

## **ANSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONLINE ON MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021**

**Present:** Councillors Diane Graham (Chairman), Ben Bentley, Phil Bowers, John Ireland, Jonathan Ireland, Clive Jepson, Philip Matthews and Marie Wilkinson.

**In Attendance:** Chris Pilkington (Clerk), Michael Gazur (Responsible Financial Officer) and three members of the public.

#### **42.21 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for the meeting and reasons for absence from it were received from Cllrs Drew Tarmey, Colin Tawn and Bev Thornley.

**RESOLVED:** That the reasons for absence of Cllrs Tarmey, Tawn and Thornley be accepted.

#### **43.21 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**

Cllrs Jepson declared an interest in respect of agenda item 8(a).

**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.

#### **44.21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

#### **45.21 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR THE EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** That should they be present later in the meeting 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.

**46.21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021**

Cllr Jepson asked that minute 28.21 record that he had left the meeting for that agenda item and had not taken part in the discussion or vote relating to it.

**RESOLVED:** That with the one amendment to 28.21 the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

**47.21 GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

**(a) UNCONTESTED ELECTIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL ON THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021**

The Clerk reported that the elections to the Parish Council on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 would be uncontested with ten candidates having been returned for the north ward and three for the south ward leaving one ordinary vacancy to be filled for each of the wards. Three councillors had not stood for re-election and three new councillors would be joining the Parish Council after 6<sup>th</sup> May. The Chairman thanked outgoing councillors Matthews, Thornley and Vernon for their work on behalf of the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED:** That this be noted.

**(b) CASUAL VACANCY ON NORTH WARD OF PARISH COUNCIL**

The Clerk reported that as of 20<sup>th</sup> April Cllr Stuart Thornton had ceased to be a member of the Parish Council as a result of non-attendance at meetings for six months and that a casual vacancy had been created on the north ward of the Council. That would be filled as part of the uncontested elections on 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**RESOLVED:** That this be noted.

**(c) ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021**

Members considered the draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and no matters arising from the meeting were identified.

**RESOLVED:** That this be noted.

**(d) REPORT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE 2020-2021 FINANCIAL YEAR**

**RESOLVED:** That the report of the internal auditor be accepted and its recommendations implemented.

**(e) ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR THE 2020/2021 FINANCIAL YEAR**

**RESOLVED:** That the Annual Governance Statement for the 2020/2021 financial year be approved as completed.

**(f) ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS FOR THE 2020/2021 FINANCIAL YEAR**

**RESOLVED:** That the accounting statements for the 2020/2021 financial year be approved as completed.

**(g) DATES FOR THE PERIOD OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF INSPECTION IN RELATION TO THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN FOR 2020-2021**

**RESOLVED:** That the period for the exercise of public rights be from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021.

**(h) RESERVES POLICY FOR THE 2021-2022 FINANCIAL YEAR**

**RESOLVED:** The reserves policy was adopted as presented.

**(i) 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.

48.21

**PLANNING MATTERS**

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

Cllr Jepson reported that it was not yet known when the application would be considered by the RMBC planning board.

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

**(b) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2020/1783, OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR THE DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUNGLAOW AND ERECTION OF SIX DWELLING HOUSES WITH ALL MATTERS RESERVED, 13 QUARRY LANE, NORTH ANSTON**

Cllr Jepson reported that the Chairman and himself had attended the RMBC planning board meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> April and spoken to object to the application. However the board had granted conditional planning permission for the application.

**RESOLVED:** That this be noted.

**(c) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2021/0628, PRIOR NOTIFICATION FOR A LARGER HOUSE EXTENSION WITH A 4.5 METRE REAR EXTENSION, A HEIGHT OF 2.5 METRES TO THE EAVES AND AN OVERALL HEIGHT OF 3.66 METRES, 18 ELDER AVENUE, NORTH ANSTON**

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

**(d) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2021/0656, SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, 9 PARKSTONE PLACE, SOUTH ANSTON**

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

**(e) PLANNING APPLICATION RB2021/0698, ERECTION OF TWO DWELLINGHOUSES, LAND TO REAR OF 7 WOODSETTS ROAD, NORTH ANSTON**

**RESOLVED:** That a neutral observation be made that the development made lead to an increase in traffic at the location and along the road in question.

**(f) ADOPTION OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN**

**RESOLVED:** That the adoption of the plan be noted.

**49.21**

## **LAND AND PROPERTY MATTERS**

**(e) REPLACEMENT OF PLAY EQUIPMENT**

The Clerk reported that he was awaiting proposals and quotes from a third company before presenting them and the other two companies proposals to the Council.

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

**(f) MEMORIAL BENCH FOR THE BAULK**

The Clerk reported that the memorial bench was on order.

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

**(g) PROBLEMS WITH OFF ROAD BIKERS IN ANSTON STONES WOOD AND ELSEWHERE**

The Clerk reported on ongoing problems with off road bikers in Anston Stones Wood and elsewhere and correspondence received about the matter from RMBC and the MP. He was liaising with South Yorkshire and RMBC about the matter.

**RESOLVED:** That this be noted and the Clerk take whatever steps are required to help prevent off road biking within Anston Stones Wood and other areas owned or managed by the Parish Council.

