

Minutes of the Meeting of Penistone Town Council
held remotely on Monday 20th July 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: The Deputy Mayor Cllr G. Millner in the Chair and Councillors Barraclough, Bradbury, Cutts, Hinchliff, A. Millner, Perkins, Rusby, Trotman, Unsworth, and Wood.

Also present

Councillor H. Kitching, Elected Member from BMBC

A. Hart – Acting Town Clerk & Finance Officer

T. Ball – incoming Town Clerk

B. Barnsley – Cinema Manager

E. A. Wright – taking the Minutes

2 members of the public and press were present.

Prior to the meeting the Deputy Mayor allowed ten minutes of public participation.

Cllr Barraclough asked that the Town Council supports the residents of Millhouse Green with its campaign to have the speed limit reduced on the Manchester Road.

A resident reported that the campaign was now officially called “30 for a reason” with its own campaign logo and had already featured in an article in the local press. An independent speed survey had taken place over two days and a report would be finalised this week, however it had already shown the average speed in 2015 was 40.5mph had now increased to 45.2mph in 2020.

The Deputy Mayor asked that this item be placed on the agenda for the next Town Council meeting and the Elected Members from BMBC to update the Town Council on any progress with BMBC Highways.

This was noted by the meeting.

2020/28 Apologies for non-attendance

Apologies for absence were received from the Town Mayor, Cllr S. Webber and Councillors Chadburn and Kimberley.

Apologies for absence were also received for BMBC Councillors Barnard, Greenhough and Wilson.

It was **RESOLVED** that the apologies for absence be recorded.

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2020/29 Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest from Councillors

In accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2011, the Chair invited declarations of interest.

It was **NOTED** and **RECORDED** by the meeting that declarations of interest were received from Councillors A. Millner and Bradbury with respect to agenda item 6d To consider a request from Penistone FM for financial assistance.

2020/30 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the following meetings were submitted for approval:

a. The Town Council meeting held on 15th June 2020.

Moved by Cllr Bradbury, Seconded by Cllr Cutts and **RESOLVED** they were a true record

b. The Town Council meeting held on 29th June 2020.

Moved by Cllr Rusby, Seconded by Cllr Cutts and **RESOLVED** they were a true record.

2020/31 Reports from Elected Members of Barnsley M.B.C.

Cllr Kitching confirmed that she had been contacted by the “30 for a reason” campaign and had raised this with BMBC Highways especially in view that this section of highway was included in the A628 road safety grant. BMBC Highways felt that South Yorkshire Police would not be prepared to support the lowering of the speed limit and Cllr Kitching had asked the Highways Department to provide written evidence of this stance. Cllr Kitching commented that the campaign had full cross party support.

Cllr Unsworth commented that speeding traffic on this section of the A628 had been a problem for over 20 years and had been referred many times to the Safety Camera Partnership.

Cllr Rusby commented she would like a representative from South Yorkshire Police to look at the problem again.

The Acting Town Clerk reported receipt of an email, forwarded by Cllr Barnard, from an officer from BMBC Highways outlining some traffic calming proposals for this section of the A628 which included additional pedestrian islands, a hatching scheme to slow traffic and restrictions near the primary school to improve parking,

Cllr Barraclough again requested the Town Council support for this campaign. The Deputy Mayor reiterated it would be on the agenda of the next meeting.

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Cllr Cutts reported receipt of an email from a gentleman complaining about the amount of broken glass and debris in the skate park. The site has been initially tidied up but Cllr Cutts asked that the skate park is cleaned more frequently during the summer holidays.

Cllr Kitching agreed to raise this issue.

Cllr Wood reported he had received a complaint from a local farmer who was having problems getting tractors through Thurlstone due to parked cars.

Cllr Bradbury asked the Council to consider employing its own self financing traffic enforcement officer to deal with problems such as this and other problems such as parking in the disabled bay outside the Spar supermarket.

The Deputy Mayor agreed that this should be placed on the agenda of the next Town Council meeting.

Cllr A. Millner commented on the presence of a mobile Covid 19 testing laboratory in Penistone on Saturday. He understood 200 tests had been undertaken and requested the facility returned but this time its presence be more widely advertised.

Cllr Kitching replied that this had been a BMBC/Public Health England initiative which was touring throughout the Borough. She would request a further visit but she understood as it only in the area for a short time.

