

# **PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on Monday  
October 17<sup>th</sup> 2011 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Penistone.**

**Present: The Town Mayor Cllr. Webber, in the Chair, Cllrs. Barron, Chapman, Cutts, Ms. Green, Hand – Davis, Millner, Pilkington, Mrs. Rusby, Unsworth, and Mrs. Webber.** Also present the **Town Clerk Keith Coulton**, public, press Barry Upson from Dunford Bridge and Gary Bluff from A.O.N.

Prior to the meeting proper the **Town Mayor** allowed Barry Upson and Gary Bluff to give a brief presentation to members on the application for grant funding by Dunford Bridge to DEFRA to receive broadband in the area.

Members present asked both gentlemen pertinent questions on the project, and it was agreed that the **Town Clerk** would write a letter from the Town Council to the applicant in support of their application for financial assistance from DEFRA.

The **Town Mayor** then allowed ten minutes public participation.

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

**Apologies for absence –**

**Cllrs. Mr. & Mrs. Hinchliff, Marsh and Starling.**

**RESOLVED** the apologies are accepted.

## **2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest**

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

## **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 held on September 19<sup>th</sup> 2011 subject to **Cllr. Hand – Davis** being added to the list of attendees
- b) The Planning Committee held on September 19<sup>th</sup> subject to **Cllr. Mrs. Webber** being added to list of attendees.
- c) The Development and Regeneration Committee held on September 24<sup>th</sup> 2011

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

**Cllr. Millner** in his report alluded to the Green Park development and that the construction of the new building was on schedule. Children from St. Johns junior school have been asked to choose a name for the building

He then referred to a further accident at the Fulshaw Cross Junction and that Barnsley MBC Highways were constrained by national policy on preventative measures, however, were considering alternative options

Finances may be available from Barnsley MBC for the creation of tennis courts at Millhouse Green

The provision of a pedestrian crossing at Millhouse Green was still being pursued due to pressure from ward members, however were non committal at this present time.

The creation of the outdoor gym on the show field would ensure its designation as a playing field, and secure it from any future development.

Two companies were to provide and lay the fibre optic cables as part of the digitalisation scheme in the area.

## COUNCILLORS REPORT CONTINUED

**Cllr. Hand – Davis** referred to cuts in police services and that the safer neighbourhood teams are to be reduced from six officers to three, however, the wards Councillors were doing their utmost to keep the service. The concerns had been raised by the Barnsley MBC representative at a recent meeting with the police authority.

Car parking issues should be reported to the police via Barnsley MBC officers as this forms part of their remit and encouraged more use of the PACT meetings.

**Cllr. Webber** re-iterated **Cllr. Hand – Davis's** comments on the reduction of policing in the area and that the Inspector was doing his utmost to have it reduced to two SNT officers.

**Cllr. Webber** confirmed that the glazing contractor had been appointed for the market building and thanked everyone for attending the recent concert at the Paramount

**Cllr. Mrs. Rusby** asked if Penistone Grammar School could be notified to inform drivers to use the car park and not park on the road and if another section to the bridge could be added to aid pupils on fire drills.

**Cllr. Pilkington** referred to the approval by Barnsley MBC Planning Regulatory Board on phase two of the Bridge Street development by Dransfields and that no compensatory land had been offered. He was also unhappy with the decision to allow vehicular access via Back Lane. **Cllr. Webber** replied that both he and **Cllr. Hand – Davis** had voted against the decision. Officers however had warned the committee that any decision to refuse on access issues could not be defended should it go to appeal as it met the criteria.

**Cllr. Barron** asked if the parking bays around Back Lane are still to be provided as part of the T.R.O. **Cllr. Barron** was informed that they are.

**Cllr. Pilkington** asked if the ward members were aware that there was no direct bus service from Millhouse Green to Stocksbridge

**Cllr. Webber** agreed to contact South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority.

**Cllr. Cutts** informed members that a further lorry had damaged the bridge in the vicinity of the Tesco roundabout and could the matter be raised again with highways officers? **Cllr. Millner** agreed to report.

The Ward Members were thanked for their report.

### 5. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED** as members had been circulated with the information for their perusal prior to the meeting.

