

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on Monday
December 19th 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, Pilkington, Mrs. Rusby, Starling Unsworth and Mrs. Webber.

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

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

The **Town Mayor** before opening the meeting proper thanked everyone for their attendance at the carol concert and light switch on

1. Apologies for absence – NONE

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 November 21st 2011
- b) The Planning Committee held on November 21st 2011
- c) The Leisure and Amenities Committee held on December 12th (**Cllr. Mrs. Rusby** apologised for her non attendance at this meeting as she had not received her notification in time due to the post.)

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

Cllr. Millner alluded to the following in his report:

The outdoor leisure equipment had now been installed which had resulted in the securing of the show field and toward the prevention of future development.

Plans had been submitted for the redevelopment of the old leisure centre and donations had been received.

The roof was being installed on the Green Park development and progress taking place. It was envisaged the building would be open by April 2012.

Funding had been secured for the traffic scheme in the town centre.

Funding had been applied for through the community support fund to provide new lighting on the skate park and make it anti vandal proof.

Utility works had caused disruption around Market St. and Back Lane, however it was envisaged these works would be completed in the very near future.

Future council tax bills from Barnsley MBC would be re- worded. It was anticipated by doing this the payment of bills will be less confusing.

Cllr. Hand – Davis reported that at a recent meeting with the police the composition of the Safer Neighbourhood Team was discussed. A new Inspector in the return of Julie Mitchell would be responsible. The team would be based in Barnsley. Penistone will gain Darton and Dodworth in the boundary with Wombwell joining Hoyland.

The PACT meetings will now be reduced from ten meetings per year to nine.

Signed.....Mayor 16/01/12

WARD MEMBERS REPORTS CONTINUED

Cllr. Hand – Davis also announced the new that the chief executive of Barnsley MBC Phil Coppard who joined the authority in 1976 and had been chief executive for twelve years was to retire

Cllr. Webber commented that at a recent ward panel meeting a “Good Neighbour Scheme” had been launched. Snow wardens would be appointed and individual locations could apply for grit.

Cllr. Webber also expressed his disappointment at the theft of a Christmas tree from the residence of an elderly resident.

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 and if the town councils suggestions regarding the traffic scheme in the town centre had been taken into account? **Cllr. Millner** informed **Cllr. Barron** that he had asked highways officers for written confirmation regarding this scheme and future works. **Cllr. Millner** also stated that the traffic scheme would be removed if it proved to be a failure and to await its feasibility.

Cllr. Barron asked **Cllr. Millner** about permits for the market traders on Back Lane who replied that as the current traffic regulation order had been withdrawn in its current form and not enforceable.

Cllr. Marsh was of the opinion officers had ignored the comments from the town council and public opinion, and should the scheme be implemented it would require careful monitoring, and asked if the works would have any impact on the new development which was to take place on Bridge St. and traffic gaining access via Back Lane. **Cllr. Webber** agreed to ask officers on this matter.

Cllr. Marsh informed members that the bus operator servicing Hoylandswaine would not pick up passengers should the village is affected by snow and ice. This was a clause in their contract.

Cllr. Cutts remarked about the lack of gritting in Hoylandswaine. **Cllr. Hand – Davis** was of the opinion that the gritting crews had coped satisfactorily over the recent winters.

Cllr. Mrs. Rusby asked if the block paving recently removed and reinstated with tarmac by the utilities on Back Lane would be reinstated correctly with block paving

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

Cllr. Hinchliff raised the problem of a deep pothole in the car park at the Paramount

Cllr. Millner agreed to investigate the matter.

Cllr. Unsworth reported the defective paving on the roundabout by Tesco
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) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue briefing note
- b) Market Mill
- c) Voluntary action Barnsley
- d) Business Link Yorkshire
- e) Historic Town Forum
- f) Letter - Mrs. Barkworth
- g) Penistone RBL

Signed.....Mayor 16/01/12

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Pilkington stated that there had been nothing further to report since the meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee and asked members to refer to the approved minutes from the committee.

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 £17,132.12**
- b) **The Paramount Account to the sum of £44,350.98**

8. Resource Centre.

The **Town Clerk** asked members to refer to their minutes from the Leisure and Amenities Committee as there was nothing further to report

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 that a meeting had been arranged for January 11th to approve the final version of the questionnaire and move progress.

12. Town Hall.

No report for this period

13. Town Centre toilet refurbishment.

No report for this period

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 and was due to go out live in the very near future. **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. However in the meantime correspondence had been received from Yorkshire Water to obtain service drawings

16. Date and Time of the next meeting. January 16th 2012 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall at 7.0pm

- Before closing the meeting the **Town Mayor** raised the following
- a) diary dates February 26th 2012 charity fundraising night at Cherrydale Chinese.
Signed.....Mayor 16/01/12