

ANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, 15A RYTON ROAD, NORTH ANSTON ON MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2020

Present: Councillors Diane Graham (Chairman), Paul Vernon (Vice-Chairman), Ben Bentley, Philip Bowers, Jonathan Ireland, Clive Jepson, Myles Manship, Glyn Prendergast, Drew Tarmey, Colin Tawn, Bev Thornley and Marie Wilkinson.

In Attendance: Chris Pilkington (Clerk to the Council), an employee of Corporate Services and four members of the public.

1.20 APOLOGIES

Apologies for the meeting and a reason for absence from it were received from Cllr Philip Matthews.

RESOLVED: That the reason for absence of Cllr Matthews be accepted.

2.20 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

Cllrs Ireland and Jepson declared interests in agenda items 8(a), 10(a) and 10(b) in their roles as members of Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

(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

There were no requests for dispensations.

3.20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Three written questions were received from members of the public. The first related to works due to be carried out in Anston Stones Wood by Network Rail to which the Chairman replied that she did not know the answer as she had only recently returned to the country. The second related to when the toilet block at the Parish Hall would be back in use and the Clerk explained the expected timescale for that and other was about what was happening regarding the proposed bike park at the

recreation ground. Cllr Vernon gave an update in relation to that matter.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

4.20 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) and 8(b) due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.

5.20 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16th DECEMBER 2019

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 16th December 2019 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

6.20 GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE MATTERS

(a) BUDGET AND PRECEPT DEMAND FOR THE 2020/2021 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Clerk presented the draft budget and precept demand for 2020/2021. Cllr Jepson requested a recorded vote on the adoption of the budget and precept.

RESOLVED: That the budget for 2020/2021 as presented be adopted by the Council and a precept demand of £377,600 for 2020/2021 be submitted to Rotherham Council.

In favour – Cllrs Bentley, Bowers, Graham, Jepson, Manship, Prendergast, Tarmey, Tawn, Thornley, Vernon and Wilkinson.

Against – Cllr Ireland.

(b) ADOPTION OF NEW GRIEVANCE AND DISCIPLINARY POLICIES

The Clerk reported that the National Association of Local Councils had produced new model grievance and disciplinary policies for adoption by parish and town councils and presented draft policies based on them prepared by Cllr Wilkinson and himself.

RESOLVED: That the Council adopt the draft grievance and disciplinary policies as presented.

(c) FILMING AT MEETINGS

Cllr Ireland had asked for this matter to be placed on the agenda of the Council asking that the decision of the Council made on 16th September 2019 to cease the filming of meetings and the placing of them on the website be reversed.

RESOLVED: That standing order 7(a) be suspended and meetings of the full Council be filmed, and those films placed on the new website of the Council. Those films to include audio recording.

Cllr Bentley left the meeting at 7.30pm.

Following disruption the meeting adjourned at 7.36pm and re-commenced business at 7.45pm.

(d) ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, WEDNESDAY 22nd APRIL 2020

The Clerk reminded members that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on Wednesday 22nd April 2020 and sought guidance as to whom to invite to it. Other local councils sometimes using it as an opportunity to invite the police, other service providers and community groups to present on their activities over the previous year.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council invite the RMBC ward councillors for the area, a representative of South Yorkshire Police and a representative of St James' Church to the meeting.

7.20

PLANNING MATTERS

(a) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2019/1820 – DEMOLITION OF EXISTING CONSERVATORY AND ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, 65 WORKSOP ROAD, SOUTH ANSTON

RESOLVED: That no response be made.

(b) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2019/1911 – ERECTION OF WAREHOUSE BUILDING, ABILITY HANDLING, HOUGHTON ROAD, NORTH ANSTON

RESOLVED: That no response be made.

(c) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2019/1914 – SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSIONS, 48 EDINBURGH DRIVE, NORTH ANSTON

RESOLVED: That no response be made.

