

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on Monday
November 21st 2011 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Penistone.

Present: The Town Mayor Cllr. Webber, in the Chair, Cllrs. Barron, Cutts, Ms. Green, Hand – Davis, Hinchliff, Mrs. Hinchliff, Marsh, Millner, Starling and Unsworth,

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

Before opening the meeting the Town Mayor allowed ten minutes public participation.

Apologies for absence –

Cllrs. Mrs. Rusby, Pilkington, Chapman and Mrs. Webber

RESOLVED the apologies are accepted.

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

The **Town Mayor** invited declarations of which Cllrs. Marsh and Unsworth declared interests in item 8 (National School) and Cllr. Marsh declared an interest in item 12 (public toilets) and 15 (allotments on Berrywell Ave)

RESOLVED that the declarations are recorded

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 October 17th 2011
- b) The Planning Committee held on October 17th 2011

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

Cllr. Millner alluded to the following in his report:

Penistone Skate Park: The power problem had now been resolved, and expenditure for new lighting had been improved which was anti-vandal proof.

Green Park: The children from St. Johns school had been given the task of choosing the new name for the development and had decided on “The Buckingham”. Some members voiced concerns that the development appeared to be slow in construction however **Cllr. Millner** assured those concerned that this was not the case, and that the building works were in an advanced state.

Cllr. Hand – Davis reported that the relevant scrutiny committee would be meeting imminently to discuss a snow plan should it be necessary and that extra salt had been purchased for the Penistone area.

The area transport partnership is to investigate the lack of railway carriages on the Penistone Line as only one was in operation.

Cllr. Mrs. Hinchliff reminded members that there are actually two carriages with a view to providing three.

Cllr. Unsworth asked if the local shopkeepers could be persuaded not to sell eggs and flour on mischievous night as there had been reports of cars and windows being pelted! **Cllr. Hand – Davis** agreed to raise the matter at the next PACT meeting.

Cllr. Barron raised the matter of the resurfacing of estate roads and the A628 only being partly resurfaced (from Thurlstone to Millhouse Green) with the assurances of the entire section was being carried out.

Signed.....Mayor 19/12/11

COUNCILLORS REPORTS CONTINUED.

Cllr. Webber agreed to investigate the matter with the highways division.

Cllr. Hinchliff raised the problem of cars parking on Huddersfield Road outside the Grammar School and utility problems outside Dransfield and Hodgkinsons,

Cllr. Millner agreed to investigate both matters.

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) Update on the future standard of conduct of elected members
- b) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue briefing note
- c) Action for market towns
- d) Country Air

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

There was no report for this period

However the **Town Clerk** reported the theft of winter plants from the Community Centre and that due to financial restraints Neighbourhood Pride would not be carrying out the service of planting the tubs within the grounds of the Community Centre in future. The **Town Clerk** informed members that the tubs would remain should the Town Council wish to plant them or Neighbourhood Pride would carry out the service on a rechargeable basis. The **Town Clerk** was asked to obtain the cost of the service and report to the meeting in December.

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 £19,716.51**
 - b) **The Paramount Account to the sum of £28,856.37**
 - c) The following requests for financial assistance were approved
 - Penistone Video and Digital Stills group £200.00
 - St. John the Evangelist Church (servicing of the clock) Hoylandswaine £200.00
 - Penistone and District Allotment Society £200.00The money to be allocated to Section 137 spending
- *Clerks note:** The budget for requests for financial assistance is now exhausted.

8. Resource Centre.

The **Town Clerk** reported that the drainage system had again been blocked by users of the centre and the cleaning had been carried out on a rechargeable basis and informed again of their responsibilities.

Signed.....Mayor 19/12/12

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 accelerating the questionnaire.
12. **Town Hall.**
No report for this period
13. **Town Centre toilet refurbishment.**
Public Bodies (admission to meetings act) 1960
Due to the confidentiality of the business to be transacted it was **RESOLVED** to exclude members of the public and press.
14. **Website.**
The **Town Clerk** in the absence of **Cllr. Pilkington** informed members that data and text was being received by the webmaster and updated accordingly. **NOTED**
15. **Allotments.**
The **Town Clerk** informed members that the planning application for the change of use of land to form allotments on Berrywell Avenue was now in the planning system with Barnsley M.B.C. as planning authority. **NOTED.**
16. **Mayoral Chain.**
The Town Clerk informed members that the chain was now becoming limited in adding incumbent mayors and had spoken to the supplier for their advice which was as follows:
Either remove some of the old shields of office or add links accordingly.
Following a brief discussion it was **RESOLVED** to add ten extra links to the existing chain.
17. **Date and Time of the next meeting. December 19th 2011** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall at 7.0pm

Diary dates February 26th 2012 charity fundraising night at Cherrydale Chinese.

Signed.....Mayor 19/12/12