- a) Bus changes in Barnsley
- b) Notice of the review of polling stations and polling places in the area (no change to the Penistone area.
- c) Permission to erect a war memorial at Townend Thurlstone.
- d) Barnsley Forum Event ( **Cllr. Unsworth** agreed to attend)
- e) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue briefing note
- f) Rural Action Yorkshire annual accounts and report.
- g) Rural Action Yorkshire minutes of the AGM held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011
- h) YLCA Bribery Act 2010 and the impact on local councils
- i) White Rose Update
- j) Queens Diamond Jubilee Beacons - **AGREED** The Town Services Committee to investigate as part of its remit

## 6. Leisure and Amenities Report

**Cllr. Pilkington** gave a brief report to members present which covered the following items

- a) **Digital Cinema** - The contract has still not arrived and is being pursued by the cinema manager. **Cllr. Pilkington** is to meet with the manager to discuss optional/ necessary accessories for the installation. It was also interesting to note that 3D production is being stopped for some films. However, if ever there was a stark warning to proceed with digital it's that Disney are only producing 25% of the number of 35mm prints for new films compared to last year.
- b) **Organ Trust**. The new contract / agreement now signed.  
The PCOT has provided most of the dates for 2012 and a joint show in March with a concert in the afternoon with an accompanied silent film in the evening will take place as part of a conference being held in West Yorkshire.  
Jean Martin one of the finalists from "Britain's got Talent" is also appearing in February  
**Staffing** – No change.
- c) **Programme** – The programme is booked through to the end of October. A good batch of British films has helped the box office considerably. Jane Eyre is performing very well, and Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy is also doing good business. Half term will feature Johnny English - Reborn and will be followed by The Debt
- d) **Bar Sales** no report
- e) **Live Shows** – All live shows between now and Christmas are booking well and the January 2012 panto is starting to book. The Cabaret Gothique Timeless Collection and Nutcracker are also selling well
- f) **On line booking** – This works quite well for film using the "free" to us Movie tickets system. A trial booking panto tickets using this system has started.
- g) **Building** – The stage is to be stained in the very near future as it is beginning to look shabby. A cost effective LED solution to the step lights has been found along with a waterproof solution to the lights in the poster quads outside the building.  
**Cllr. Pilkington** 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 £11,410.46**
- b) **The Paramount Account to the sum of £21,512.20**
- c) **Allotments on Wilson Avenue - Cllr. Cutts / Town Clerk**  
**Cllr. Cutts** referred to the site visit carried out with the allotments society over the apparent unacceptable condition of some of the allotments on Wilson Avenue.  
The allotment holders agreed that some plots had become overgrown however reminded the Town Council of its statutory obligations concurrent with the rules outlined in the tenancy agreement. It was recommended that as a goodwill gesture the Town Council would provide a skip and machine to allow plot holders to carry out remedial work in removing the various heaps of rubbish allowed to accumulate on the site. This recommendation however would have to be ratified by full Council. Following a lengthy discussion it was **RESOLVED**, by voting, not to provide the necessary skip and machinery out of town council funds and that any costs incurred in the clean up should be met by the allotment holders and representatives from the allotment society be invited to the next meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee to discuss a solution in resolving the issue.

**8. Resource Centre.**

The **Town Clerk** reported that the nominated contractor had now completed the permanent repairs to the drainage system and it now appeared to be working satisfactorily

**9. National School. Public Bodies (Admission to meetings Act) 1960**

Members of the public and press were asked to leave the room whilst this item was being discussed due to the confidentiality of the business

**10. Community Centre.**

The **Town Clerk** reported that the community centre was operating effectively and had no further comments to add for this period

**11. Community Led Plan.**

**Cllr. Millner** informed members the plan had not progressed since the meeting in September and he was in dialogue with the officer from Rural Action Yorkshire regarding comments from the various authorities (police, fire ambulance) etc.

**Cllr. Green** added that she had been to the Youth Centre and had been encouraged by the comments received. **Cllr. Millner** thanked **Cllr. Green** for the progress she had achieved with the youth element

**12. Town Hall.**

No report for this period

**13. Town Centre toilet refurbishment.**

The **Town Clerk** updated members by reporting that the preferred contractor had still to issue the revised rates for the electrical work and that he was pursuing the resubmission as a matter of urgency.

**14. Website.**

**Cllr. Pilkington** referred to the recent meeting with the web manager / **Town Clerk** to decide which design to choose and tabled the preferred design for member's perusal.

Following a brief discussion it was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the chosen design.

**15. Allotments.**

The **Town Clerk** informed members that the planning application for the change of use of land to form allotments on Berrywell Avenue had now been submitted to Barnsley M.B.C. as planning authority, however, had asked for additional information to be provided.

The **Town Clerk** / **Cllrs. Pilkington** / **Marsh** to provide the information

**Date and Time of the next meeting. November 21<sup>st</sup> 2011** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall at 7.0pm