

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on Monday
March 17th 2014 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall
Shrewsbury Rd. Penistone**

**Present: The Mayor Cllr. Cutts, in the chair Cllr. Barron, Chapman,
Hand – Davis, Hinchliff, Mrs. Hinchliff, Marsh, Millner, Pilkington, Starling,
Mrs. Rusby, Unsworth, Webber and Mrs. Webber**

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

The **Town Mayor** allowed ten minutes public participation prior to the meeting.

Comments included: Are the units on Bridge Street (Penistone 1) all occupied?

The **Town Mayor** replied that he was aware 3 had been taken and there would be an official opening day on April 2nd

Could the Town Council explain the increase in the parish precept?

The Town Mayor explained that it was to meet the necessary expenditure on increased utility costs at the Community Centre, and the responsibility of the Paramount, the provision of the Christmas lights and extra services the Town Council is now experiencing.

Could the unnamed road from St. Mary's roundabout to Tesco be named on a railway theme? This would be referred to Barnsley MBC

The **Town Mayor** opened the meeting proper.

1. Apologies for absence – None

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest - None

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 February 17th 2014
- b) The Planning Committee held on February 17th 2014
- c) The Finance and General Purposes Committee held on March 12th 2014 – subject to the rewording of a paragraph on staffing issues.

4. Casual vacancy on the Town Council

Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it was agreed by all

Member's present to exclude members' of the public and press.

(Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

RESOLVED Gordon Beever, subject to acceptance, is co-opted to represent Cubley and Springvale ward on the Town Council.

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

Cllr. Mrs. Rusby stated that Barnsley MBC is to carry out remedial works to the carriageway lining on the "square about" and that the footways in the Town Centre are to be resurfaced however clarified that some sections of the footway are under private ownership and do not form part of the adopted highway, therefore may not be repaired although the landowners have been reminded of their responsibility.

Signed.....Mayor 28/04/14

Member Reports Continued

Cllr. Millner reported that Barnsley MBC Highways is investigating the concerns over the square about and traffic light configuration on Huddersfield Rd at its junction with Barnsley Rd. He also reported that resurfacing works will be carried out on the A628 from Hoylandswaine roundabout and from the Huntsman to Penistone Leisure Centre.

Cllr. Barron commented that the Tour de France appeared to be prompting highway repairs and asked if further works could be considered around Bullhouse?

The **Town Mayor** thanked the ward councillors for their reports.

6. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) First World War anniversary – It was agreed that the Town Mayor and 120 members of the Town Council would attend the ceremony
- b) White Rose Update
- c) YLCA Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014
- d) Community Organiser
- e) Barnsley and District CAB
- g) QE2 playing fields unveiling of the plaque
- h) Minutes from Penistone Area Housing Team Steering Group
- i) Barnsley MBC temporary 40mph speed restriction on A628 Barnsley Rd. Hoylandswaine

7. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Starling referred to the following in his report

The new LED lights for the exterior of the building to replace the existing ones which have been present for 30 years have been ordered and will be fitted in the very near future

A new carpet for the foyer will be fitted imminently

The first live digital performance will commence on May 1st with the production of King Lear. These special performances will be concurrent with the live shows with a similar price structure although for the first event an early booking special price structure as an introductory offer will be considered

Twelve years a Slave performed to good houses and blockbuster films have been booked for the summer.

Live events - Talon a favourite of the Paramount audiences will perform their acoustic collection. This will be followed by a Carpenters Tribute and in October another favourite Rat Pack will be performing their Vegas Spectacular Show.

The Phil Collins Tribute “And Finally” has been booked to appear early next year following their recent sell out at the Paramount.

Centenary Celebrations the Paramount is planning a year of centenary celebrations encompassing the opening of the Town Hall and Assembly Rooms which opened in October 1914 and the Cinema opening in November 1915 and staff would be pleased to receive any information from anyone who remembers the Carnegie gift.

Cllr. Starling was thanked for his report.

Signed.....Mayor 28/04/14

8. 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 **£15, 164.00**
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£40,001.70**

A request for financial assistance was approved to:
Penistone Athletics and Footpath Runners Club **£250.00**
The grant to be taken from the section 137 budget

9. Resource Centre.

The **Town Clerk** reported that recent refurbishment works intended by the group had now been completed these included new furniture, carpets and redecorating.

The Town Clerk was asked to thank the staff for the work they had carried out
NOTED

10. Community Centre.

The **Town Clerk** reported that quotations had now been received and the preferred contractor confirmed for the refurbishment of the Bar Room. This work was to be carried out early April.

The new car park markings and designated pedestrian walkway had been favorably received by users of the centre
NOTED

11. Community Led Plan.

No report for this period
NOTED

12. Public Toilets.

Cllr. Marsh confirmed that he was in the process of finalising the documents and prices prior to commencement of the work.

Cllr. Marsh was thanked for the work he had carried out
NOTED

13 Berrywell Avenue Allotments.

Cllr Marsh reported that unfortunately due to the recent inclement weather it had been impossible to work on the site. The section of fencing had been removed to allow access with the machinery and it was anticipated that the minor work to complete the project would be carried out in the near future, subject to weather conditions
NOTED

14 Date and Time of the next meetings

Annual Town Assembly

April 15th in the Lower Hall St. Johns Community Centre at 7.0pm

Ordinary Town Council

April 28th 2014 in the Council Chamber Town Hall at 7.0pm

Signed.....Mayor 28/04/14

