

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on February 16th 2015 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall Shrewsbury Rd. Penistone

Present: The Mayor Cllr.Marsh, in the chair. Cllrs. Beaver, Cutts, Chapman, Hand – Davis, Hinchliff, Mrs. Hinchliff, Pilkington Mrs. Rusby Steel Unsworth Webber and Mrs. Webber

Also present the **Town Clerk Keith Coulton, John Bramah, the High Sherriff of South Yorkshire, public and press.**

The **Town Mayor** introduced John Bramah the High Sherriff of South Yorkshire who gave a very interesting presentation on the history of the role dating back over a thousand years, however more recently to the days of Robin Hood where the proper records dating back to the 1300's are kept when the Sherriff collected taxes from the Barons and is the Queens appointed representative for law and order in South Yorkshire.

The present day role is entirely voluntary and without recompense, however this does allow for meeting royalty on several occasions throughout the year and supporting charities. He is expected to wear court dress allowed to appoint a chaplain and attend executions!

The **Town Mayor** thanked the High Sherriff for his attendance and then offered ten minutes public participation prior to the meeting proper.

Questions asked were:

The recent development at Hawley's Sawmill on Green Road at its junction with Mortimer Road is causing traffic congestion can it be investigated?

There being no further questions the **Town Mayor** opened the meeting proper

1. Apologies for absence – Apologies were received from **Cllrs. Barron and Millner**

RESOLVED the apologies were accepted.

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest

In accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2011

The **Town Mayor** invited declarations of which Cllr. Hinchliff and Mrs. Hinchliff declared interests in agenda item 7c application for financial assistance from Penistone Competitive Music Festival

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 January 19th 2015
- b) The Planning Committee held on January 19th 2015
- c) The Town Council Meeting to set the precept on February 2nd 2015
- d) The Town Services Committee held on February 10th 2015

Signed.....Mayor 16/03/15

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

Cllr. Hand – Davis reported on the ever increasing problem of the infrastructure within Penistone and the Government pressing for more housing.

Cllr Unsworth stated that The Hub “Tourist Information Centre” was to have new tenants and that the Ward Alliance officers were to relocate to their original offices within the Town Hal.

The Area Council was to revisit the snow plan and hoped to resurrect the role of the snow warden.

Cllr. Mrs. Rusby alluded to parking issues and had discussed this matter with Highway Officers and had also arranged a special meeting with officers both on this matter and affordable housing.

The **Town Mayor** asked what had happened to the snow blowers however the machines had been seen recently in Penistone.

Cllr. Cutts reported that the road marking within the area were still outstanding and asked if a survey could be done of the area and included on a future maintenance programme. **Cllr. Unsworth** replied that the work had been delayed due to the recent snow and was imminent. **Cllr. Cutts** also alluded to parking problems on Green Rd. toward Cubley.

Cllr. Pilkington referred to parking on Manchester Rd. in Thurlstone and Millhouse particularly during the recent snowfall where inconsiderate motorists were leaving their vehicles on the highway restricting snow ploughing and gritting

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

5. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) Millhouse Green Village Community Association - thank you letter for the recent donation
- b) Barnsley MBC election process 2015
- c) South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner responses to questions raised at the Town Council meeting regarding parking and parking enforcement
- d) Penistone Yorkshire Building Society
- e) Barnsley MBC road closure Old Anna Lane
- f) Penistone Friends of the Earth – Hog watch report
- g) SYPTE travel survey report

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Cutts reported on the following:

Staffing - We are currently fully staffed

Bar – We have added single serve Prosecco to the bar

Programme – Panto numbers were down on the previous year by about 200 tickets, this we think was due to the inclement weather or the threat of it and this year’s show not being one of the very well known ones.

Films are now booked up to Easter, advance sales are in line with expectations.

For Fifty Shades of Gray they are astonishing

There are very few free live dates left in 2015, we are now taking bookings for 2016

Signed.....Mayor 16/03/15

Building – The building electrical testing work is complete. The work to be done is as reported last time and has been scheduled for this financial year
The stage floor has been replaced and is much improved and will be stained over the next few days
The stalls gent’s toilet was painted during Panto closure part funded by a small grant from Silkstone Parish Council and is much improved.
Cam stage has been to measure and assess the task of replacing the screen

Box Office – As mentioned last time we are obtaining a quote for a “print at home” ticket module for the box office system and a scanner, this is taking longer than anticipated

Cllr. Cutts was thanked for his report

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 **£8, 686.39**
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£ 56,941.85**
- c) Request for financial assistance from Penistone Competitive Music Festival – **APPROVED** £250.00
- d) Maintenance of the flower tubs St John’s Community Centre £200.00
The grants to be taken from the Section 137 budget
- e) Evan Coles on behalf of Penistone Grammar School and the British Inline Puck Hockey Association £100.00 this is to be from the Mayors Charity as audit regulations only permit section 137 grants from the public purse to benefit the area and/or all or some of the inhabitants not individuals.

8. Resource Centre.

The **Town Clerk** reported that water ingress had been observed around a window in the building and was being monitored
NOTED

9. Community Centre.

The **Town Clerk** reported that following a recommendation from the internal auditor, the rates and hire charges have been reviewed and agreed
New LED lights have been fitted in the Lower hall
The Seminar Room has had a damp proof membrane applied to the walls

10. Public Toilets.

The **Town Mayor** stated that the floor and wall contractors were to start work imminently this had been delayed due to the recent inclement weather followed by the electrical and plumbing work. Cllr. Webber thanked both the Town Clerk and Mayor for keeping the work within budget
NOTED

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11. Highways Issues on Hartcliff Lane

Cllr. Steel referred to the recent sub standard patching work carried out by Barnsley MBC Highways on Hartcliff Lane however his main concern was the width of the carriageway outside New Chapel farm, being access to a local nursery and damage to the surface by HGV's

He also alluded to further issues on Green Rd, Wellhouse Lane, and Sheffield Rd. at Springvale and on the High St. and asked if the ward members could further investigate

12. Website

The Town Clerk stated that the website was in need of a revamp and would speak to the website manager

13. Date and Time of the next meeting.

Town Council March 16th at 7.0pm in the Town Hall, Shrewsbury Rd

Signed.....Mayor 16/03/15

Signed.....Mayor 15/09/14

