

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on October 17th 2016 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Shrewsbury Rd, Penistone

Present: The Town Mayor Cllr. Hand – Davis, in the chair, Cllrs. Cutts, Marsh, Ogle, Saunders, Mrs. Rusby and Mrs. Stanley.

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

The **Town Mayor** offered ten minutes public participation prior to the meeting proper. Comments raised:

The traffic regulation order for Green Road had still not been implemented therefore members present asked the Town Clerk to write to the relevant department to seek clarification of the delay

A resident from Hartcliff Road expressed his concern regarding Persimmon Homes not adhering to the conditions of the planning consent. Letters have been written to the planning officer without reply by the resident therefore it was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to the officer asking for action. The Town Mayor was also asked for his input.

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

1. Apologies for absence – The Deputy Mayor Cllr. Millner, Cllrs. Mrs. Millner, Hinchliff, Mrs. Hinchliff, Unsworth, Kimberley, Chadburn and Hayler.

RESOLVED that the apologies were accepted

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest

In accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2011

The **Mayor** invited declarations of which there were **NONE**

Standing Orders were suspended to allow agenda item 10 (Town Council casual vacancy) to be brought forward. The Town Clerk confirmed he had received two letters of interest in the position. Members present agreed to allow both individuals Mrs. Jan Stanley and Mr. Alan Hinchliff to be asked two questions of the same content. On conclusion of the questions and answers members by way of a ballot chose their preferred candidate. On this occasion (verified by a member of the public) the successful applicant was Mrs. Stanley. Mrs. Stanley signed her declaration of acceptance to office, was welcome by the Mayor and took her seat at the table for the remainder of the meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes.

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

- a) The Town Council Meeting held on September 19th 2016
- b) The Planning Committee held on September 19th 2016
- c) The Town Services Committee held on October 4th 2016

Signed.....Mayor 21/11/16

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

Cllr. Hand – Davis reported that it had been a relatively quiet period however had attended a planning meeting on affordable housing. Cllr. Marsh asked if legal officer were pre - judging applications? The Town Mayor gave a very comprehensive answer.

The Ward Member was thanked for his report.

5. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) Letter Hartcliff Road
- b) Rural Action Yorkshire
- c) Fairtrade
- d) Internal Audit report first interim visit
- e) External Audit report for the year end 31/03/16
- f) YLCA Police and Crime Commissioner
- g) Rural Services Network
- h) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue briefing note

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Cutts reported on the following:

Staffing – fully staffed

Programme –

- a) Film attendances – excellent run of films this is set to continue with all the films offered on the run to Christmas
- b) Live events all shows are booking well on the run up to Christmas
- c) Event Cinema is progressing as planned and it is hoped an encore of Miss Saigon will be added prior to Christmas

Organ Trust –PCOT concerts the cinema manager is working with Kevin Grunill to try and boost audiences two more concerts are planned prior to Christmas and then April and May 2017

Building /Lease – This is ongoing, all items raised in the July report are still live unfortunately this has not been moving at the pace as hoped primarily as other projects are being covered away from the Paramount. This work is now coming to an end which will allow the manager to work on the lease as a priority.

Silver Cinema Curtains – The motor has now been removed and the parts replaced

Cllr. Cutts was thanked for his report.

NOTED

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 **£11, 275.29**
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£57, 498.10**
- c) Requests for financial assistance from Music Bugs Barnsley and Friends of Hoylandswaine School were deferred for further investigation
- c) Quotes for the refurbishment of the gents toilets at St. Johns Community Centre. The Town Clerk read out the three quotes and it was agreed to award the contract received of £4,250.00, the cheapest quote.

Signed.....Mayor 21/11/16

8. Honorary Freemen of the Town

It was suggested by **Cllr. Marsh** that calling an ad – hoc Town Council meeting when deciding on this award would be more appropriate than forming a working group or committee. Members present agreed on this course of action

AGREED

9. Community Centre

The **Town Clerk** stated that the centre is very busy at this present time with increased bookings.

NOTED

10. Public Toilets

The **Town Clerk** stated work is almost complete and envisaged they would be open shortly.

NOTED

11. Neighbourhood Plan

The **Town Clerk** gave an update in **Cllr. Kimberley's** absence which reported that the steering group met on October 3rd unfortunately the draft plan was not ready for this group. A further meeting is scheduled for October 31st and the draft plan will be ready to be presented.

The objective of the plan was discussed at the meeting and agreed upon subject to full council approval once the draft plan is available. The intention is then to share the draft plan with all members early November and make any comments to full council in November.

Future engagement has been discussed Cllr. Millner is to engage with local businesses and Cllr. Saunders with others within the community. The plan now needs pushing forward and getting everyone within the Penistone area involved, this will require an up to date website which is informative therefore work is being undertaken to revamp the website. Cllr. Ogle agreed to communicate with the website manager regarding the design.

Cllr. Unsworth is still requiring comments regarding non designated assets which are not on the heritage assessment, it is essential these are included in the plan.

NOTED

12. Town Council Vacancy

See earlier minutes.

13. Armed Forces Day 2017

The **Town Clerk** had circulated correspondence from Cllr. Hayward (Barnsley MBC) stating that he had attended a group of Ex Servicemen in Penistone intending to hold an Armed Forces Day in Penistone on June 24th 2017. Cllr. Hayward was seeking support from the Town Council on this project. It was agreed unanimously that the Town Clerk writes to Cllr. Hayward fully supporting the event

AGREED

14. Date and Time of the next meeting.

November 21st 2016 at 7.00 pm in the Town Hall, Shrewsbury Rd, Penistone

Signed.....Mayor 21/11/16

Signed.....Mayor 19/09/16

Signed.....Mayor 20/06/16