

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on September 21st 2015 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Shrewsbury Rd, Penistone

Present: The Mayor Cllr. Millner, in the chair, **Cllrs. Marsh, Mrs. Millner, Chadburn, Cutts, Denton, Hand – Davis, Hinchliff, Mrs. Hinchliff, Kimberly, Ogle, Mrs. Rusby Unsworth and Webber**

Also present the Town Clerk **K. Coulton, public and press.**

The Deputy **Mayor** offered ten minutes public participation prior to the meeting proper.

Comments from the public included:

A resident from Hartcliff Road expressed his concerns regarding the new development despite writing to Barnsley MBC he had not received a reply on the condition of the highway which is now in a deplorable state and causing structural damage to his property. Would the Ward Members investigate the matter with Barnsley MBC Planning Officers?

Cllr. Millner suggested a site meeting with the case officer.

There being no further questions the Mayor opened the meeting proper.

1. Apologies for absence – Cllr. Hayler **RESOLVED** that the apology is accepted

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest

In accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2011

The **Deputy Mayor** invited declarations of which Cllr. Unsworth declared an interest in agenda item 5g Fairtrade

3 Approval of Minutes.

The Minutes of the following meetings were **approved** a true record and signed by the **Town Mayor** accordingly

- a) The Town Council Meeting held on July 20th 2015
- b) The Planning Committee held on July 20th 2015
- c) The Planning Committee held on September 1st 2015

4. Reports from Elected Members of Barnsley M.B.C.

Cllr. Hand – Davis referred to the Traffic Commission which was to have a meeting with one of the bus operators as it was considered the company was not providing a satisfactory service.

Prior to re - organisation in 1974 Hoylandswaine RDC had its own stamp of office was this stamp in the office of the Town Council?

The **Town Clerk** agreed to look.

Cllr. Unsworth commented that there had been no plans to discuss at the last meeting of Barnsley MBC Planning Regulatory Board.

Cllr. Millner commented on rural broadband and that 98% of locations will be covered.

There appeared to be an improvement on taxi services as officers have been enforcing new regulations

Cllr. Cutts referred to the traffic situation on Green Road and that the road markings had still not been implemented.

Signed.....Mayor 19/10/15

Elected Member reports continued

Cllr. Mrs. Rusby had also received complaints about Green Road and added local residents comments are never taken into consideration. The Town Council was not consulted or it would have brought these problems to highway officers.

The **Town Clerk** agreed to invite an officer from highways to the next meeting.

Cllr. Marsh commented that the square about in the town centre had made no improvement to traffic flows and that following a six month trial it could be reversed. There was still no pedestrian management and it is becoming dangerous.

Cllr. Hand – Davis added that there would always be mitigation for pedestrians and would be surprised if it was reversed.

The **Town Mayor** thanked the ward members for their reports

5. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) Upper Don Action Group
- b) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue briefing note
- c) Clean and Tidy project
- d) Rural Opportunities bulletin
- e) YLCA Public Contracts Regulations 2015 amendments to standing orders
- f) Neighbourhood Plan
- g) Fairtrade
- h) J. Pinguey – thank you letter
- i) YLCA development programme
- j) External Audit report

The **Town Clerk** read out the report from the External Auditor which recommended that the Town Council takes action on any issues that the internal auditor raises in its reports. Otherwise a very satisfactory report.

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Cutts reported on the following:

Staffing: Two relief staff have been appointed

Programme: Films over the summer have been well attended.

Live Events: these are booking well all the way to Christmas which is encouraging.

Building: Work on the replacing of the boiler has commenced and should be completed before the end of September.

Work will continue to keep the gutters clear of leaves to prevent water ingress and flooding.

Organ Trust: Next year's dates have been confirmed for concerts - these will be a mix of venues at the Paramount St. Andrews, and the new Astoria Centre

7. Accounts and Finance.

The following accounts had been previously circulated to Members and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the following:

- a) The General Account to the sum of **£27,485.68**
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£68,055.92**
- c) The following requests for financial assistance were deferred for further information
 - Springvale Community Garden
 - Razzamatazz Musical Theatre Company

Signed.....Mayor 19/10/15

8. Resource Centre – The **Town Clerk** reported that Barnsley MBC is to meet on September 23rd to agree changes to children’s services. A full report will be given at the meeting in October **NOTED**

9. Community Centre – The **Town Clerk** reported that the roof of the building had been maintained slates replaced and repointing work to the ridge.
New ceiling tiles had been fitted to the top and lower halls and new internal doors Fitted.
Six new user groups are now booking the centre

10. Public Toilets –**Cllr. Marsh** reported that work is now taking place following the installation of the new meter by N. Power

11. Neighbourhood Plan – Following a brief presentation by **Cllr. Webber** it was **RESOLVED** unanimously to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan subject to:

- a) The Development and Regeneration Committee interviewing three consultants and recommending one to carry out the work as per the Financial Regulations of the Town Council and to arrange a special meeting to agree on the successful consultant
- b) Co – Opting Ward Members **Cllrs Barnard, Wilson and Griffin** with Community Action Penistone Members **Jan Stanley and Graham Saunders** on to the Development and Regeneration Committee.
- c) Transfer £5,000.00 from the Town Councils contingency as a starter fund for the project
- d) Apply for the £8,000.00 grant available for Neighbourhood Plans

12. Date and Time of the next meeting.

October 19th 2015 at 7.00 pm in the Town Hall, Shrewsbury Rd, Penistone

Signed.....Mayor 19/10/15