

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on October 20th 2014 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall Shrewsbury Rd. Penistone

Present: The Mayor Cllr.Marsh, in the chair. **Cllrs. Barron, Beever, Cutts, Chapman, Hand – Davis, Millner, Mrs. Rusby Steel and Unsworth**,

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

Prior to the meeting a brief presentation by John Purvis from Denby Dale Rotary Club was given on public access defibrillators and their growing importance as life saving equipment.

The cost of this equipment would be £850.00 + vat. Following a brief discussion it was suggested that this be referred to a future meeting of the Town Services Committee and involve Penistone Round Table and local businesses.

Mr. Purvis was thanked for his presentation.

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

Comments heard from the public were:

a) Had there been any further development on the proposed interchange at Lairds Way?

Cllr. Millner commented that since earlier interest from Yorkshire Land the proposal had not had any further action.

b) Could bus timetables be investigated as at this present time as the present services are inefficient?

Cllr. Unsworth agreed to discuss the matter again with the Rural Transport Partnership

1. Apologies for absence – Apologies were received from **Cllrs. Hinchliff Mrs. Hinchliff, Webber Mrs. Webber and Pilkington**

RESOLVED the apologies were accepted.

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest

The Mayor invited declarations to which there were 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 September 15th 2014

b) The Planning Committee held on September 15th 2014

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

Cllr. Unsworth reported that the draft local plan has now been produced and it was anticipated that within the next 20 years 20,000 houses will be built within the Barnsley Borough 1,300 allocated for the Penistone area resulting in areas of green belt probably being removed.

The Draft Local Plan was now open to a six week consultation with both he and Mrs. Rusby have asked for large scale plans to be produced.

Signed.....Mayor 17/11/14

MEMBERS REPORTS CONTINUED

It was anticipated that Barnsley MBC would have to make budget cuts of £28 million pounds with a further cut in the workforce of 3,000.00. This may have an effect on the mobile library service and children's centre's.

Cllr. Hand – Davis commented that he had spoken in favour to refuse the Persimmon Homes application at the meeting of the Planning Regulatory Board as the infrastructure was not equipped to deal with the development. Government policy required housing development with the Hartcliffe application being designated for development for some considerable time, the main issue being the access.

Cllr. Steel stated that the judicial review for this application was progressing. He also thanked the members involved for providing the ramp outside St. Johns School however asked if the street lighting could be investigated.

Cllr. Millner stated that as this road is un - adopted it would be the responsibility of the school to carry out.

Cllr. Mrs. Rusby commented that there was no further development with the provision of an interchange on land at Lairds Way.

Cllr. Cutts reported that the road markings around the area require remedial work and could a further pedestrian crossing be provided on the High Street? Cllr. Unsworth agreed to investigate.

The **Town Clerk** was to investigate what section 106 monies were available to be spent in the area.

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

5. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) South Yorkshire fire and Rescue briefing note.
- b) Thank you letter from Mr. J. Pinguey
- c) White Rose update
- d) Barnsley MBC review of polling stations and districts – Penistone East no changes Penistone West no changes other than district polling SOH that the change made for the 2014 elections from Ingbirchworth Methodist Church to the Fountain Inn Wellthorne Lane Ingbirchworth is approved
- e) Letter from Mrs. R. Johnston on grant funding for Hoylandswaine - the Town Clerk to reply.
- f) Barnsley MBC changes on the running of the Council – more information can be found on its website [www.barnsley.gov.uk/future council](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk/future_council)

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Cutts reported on the following:

Staffing: We are currently fully staffed.

Bar: No report.

Programme: With the exception of the Magic of the Beatles who were excellent despite a small audience all events are booking as expected until the end of 2014

Building: The insurers have asked for an updated electrical test for the building. Two quotes have been received and will be discussed during item 7 of the meeting. Painting and in- house cleaning is being carried out by members of staff.

Signed.....Mayor 17/11/14

LEISURE AND AMENITIES REPORT CONTINUED

100th Anniversary: As discussed at the meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee, all events from November 1st will be branded “100 years of the Paramount” invitations for the birthday event on October 31st have been sent out and so far around 130 people have accepted including the Mayors of Penistone Huddersfield and Barnsley. In connection with the event the exterior of the building will be painted 100th anniversary banners hung and other cosmetic work carried out
Cllr. Cutts encouraged as many of the Town Councillor’s to attend
A special meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee is to be held on October 27th to finalise the occasion.
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, 487.55**
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£ 45,728.91**
- c) A request for financial assistance from Hoylandswaine Parochial Church Council for £250.00 was approved. The grant is to be taken from the Section 137 budget.
- d) **RESOLVED** to accept the quote of £2291.00+vat to replace the strip lights with energy efficient lights in the top and bottom halls of the Community Centre
- e) **RESOLVED** to accept the second quote of £3,000.00+vat to update the electrical installation test for the Paramount

8. Resource Centre.

The **Town Council** had been previously circulated with a copy of the Health and Safety report at the meeting in September. The Town Clerk stated that most of the faults had now been carried out by members of staff at no cost however the external doors required replacing as this was a safety hazard

A quote had been received and following a brief discussion it was agreed by all present to replace the doors at a cost of £1,700.00

RESOLVED

9. Community Centre.

The **Town Clerk** reported that he had received a request from Weight Watchers to install a permanent sign instead of a banner outside of the Community Centre. It was **AGREED** to defer the matter to obtain more information on the type of sign etc.

10. Public Toilets.

The **Town Mayor** commented that the existing interior had now been removed and he had met with a flooring contractor and ordered the specialist furniture for installation.

As this did not contravene the Financial Regulations of the Council (specialist services) less than £3,500.00 members present expressed a desire to carry out the works.

The Town Mayor also commented that the works will be on target and within budget.

NOTED

Signed.....17/11/14

11. Berrywell Avenue Allotments.

The **Town Mayor** confirmed that he was still waiting for the Allotment Society to eradicate a weed problem on plots 1&2 before he could attend to level and re-grade the area. He also reported that following a recent site visit with the Town Clerk appeared concerned over the site with weeds and nettles requiring removing, bags of rubbish and sheets of polythene strewn on the site and the path overgrown. This matter had since been discussed with a representative of the Allotment Society.

NOTED

12. Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014

The **Town Clerk** had circulated members with the legislation prior to the meeting and it was **RESOLVED**

1. To **AGREE** Legal Topic Note 1 paragraphs 27 to 35 (The Town Councils powers to discharge their functions)
2. To **AGREE** Legal Topic Note 5 paragraphs 31 to 39 (Town and Community Council meetings)
- 3 To **ADOPT** the recommended rules for the effective management of recording Town Council and Committee meetings.
4. To **AGREE** to revise Standing Orders (3L) in view of the regulations

13. National School Lease – access by users of Busy Bees to the National School via St. Johns Community Centre

The Town Clerk stated that the current lease expires at the end of October and the Manager of the children’s centre had informed him that an extension to their lease of the building for a further five years had been accepted by Barnsley MBC and was requesting the lease to use the access via the car park be also extended for the same period from the Town Council.

Following a brief discussion it was **RESOLVED** to agree to the extension of the lease to gain access to Busy Bees via St. Johns Community Centre car park for 5 years.

14. Posting “draft minutes” of Town Council and Committee meetings on the website and in the public domain.

RESOLVED by a vote of 8 (against posting draft minutes) to 2 (posting draft minutes) that the Town Council does not post draft minutes, and continues only to post minutes that have been ratified by full council

15. Date and Time of the next meeting.

November 17th 2014 at 7.0pm in the Council Chamber Town Hall Shrewsbury Road

Signed.....Mayor 17/11/14

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