(d) SPEEDING TRAFFIC IN THE PARISH

Cllr Bowers had asked for this item to be placed on the agenda following a recent accident in the parish near the Baulk and concerns about speeding in areas of the parish. A discussion took place and Cllr Jepson reported that he and the other RMBC ward councillors for Anston & Woodsetts had bought a speed indication device for use in the ward.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and Cllr Jepson be asked to arrange for the speed indication device to be deployed on the Baulk and elsewhere on Ryton Road.

8.20

LAND AND PROPERTY MATTERS

(c) REPAIRS TO THE BOWLING PAVILION

The Clerk reported that the repairs to the roof of the bowling pavilion had been completed.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

(d) PURCHASE OF A ROUNDABOUT PIECE OF PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR THE RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk reported that further to the last meeting it had been drawn to his attention that the decision to obtain two quotes for a brand-new roundabout had taken place less than six months since the original decision to purchase the refurbished item of equipment. Since standing order 7(a) had not been suspended at the meeting in December then in his opinion the original decision of the Council stood. In respect of the substantive issue he had not yet received the information required from company to enable him to order the refurbished roundabout.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and the company be asked to supply the information required within fourteen days of the meeting.

9.20

PARISH MATTERS

(a) VISIT TO BLUEBELL WOOD CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

The Clerk reported on a visit which he and a group of councillors had made to the hospice on 17th December to present them with the £300 raised for the charity at the bonfire night event. They had been shown round of the hospice and had learnt much about the worthwhile work of the charity.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and the Charity contacted to explore ways the Parish Council and it could work more closely together.

Following disruption a member of the public was asked to leave the meeting.

(b) PROVISION OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND TREES IN 2020

Cllr Prendergast reported that he was arranging a meeting with staff from Dinnington St.John's Town Council to find out details of their arrangements and he would bring an update back to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

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

(c) RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS CARRYING OUT WORK ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL

Cllr Prendergast had asked for this issue to be placed on the agenda of the Council given that a gentleman was carrying out litter picks on parish council land and that other volunteers were assisting in the maintenance of the cemetery.

RESOLVED: That the volunteers be recognised for their work at the awards night to be held later in 2020.

10.20

CORRESPONDENCE

(a) ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL 2021/2022 TERM TIMES CONSULTATION

RESOLVED: That no response be made to the consultation.

(b) ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL TACKLING FAR RIGHT EXTREMISM WORKSHOPS, 30th JANUARY 2020 AND 2nd MARCH 2020

RESOLVED: That the workshops be noted.

(c) COMMUNITY MATTERS (YORKSHIRE) MAKING YOUR COMMUNITY BUILDING A SUCCESS EVENT, THURSDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2020

RESOLVED: That Cllr Graham attend the event on behalf of the Council.

(d) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS SOUTH YORKSHIRE BRANCH MEETING, SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2020

It was noted that Cllrs Bentley and Thornton would be attending the meeting as the two designated voting representatives of the Council. Cllr Graham expressed an interest in attending too as a non-voting representative.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Graham attend the meeting as a non-voting representative in addition to the two voting representatives of the Council.

(e) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS SPRING TRAINING CONFERENCE, SATURDAY 28th MARCH 2020

RESOLVED: That the conference be noted.

11.20

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR WHICH PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

ITEM 8(a) NEW LEASE OF THE CROWGATE RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk presented the latest draft of the proposed new lease of the Crowgate Recreation Ground from Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council. The draft had addressed concerns expressed by the Parish Council about the previous version.

RESOLVED: That the lease as presented be agreed to and signed by the Parish Council. In addition that the Clerk liaise with RMBC to arrange for two football pitches to be marked out and maintained on the site by them. One to be a junior pitch.

ITEM 8(b) CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE CEMETERY EXTENSION PROJECT

The Clerk presented solicitors advice regarding the correspondence from landowners.

RESOLVED: That the advice of the solicitor be accepted and a land agent be appointed to act on behalf of the Council.

12.20 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That arrangements for the 2020 awards evening be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Council. Also that a statement about expected behaviours be made before the commencement of business.

13.20 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council next meet on Monday 17th February 2020 at 7pm at the Parish Hall, 15a Ryton Road, North Anston.

Chris Pilkington PSLCC

Clerk to Anston Parish Council

14th February 2020