had previously agreed to drop this item from the agenda and it had been included on this one by error..

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

(e) SOUTH YORKSHIRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FLOOD RESILIENCE PROJECT

The Clerk reported that the Council was in the process of ordering equipment on behalf of Dinnington Town Council. A meeting of the parishes involved in the project was being planned for the new year.

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

(f) YOUTH SERVICES PROVISION IN THE PARISH

The Clerk reported that RMBC had sent the Council a list of youth provision available within the Anston and Dinnington area and he had circulated the list to members. It was noted that the non-uniformed provision was all based in Dinnington and it was suggested that the Council meet with the JADE organisation based in Dinnington to discuss what they provide. Cllr Jepson stated that youth provision would be on the agenda of the next meeting of the RMBC parish and town council network.

RESOLVED: That the Council request a meeting with JADE and an update be provided to the next meeting of the Council.

(g) PROPOSAL FOR MEMORIAL BENCH IN SOUTH ANSTON

Cllr Baum-Dixon reported that RMBC officers had wanted to know who owned Paradise Square before allowing the placing of any bench at that location. He also understand that Cllr Bowers had spoken with St James' Church about the possibility of placing a bench within its grounds.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Baum-Dixon and the other ward councillors liaise with Cllr Bowers to identify a suitable location for a bench, funding for it and an update be provided to the next meeting of the Council.

(h) LEVEL OF CRIME IN THE PARISH

Cllr Jepson had asked for this item to be added to the agenda of the meeting following circulation of the latest newsletter produced by the neighbourhood watch. The Clerk reported that he was endeavouring to arrange a meeting with the neighbourhood policing team in January.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and concerns about crime in the parish raised at the meeting with the neighbourhood policing team.

169.21

MEETINGS

(a) ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL PARISH & TOWN COUNCIL NETWORK MEETING – WEDNESDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2021

Cllr Jepson had attended the meeting and reported back on what had happened at it. The next meeting of the network would take place in January. The costs to parishes of organising Remembrance Sunday parades would be discussed at that meeting.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

170.21

EVENTS

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

Cllrs Baum-Dixon and Mears reported that the working group to develop proposals would be meeting in January.

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

171.21

CORRESPONDENCE

(a) ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL, JOINT WORKING AGREEMENT WITH LOCAL COUNCILS

The Clerk reported that the final published version of the joint working agreement had been received from RMBC and circulated to members.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

(b) NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL, DEFRA CONSULTATION ON AMENDING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2016

The Clerk reported on this consultation. NALC had raised some concerns that if the proposed changes were made then the burial capacity of many cemeteries would be reduced.

RESOLVED: That the Council submit a response to the Defra consultation reflecting the concerns raised by NALC.

172.21

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR WHICH PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

None.

173.21

ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

None.

174.21

DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

(a) COVID-19 SECURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOLDING OF MEETINGS

In the light of recent changes in Government guidance the Clerk asked members whether they wanted to change any of the Covid-19 arrangements for the holding of Council meetings.

RESOLVED: That no changes be made to the current arrangements.

(b) DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council take place on Monday 17th January 2022 at 7pm at the Parish Hall, 15a Ryton Road, North Anston.

Chris Pilkington PSLCC

Clerk to Anston Parish Council

12th January 2022