**(h) ERECTION OF FENCING ALONG BRIDLEWAY 47 IN NORTH ANSTON**

The Clerk reported that he had been contacted by residents about the erection of fencing by a landowner along the bridleway. It was believed that he was not entitled to do so, and the Parish Council and a number of residents had reported the matter to the RMBC rights of way team. They in turn had contacted the landowner and required him to place the fencing on his land within a month otherwise they would remove the fencing themselves.

**RESOLVED:** That this be noted.

**50.21**

**ALLOTMENT MATTERS**

**(a) WHETHER NON-RESIDENTS OF THE PARISH SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO JOIN THE WAITING LIST FOR PLOTS**

The Clerk reported that the last three meetings of the Allotments Committee had been inquorate and so he had brought several matters to the full Council for decision. He reported that several long-standing plot holders lived outside the parish despite the current tenancy agreement requiring plot holders to live within the parish. However they were in good standing and may have taken on the plots before the current agreement came into effect. He therefore wanted the Council to confirm that non residents could not join the waiting list so that he could provide a definite answer to non-residents who had asked to join the waiting list. Also to confirm or otherwise the status of the two non-residents who had plots.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council confirms that non-residents of the parish not be allowed to join the waiting list for allotment plots.

**(b) STATUS OF NON-RESIDENTS WHO CURRENTLY HAVE PLOTS**

**RESOLVED:** That the non-residents who currently have plots be allowed to keep them.

**51.21**

**MEETINGS**

**(a) ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL COVID-19 BRIEFING MEETING – WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2021**

Neither the Clerk or Cllr Jepson had been able to attend this meeting but the Clerk reported that he had circulated the minutes of the meeting to members.

**RESOLVED:** That this be noted.

**(b) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS REMOTE CONFERENCE, WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2021 – THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2021**

The Responsible Financial Officer had attended the conference and spoke to the report on it he had circulated.

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

52.11

**PARISH MATTERS**

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

The Clerk reported that further to the last meeting he had contacted both the resident who had first raised the issue and RMBC. RMBC were considering temporary memorials across the district but for anything more permanent they were asking if the Parish Council would be willing to sponsor or maintain the memorial. Cllr Jepson had still to contact the Methodist Church about possibly having a memorial in the memorial garden in South Anston. A discussion took place and it was thought that a memorial on the memorial wall at the Parish Council cemetery in South Anston.

**RESOLVED:** That further information about a possible memorial in the South Anston cemetery be brought to a future meeting of the Council.

**(b) DONATION OF LAPTOPS TO LOCAL SCHOOLS**

The Clerk reported that he was in the process of switching supplier as the original order had not been fulfilled.

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

**(c) BOOKS RELATING TO THE HISTORY OF THE PARISH**

The Responsible Financial Officer updated members on progress towards getting the books reprinting.

**RESOLVED:** That this be noted and relevant costings taken to a future meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

**(d) PROBLEMS WITH LITTER IN THE PARISH**

The Clerk reported that problems with littering in the parish had been reported by residents and councillors. Cllr Jepson reported that RMBC was planning to replace all its litter bins. It was noted that RMBC provided some practical support for volunteer litter pickers in the parish.

**RESOLVED:** That this be noted and the volunteers thanked for their efforts.

**53.21**

**EVENTS**

**(a) 2021 STEAM RALLY**

The Clerk reported that everything was on track for the rally to be held in late June.

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

**(b) REQUEST TO HOLD FUN FAIR**

At the invitation of the Chairman Mr Cassidy spoke about the idea of the Tuckers putting on a funfair in late September/early October. It was noted that the Charity had already agreed to hold a funfair earlier in the year provided by another company.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council meet with the Tuckers to discuss the matter in more detail.

**(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.

**54.21**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**(a) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS, GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF REMOTE MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED:** That the Council respond to the consultation in favour of local councils having the ongoing flexibility to hold meetings remotely.

**(b) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS, NOMINATIONS FOR THE YLCA JOINT EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**RESOLVED:** That no action be taken.

**(c) ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL, DRAFT JOINT WORKING AGREEMENT (CHARTER) WITH LOCAL COUNCILS**

**RESOLVED:** That the draft working agreement be noted.

**(d) ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL, LOCAL AUTHORITY TREESCAPE FUND**

**RESOLVED:** That this be noted.

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

**8(a) FUTURE OF THE HILLCREST PROPERTY**

Members considered the legal advice presented and the report of the Clerk.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council continue to liaise with RMBC to agree a lease of the site at a peppercorn rent allowing the Council the same use of the site as it has had in the past.

**(b) CEMETERY EXTENSION PROJECT**

The Clerk reported that a meeting with the cemetery development company was due shortly.

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

**(c) OLD LIBRARY BUILDING**

The Clerk spoke to his report and a discussion took place. It was felt that the quote for a valuation of the rental and sale value of the building was acceptable and should be progressed but that decisions on other matters contained within the report be deferred until after the new Council took office.

**RESOLVED:** That the valuation report be progressed with the figures required to include ones relating to both commercial and residential uses of the building.

**(d) REPAIRS TO FENCING BETWEEN RACKFORD ROAD AND BIBBY'S FIELD**

The Clerk spoke to his report and the quotes received and a discussion took place. It was felt that further information should be obtained about the background to the fencing having come to be in place in the first place.

**RESOLVED:** That further information be obtained and the matter considered at the next meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

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

None.

**57.21 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the Annual Meeting of the Council take place either virtually via Zoom or at Anston Parish Hall on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Chris Pilkington PSLCC

Clerk to Anston Parish Council

12<sup>th</sup> May 2021