

ANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONLINE ON MONDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2020

Present: Councillors Diane Graham (Chairman), Ben Bentley, Clive Jepson, Philip Matthews, Drew Tarmey, Colin Tawn, Stuart Thornton and Marie Wilkinson.

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

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

69.20 APOLOGIES

Apologies for the meeting and reasons for absence from it were received from Cllrs Philip Bowers, Jonathan Ireland and Bev Thornley.

RESOLVED: That the reasons for absence of Cllrs Bowers, Ireland and Thornley be accepted.

70.20 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.

71.20 PRESENTATION ABOUT HEDGEHOG FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Members of the Council received a presentation from Ms Hannah Tingle about hedgehog friendly communities and what could be done in Anston to protect hedgehogs.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and Ms Tingle be invited to apply for a grant from the Parish Council towards making Anston a hedgehog friendly community.

72.20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

73.20 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR THE EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded for the consideration of agenda items 7(d), 7(e), 7(f), 8(a), 8(b) and 8(c) due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.

74.20 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 10th AUGUST 2020

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 10th August 2020 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

75.20 GOVERNANCE MATTERS

(a) CASUAL VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk reported that after taking advice from the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations and liaising with RMBC local electors had been given an opportunity to call for a by-election to fill the vacancy on the north ward of the Parish Council. The deadline for an election to be called had been 18th September and he was waiting to hear from RMBC whether a poll had been called. If one was called then any election to fill the vacancy would take place on Thursday 6th May 2021 as part of the ordinary elections to the Parish Council.

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

(Cllr Jepson joined the meeting)

(b) MEMBERSHIP OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Council considered the recommendation of the internal auditor that the membership of the Finance & General Purposes Committee be increased in order to reduce the chances of the committee having inquorate meetings. A discussion then took place.

RESOLVED: That no change be made to the number of councillors on the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

(c) VACANCY ON ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

The Clerk reported that there was still a vacancy on the Allotments Committee which required filling. There were no expressions of interest in joining the Committee.

RESOLVED: That the matter be considered again at the next meeting of the Council.

76.20

PLANNING MATTERS

(a) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2020/1221, SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING PORCH, 9 MAGNOLIA CLOSE, SOUTH ANSTON

RESOLVED: That no response be made.

(b) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2020/1291, DEMOLITION OF CONSERVATORY AND ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY SIDE/REAR EXTENSION, 8 LIMEKILNS, NORTH ANSTON

RESOLVED: That no response be made.

(c) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2020/1399, SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION, 31 THIRLMERE DRIVE, NORTH ANSTON

RESOLVED: That no response be made.

(d) ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS (AFFORDABLE HOUSING SPD, COMMUNITY FACILITIES SPD, DEVELOPMENT VIABILITY SPD, NATURAL ENVIRONMENT SPD AND TRANSPORT ASSESSMENTS, TRAVEL PLANS AND PARKING STANDARDS SPD) CONSULTATION

RESOLVED: That the consultation be noted.

(e) GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE WHITE PAPER

RESOLVED: That the consultation be noted.

(f) GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO THE CURRENT PLANNING SYSTEM

RESOLVED: That the consultation be noted.

(g) GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON TRANSPARENCY AND COMPETITION DATA AND LAND CONTROL

RESOLVED: That the consultation be noted.

77.20

MEETINGS - YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS SOUTH YORKSHIRE BRANCH MEETING CHANGE OF DATE FROM WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2020 TO WEDNESDAY 28th OCTOBER 2020

RESOLVED: That the change of date of the meeting be noted.

78.20

PARISH MATTERS – ANNUAL BONFIRE & FIREWORKS DISPLAY EVENT 5th NOVEMBER 2020

The Clerk spoke to the report he had prepared recommending the cancellation of the Annual Bonfire & Fireworks Display on 5th

November 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic. A discussion then took place.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Bonfire & Fireworks display due to be held on Thursday 5th November 2020 be cancelled.

79.20

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR WHICH PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

ITEM 7(d) COMPLAINT MADE BY A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL REGARDING BFKKO GROUP

The Council considered a complaint by Cllr Thornton regarding an employee of BFKKO Group and a discussion took place.

RESOLVED: That no action be taken in regard to the complaint.

ITEM 7(e) COMPLAINT FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

The Council considered a complaint made by a member of the public regarding Cllr Thornton and a discussion took place. It was noted that the Parish Council had no legal power to investigate complaints as to whether or not a member of the Council had breached the Council's code of conduct.

RESOLVED: That the member of the public be informed that if they wanted to make a complaint as to whether or not a member of the Council had breached the code of conduct then they should contact the monitoring officer at Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council.

ITEM 7(f) COMPLAINT BY A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL REGARDING THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 10th AUGUST 2020

The Council considered a complaint by Cllr Jonathan Ireland about the Chairman of the Council and the conduct of the meeting of the Council held on 10th August 2020. The Clerk reported a request from Cllr Ireland to defer the matter to the following meeting given that he could not attend the meeting. A discussion then took place.

RESOLVED: That if any member of the Council believes that another member of the Council has breached the code of conduct of the Council then they should contact the monitoring officer at Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council.

ITEM 8(a) UPDATE REGARDING THE HILLCREST PROPERTY

The Clerk spoke to the report he had prepared regarding the proposal by Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council to resolve the matter of the ownership and use of the site through the agreement of a lease. A discussion then took place.

RESOLVED: That the proposal not be accepted and that the Clerk bring back a new proposal which would be acceptable to the Council.

ITEM 8(b) UPDATE ON CEMETERY EXTENSION PROJECT

The Clerk spoke to the report he had prepared and a discussion took place.

RESOLVED: That the recommendation of the report be accepted and an update provided to the next meeting of the Council.

ITEM 8(c) UPDATE ON OLD LIBRARY BUILDING

Cllr Bentley spoke to the draft terms of reference for the Old Library Building Working Group which he had prepared.

RESOLVED: That the terms of reference be agreed and that Cllrs Bentley, Jepson, Tawn, Vernon and Wilkinson form the membership of the working group with the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer providing the officer support.

80.20 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the matters of whether Cllrs John Ireland and Philip Matthews were still legally qualified to be members of the Council and arrangements for Remembrance Sunday be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Council.

81.20 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

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

Chris Pilkington PSLCC
Clerk to Anston Parish Council
14th October 2020