

ANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, 15A RYTON ROAD, NORTH ANSTON ON MONDAY 21st JUNE 2021

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

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

78.21 APOLOGIES

None.

79.21 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

Cllr Wilson declared an interest in respect of agenda item 7.

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

None.

80.21 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 items 8(a), 8(b), 8(c) and 8(d) due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.

81.21 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 17th MAY 2021

It was noted that Cllr Jepson had been left off the list of members appointed to the F&GP Committee at the Annual Meeting

RESOLVED: That Cllr Jepson's name be added to the list of members appointed to the F&GP Committee and that with that one amendment the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Monday 17th

May 2021 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

82.21 GOVERNANCE MATTERS

(a) PROCESS FOR FILLING TWO ORDINARY VACANCIES ON THE COUNCIL

The Clerk reported that he had contacted RMBC and that they had informed him that they were happy for the Council to co-opt to fill the vacancies at its July meeting. Moreover that so long as the Council was making efforts to fill the vacancies RMBC had no intention of calling fresh elections to fill them.

RESOLVED: That the Council advertises for expressions of interest in being co-opted on to the Council with the intention of co-opting to fill the two vacancies at its meeting on 19th July.

(b) 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. No expressions of interest had been received from councillors wanting to join the Committee.

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

(c) 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 Bentley had expressed an interest in being co-opted on 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 Bentley be appointed to the Committee until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

(d) REVIEW OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE AND FILLING OF TWO VACANCIES ON THE COMMITTEE

The Clerk presented the latest version of the terms of reference of the Committee which had been agreed by the Council in March 2020. No expressions of interest had been received from councillors wanting to join the Committee.

RESOLVED: That no changes be made to the terms of reference of the Committee.

(e) MEDIA POLICY FOR PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk presented draft media and social media policies to the Council and suggested that the two policies be combined. A discussion then took place and at the request of Cllr Bentley a recorded vote was requested regarding whether consideration of a social media policy should be deferred to a future meeting.

For deferment: Cllrs Baum-Dixon, Bentley, Bowers, Jepson, Tarmey, Tawn, Wilkinson and Wilson.

Against: Cllrs Graham, Ireland, Ireland, Manship and Mears.

A vote then took place regarding whether the Council should adopt the draft media policy and at the request of Cllr Bentley this was a recorded vote.

For: Cllrs Baum-Dixon, Graham, Ireland, Ireland, Manship, Mears, Tarmey and Wilson.

Against: Cllrs Bentley, Bowers, Jepson and Tawn.

RESOLVED: That the Council adopt the draft media policy as presented and that consideration of the social media policy be deferred to a future meeting of 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) ARRANGEMENTS FOR REPORTING BY RMBC WARD COUNCILLORS

It was suggested by Cllr Jepson that the ward councillors be invited to formally report to the Parish Council on RMBC business affecting the parish.

RESOLVED: That the agenda of future meetings of the Council include a ward councillors report item.

(h) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS

The Clerk reported that Cllr Ireland (Jnr) had drawn his attention to apparent inconsistency between the Council's policy of only receiving written questions during public participation sessions and the wording of the standing orders and asked the Council to confirm its policy one way or the other.

RESOLVED: That the Council maintain its policy of only receiving written questions during public participation sessions and that revised standing orders reflecting that be brought to the next meeting of the Council.

(i) ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RECORDING OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

With the Council having resumed physical meetings the Clerk asked the Council whether it wanted to continue with the recording of its meetings and whether it wanted to record committee meetings as well.

RESOLVED: That the Council continue to record full meetings of the Council but not of committee meetings.

83.21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

84.21 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2021/0942, EXTENSION TO RESIDENTIAL GARDEN AREA AND RETENTION OF STABLE BLOCK AND YARD, BIRKETT HOUSE, LINDRICK COMMON, LINDRICK

RESOLVED: That no response be made.

(b) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2021/0960, PROPOSED REAR EXTENSION, FRONT /SIDE EXTENSION AND DETACHED GARAGE, 12 HIGH ASH DRIVE, SOUTH ANSTON

RESOLVED: That no response be made.

(c) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2021/1015, APPLICATION FOR LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE REGARDING DEMOLITION OF EXISTING EXTENSION AND ERECTION OF PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, 31 NURSERY CRESCENT, NORTH ANSTON

RESOLVED: That no response be made.

(d) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2021/1022, ERECTION OF ORANGERY TO REAR, 2 DEEP CARRS LANE, LINDRICK

RESOLVED: That no response be made.

(e) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2021/1085, ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION FOR VETERINARY FACILITIES, THORNBERRY ANIMAL SANCTUARY, TODWICK ROAD, NORTH ANSTON

RESOLVED: That no response be made.

(f) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2021/1136, SINGLE STOREY REAR GARDEN ROOM EXTENSION, GREEN ACRES, SANCTUARY FIELDS, NORTH ANSTON

RESOLVED: That no response be made.

85.21

LAND AND PROPERTY MATTERS

(a) TENDER DOCUMENTS FOR WORKS TO PARISH HALL AND OLD LIBRARY

The Clerk asked for consideration of the tender documents to be deferred to a future meeting of the Council or the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

RESOLVED: That consideration of the tender documents be deferred to a future meeting of the Council or the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

(b) FUTURE OF THE HILLCREST PROPERTY

The Clerk updated members on negotiations with RMBC regarding the future of the site.