The Deputy Mayor thanked Cllr Kitching for attending the meeting.

2020/32 Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were received and noted:

White Rose Update 19/06/20 sent via email
BMBC Covid Update 01/07/20 sent via email
White Rose Update 03/07/20 sent via email

2020/33 Accounts and Finance

a. General

£65,148.34

Moved by Cllr A. Millner, Seconded by Cllr Hinchliff and **RESOLVED**
the above account be approved and noted.

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b. Paramount Account

£31,185.17

Moved by Cllr Cutts, Seconded by Cllr Barraclough and **RESOLVED** the above account be approved and noted.

c. Review of the management accounts for the month ending 30th June 2020

Moved by Cllr Barraclough, Seconded by Cllr Unsworth and **RESOLVED** the review of management accounts be approved and noted.

d. Request from Penistone FM for financial assistance.

Moved by Cllr Unsworth, Seconded by Cllr Rusby and **RESOLVED** Penistone FM be awarded a grant of £500 to update facilities in order it can operate whilst observing current social distancing guidelines.

e. Payment of rates – Hoylandswaine Village Hall.

It was noted that the Town Council had recently awarded Hoylandswaine Village Hall Committee a grant to cover the cost of the village hall rates. However due to the Covid 19 financial support, the rates had been reimbursed by BMBC.

It was agreed that the Hoylandswaine Village Hall Committee be asked to refund the grant and asked to submit a further grant application to cover the cost of any Covid 19 work required so the village hall may reopen.

2020/34 Report on the Paramount.

Cllr Cutts reported that whilst the Paramount remained closed it was still on schedule to reopen at the beginning of September. The majority of staff were still furloughed until the end of August. The ice cream stock has been distributed to local care homes. Refunds from ticket sales had been completed.

Cllr Cutts reported a security shutter was to be installed at the entrance to the Millennium Room at the beginning of August.

Moved by Cllr Trotman, Seconded by Cllr Barraclough and **RESOLVED** the report be received and noted.

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2020/35 Proposed Renovation Projects at the Paramount.

Cllr Cutts reported that in addition to the following projects, the festoon curtain had been repaired and BMBC had been asked to inspect the flat roof.

a. Replacement of seating.

It was noted that the selling of the old seats had raised over £2600. All the seating had been now removed. Cllr Cutts commented that the replacement seats were impressive.

b. Replacement of carpets in the auditorium.

The old carpet had been lifted and in some places the surface underneath was poor. It would require plywood being fitted to provide a smooth surface before the new carpet was laid.

c. Decoration of main auditorium

This had begun and the decorators had a four week period to complete.

d. Removal of dumb waiter.

This is subject to a BMBC asbestos survey.

e. Renovation of steps

Work was due to commence shortly.

Moved by Cllr A. Millner, Seconded by Cllr Perkins and **RESOLVED** the report be received and noted.

Members discussed how to use the funds raised by the selling of the old seats which had raised more than was expected. It was agreed that £400 be used to hire dementia friendly films to be shown when the cinema reopened. The allocation of the outstanding balance is to be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

2020/36 Report on Community Centre

The Acting Clerk reported that the Covid assessment had taken place. All groups hiring the Centre would be asked to complete a Covid risk assessment. The Country Market had reopened and its initial session had gone well. The staff would be returning to the office on 3rd August. It was noted some groups would be asked to meet at the Paramount where they could observe social distancing easier.

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The caretakers continued to work their normal hours but had begun to work outside tidying up the centre gardens.

Cllr Perkins reported that the fire risk assessment would be received this week.

Moved by Cllr Perkins, Seconded by Cllr Barraclough and **RESOLVED** the report be received and noted.

2020/37 Approval of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)

a. Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) for the year ending 31st March 2020.

Moved by Cllr A. Millner, Seconded by Cllr Rusby and **RESOLVED** the statement be noted and agreed.

b. Annual Accounting Statement (Section 2) for the year ending 31st March 2020.

Moved by Cllr A. Millner, Seconded by Cllr Barraclough and **RESOLVED** the statement be noted and agreed.

2020/38 Date and time of the next Ordinary Town Council meeting

It was noted that the new Clerk will take up her role on 10th August so it was agreed that the next meeting should be on Monday 24th August 2020 at 7.00pm. A decision as to whether it is to be held remotely or in the main hall in the Community Centre will be taken nearer the date.

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