

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Town Council Meetings held on February 19th and March 5th 2018 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Shrewsbury Rd. Penistone

**Present: The Town Mayor, Cllr. Hinchliff in the Chair
Cllrs. Chadburn, Hand – Davis, Mrs. Hinchliff, Marsh, Millner, Mrs. Millner, Kimberley, Mrs. Millner Unsworth, Mrs. Rusby and Saunders**

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

The Chair then offered ten minutes public participation
There being no questions, the Chair opened the meeting proper and thanked Cllr. Millner for presiding over the January meeting.

1. Apologies for absence –

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Cutts and Hayler
RESOLVED that the apologies were recorded.

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest

In accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2011
The Chair invited declarations of which he and Mrs. Hinchliff declared an interest in agenda item 7c (Request for financial assistance from Penistone Cricket and Sports Club
NOTED.

3. Approval of Minutes.

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

- a) The Town Council Meeting held on January 22nd 2018
- b) The Planning Committee held on January 22nd 2018
- c) Town Council meeting to set the precept 2018/19 on January 29th 2018
- d) Finance and General Purposes Committee held on February 5th 2018

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

Cllr. Unsworth commented on the closure of Nat West Penistone branch and that Angela Smith MP had delivered the petition in Parliament.
Cllr. Millner referred to this year's Tour de Yorkshire and the pending community event in St. Johns Community Centre. He also commented on the feral pigeon problem in the alley adjacent to Clarks Chemist. Unfortunately someone was making the matter worse by feeding them! He also reported that progress was being made with the blocked culvert in Millhouse Green.

Cllr. Mrs. Hinchliff expressed her concern over the leaking roof on the Market Barn and a recent spate of vandalism to the building. Cllr. Millner commented that he has written to the Market Department on this matter. Cllr. Unsworth added that through the Market Town's Initiative plans were to enclose the building to try and prevent damage and access, as there is no public right of way through the building.

Cllr. Mrs. Rusby asked when the resurfacing of Huddersfield Road was to be carried Out. This is on a programme of works to be initiated in the near future.

The Ward Members were thanked for their reports.

Signed.....Mayor 18/03/18

5. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) Rural Services Network
- b) Trans – Pennine Upgrade
- c) Barnsley MBC Local Plan Examination Consultation
- d) Correspondence regarding Dog Fouling Notices on Briar Grove, Carriageway deterioration on Joan Royd Lane and Speed control on Mortimer Road Cubley.
It was agreed that the Ward Member would investigate these matters and that the Town Clerk would write to Highways asking when Joan Royd Lane is to be permanently reinstated and if the developer is to be charged for the work.
- e) SYPTE Strategic Transport Consultation Events

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Mrs. Hinchliff gave a full and concise report of activities at the Paramount. Unfortunately there had been problems with the screen hopefully being rectified in the very near future. There had been an excellent Christmas period particularly with demand from schools. Live shows are selling well with some excellent acts booked. The Town Clerk added that the leased had been slightly amended on the advice of the officer within Barnsley MBC. It was envisaged that the completion date would be around Easter.

Cllr. Mrs. Hinchliff was thanked for her 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 £20,093.96
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of £66,659.20
- c) The application for online banking to enable the Town Clerk and Finance Officer to access bank statements.
- e) Request for financial assistance from Penistone Cricket and Sports Club - £250.00

8. Community Centre:

The Town Clerk stated that business generally was highly satisfactory. Refurbishment of the disabled toilets in the centre were to be carried out during the Spring along with painting of the Top Hall, new fencing in the yard, and the planting of 3 semi mature Oaks trees.

NOTED

9. Parade and Gala 2018:

No report for this period other than plans were ongoing

NOTED

10. Penistone Neighbourhood Development Plan:

Cllr. Kimberley tabled her report which read that the consultation and stakeholder survey had been completed and forwarded to Barnsley MBC advising that the plan would be submitted within the next 3 months.

There are some areas still to complete on the non - designated assets and the consultation statement which needs to be written.

Cllr. Kimberley asked members for help with ascertaining the owners of green spaces.

Cllr. Kimberley was thanked for her report.

NOTED Signed.....Mayor 19/03/18

11. Closure of Nat West Bank Penistone Branch.

See Cllr. Unsworth's comments in agenda item 4

NOTED

12. Tour de Yorkshire:

The Town Clerk confirmed that £3,100.00 had been allocated in the budget for the event. Cllr. Saunders commented that plans needed to be made as the event was not far away (May 4th) A community event was to be held in the Community Centre on February 28th

NOTED

13. Town Council Casual Vacancy:

The Town Clerk confirmed that the closing date for the vacancy was February 13th and after receiving confirmation from Barnsley MBC Electoral Services that there was no request received by the Returning Officer to call a bi-election, the Town Council could proceed to co-opt a new member. There was no set deadline to fill a vacancy by co - option, the rules state as soon as is practicable. The Town Clerk had received in writing an interest in the vacancy from 3 electors. Subject to their availability it was agreed to co-opt the new member following a brief "interview" with the candidates on February 26th in the Council Chamber.

Clerk's note the date was rearranged to March 5th as the candidates were all available together on the evening.

NOTED

14. General Data Protection Regulations Officer:

The Town Clerk confirmed that this legislation came into effect on May 25th 2018 and as nether he or the Finance Officer could be the designated person

Cllr. Kimberley offered to give guidance on the processing of personal or sensitive data as the basis for making sure systems and policies comply with the regulations.

NOTED

14. Date and Time of the next ordinary meeting.

March 19th 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Town Hall, Shrewsbury Rd, Penistone

Signed.....Mayor 19/03/18

Meeting held March 5th to co-opt a resident of the Parish to the vacant seat on the Town Council.

Present: Cllrs. Hinchliff, Mrs. Hinchliff, Hayler, Saunders, Kimberley, Unsworth, Marsh, Hand – Davis, Chadburn, Millner, Mrs. Millner and Cutts.

Also present the Town Clerk K. Coulton.

The Town Clerk stated that the vacancy had arisen through the resignation of Jan Stanley and had been declared vacant to Barnsley M.B.C.

As no poll had been claimed by ten electors to call a bye-election within the 14 days of the public notification of the vacancy, the Town Council could fill the vacancy by co – option as the vacancy has more than six months to run.

Three applicants had written to the Town Council expressing an interest in the vacancy.

Michael Barraclough, Hannah Kitching and Steven Webber.

The three candidates were interviewed individually in alphabetical order and asked the same questions.

Members present by means of a secret ballot voted for their preferred candidate.

The votes were counted and it was resolved by an absolute majority the successful candidate being Steven Webber.

Mr. Webber accepted the role as Town Councillor.

Signed.....Mayor 19/03/18