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

(c) CEMETERY EXTENSION PROJECT

The Clerk reported that he was due to have a meeting with the cemetery development company and the Council's land agents on 30th June.

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

(d) OLD LIBRARY BUILDING

The Clerk reported that further to the last meeting he had sought costs for a residential valuation of the property as well as a commercial valuation and he presented those costs to the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Council just obtain a commercial rental and sale valuation for the property as previously agreed and an update be provided to the next meeting of the Council.

(e) REPLACEMENT OF PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Clerk updated members on proposals received to date and it was agreed to set up a working group to bring recommendations to a future meeting of either the full Council or the Finance & General Purposes Committee as to what equipment should be bought.

RESOLVED: That a working group comprised of Cllrs Bowers, Graham, Tawn and Wilkinson and supported by the Clerk be created to agree recommendations to go to either a meeting of the full Council or of the Finance & General Purposes Committee for decision.

(f) MEMORIAL BENCH FOR THE BAULK

The Clerk reported that the memorial bench remained on order and that he was chasing the supplier.

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

(g) WATER SUPPLY TO RACKFORD MEADOW

Further to the last meeting of the Council Cllr Wilkinson had been investigating costs for the provision of a water supply.

RESOLVED: That in liaison with the Clerk and Cllrs Bentley and Tawn Cllr Wilkinson continue to investigate costs for a water supply to Rackford Meadow to feed into the budget planning process for 2022/2023.

86.11

PARISH MATTERS

(a) SPEEDING ON RYTON ROAD

The Clerk reported on concerns about speeding on Ryton Road raised by a resident with both the Parish Council and the ward councillors. Cllr Baum-Dixon reported that he had met with the police and RMBC officers to discuss the issue and see what could be done.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council support efforts by RMBC and others to reduce speeding on Ryton Road and an update be provided to the next meeting of the Council.

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

The Clerk 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.

(c) DONATION OF LAPTOPS TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Clerk reported that the laptops remained on order from the new supplier.

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

(d) BOOKS RELATING TO THE HISTORY OF THE PARISH

The Clerk reported that the Finance & General Purposes Committee had agreed expenditure on the reprinting at its meeting on 9th June.

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

(e) PROBLEMS WITH LITTER IN THE PARISH

The Clerk reported that he was liaising with the ward councillors about this matter and Cllr Baum-Dixon updated members on what the ward councillors had been doing in this respect.

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

(f) BOULDERING IN ANSTON STONES WOOD

The Clerk reported concerns about bouldering within Anston Stones Wood. The activity was happening without the consent of the Council and there were concerns about the impact on the flora and fauna of the SSSI. In addition he understood that Network Rail had concerns about boulderers being present near the track.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk liaise with Natural England and others with a view to then engaging with bouldering groups to agree usage of Anston Stones Wood and an update provided to the next meeting of the Council.

87.21

EVENTS

(a) 2021 STEAM RALLY

The Clerk again reported that he understood that everything was on track for the rally to be held the following weekend.

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

(b) REQUEST TO HOLD FUN FAIR

The Clerk reported that he had been informed that, given the proximity of the Parish Hall Recreation Ground to the site of the annual funfair in Dinnington and the rules of the Showmans Guild, only the organisers of the latter event could run a funfair at the Recreation Ground. He was liaising with the family who ran the event at Dinnington to see if they could put on a funfair in Anston.

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

(c) ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2021 BONFIRE NIGHT & FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The Clerk updated members on arrangements for the bonfire night and fireworks display.

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

88.21 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL, IDENTIFICATION OF WARD PRIORITIES FOR WARD PLANS

The Clerk reported that RMBC had extended the deadline for parish councils and others to suggest items for inclusion in the ward plans. No items were identified which had not been identified at the previous meeting.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

(b) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS, ELECTION OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES TO RMBC STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Clerk reported that parish councils in the district had been invited to nominate representatives to the RMBC Standards and Ethics Committee.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and no nominations made.

(c) ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL, SECOND DRAFT OF JOINT WORKING AGREEMENT BETWEEN RMBC AND LOCAL COUNCILS

RESOLVED: That the draft be noted.

(d) OPEN SPACES SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – THURSDAY 8th JULY 2021

RESOLVED: That the notice of the AGM be noted.

89.21 DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR WHICH PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

None.

90.21 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

None.

91.21 MEETING DATES

(a) TIMES OF FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That the regular meeting time of the Committee now be 7.30pm.

(b) DATE OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL IN APRIL 2022

The Clerk reported that the scheduled date of the April 2022 meeting of the Council would fall on Easter Monday and suggested that it be moved to the following day.

RESOLVED: That the meeting of the Council in April 2022 be held on Tuesday 19th April 2022.

(c) MEETING DATES OF THE COUNCIL IN MAY 2022

RESOLVED: That the Annual Meeting of the Council take place on Monday 16th May 2022 and that a separate ordinary meeting of the Council take place on Monday 23rd May 2022.

(d) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council next meet on Monday 19th July 2021 at 7pm at the Parish Hall, 15a Ryton Road, North Anston.

Chris Pilkington PSLCC

Clerk to Anston Parish Council

14th July 2021