

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on Monday June 16th 2014
in the Council Chamber, Town Hall Shrewsbury Rd. Penistone**

Present: The Deputy Mayor Cllr. Cutts, in the chair. Cllrs. Barron, Chapman, Hinchliff, Mrs. Hinchliff, Millner, Mrs. Rusby, Unsworth,

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

The **Deputy Mayor** allowed ten minutes public participation prior to the meeting.
Comments heard from the public were:

The Tourist Information Office inside the Town Hall is currently well used not only as the centre for the Tour de France but as an information centre generally and it would be catastrophic if it had to close on conclusion of the Tour de France. Could provisions be made to keep it open or would the Town Council be interested in taking it over.

The **Town Clerk** replied that this may be pertinent at the next meeting of the Ward Alliance

There were no further questions from the public.

1. Apologies for absence – Apologies were received from the **Town Mayor Cllr. Marsh Cllrs. Beever Hand – Davis Pilkington Mr. & Mrs. Webber. RESOLVED** the apologies were accepted.

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest – None

3. Approval of Minutes.

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

a) The Town Council Meeting held on May 19th 2014

b) The Planning Committee held on May 19th 2014

Cllr. Unsworth stated that he had now been nominated on to Barnsley M.B.C's Planning Regulatory Board queried his status as Chair of Penistone Town Councils Planning Committee and possible conflict of interests. He agreed to chair the imminent planning meeting and asked for advice and clarification on this position.

CLERKS NOTE Under the Localism Act 2011 there has been a relaxation in policies governing this matter, and the rules now give powers for elected members to have a dual role when examining applications, providing the member remains open minded and not predetermine any decision. Therefore **Cllr. Unsworth's** position as chair is not affected.

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

Cllr. Unsworth reported he had attended a meeting of residents regarding the recent fire at Crow Edge and the lack of information to residents. The Fire Service had issued a statement claiming that although the fire had now been extinguished it may reignite. The Environment Agency which issues the license for the site had served an enforcement notice to the company that it may be prosecuted should any more wood be taken on to the site.

Signed.....Mayor 21/07/14

Elected Members Reports Continued.

Cllr. Mrs. Rusby commented that she had been concerned that residents had not been informed or received any communication and would investigate why this had not been forthcoming.

Cllr. Barron asked if Thurlstone could be provided with blue recycling bins and also asked if the Ward Members held surgeries.

Cllr. Mrs. Rusby replied that she would investigate the recycling bin provision and also stated that member surgeries have never been successful in the past as members now can be contacted by mobile, Email, or landline.

Cllr. Unsworth also commented that the majority of contact with members of the public with him are by this method.

The **Deputy Mayor** thanked the ward councillors for their reports.

5. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) Thank you letter from J. Pinguey
- b) Thurlstone War Memorial
- c) Parking issues Green Rd / Sheffield Rd. (This is to be referred to the next PACT meeting)
- d) Minutes from Penistone Area Housing Team
- e) Love where you live
- f) Tourist information signage for Penistone (To be referred to the Penistone Ward Alliance)
- g) Temporary rolling road closure
- h) Signpost - The newsletter from the Peak and Northern Footpaths Society

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Cutts reported on the following:

Satellite – Audiences are increasing satisfactorily. Skylight and a concert by Andre Rieu are booked for July

Live Events – Rat Pack Vegas Show returns in October,

Films - Attendances are better than expected at this time of year

Organ Trust – Jean Martyn a former contestant on Britain's Got Talent will be the guest organist in July.

Website – Difficulties have been experienced recently however this has not affected the box office system.

The new quads poster cases will be in place imminently.

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 **£17,720.93**
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£32, 258.56**
- c) **Approval of Cllr. Beever as a signatory to the Town Councils Accounts - RESOLVED**
- d) **Approval and signing of the annual return and audit report for the year end 31/03/14 prior to submission to the external auditor**

This had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. No questions were asked therefore the **Deputy Mayor** on behalf of the Town Council signed the report prior to submitting to the external auditor for scrutiny.

NOTED Signed.....Mayor 21/07/14

8. Resource Centre.

No report for this period

9. Community Centre.

The **Town Clerk** reported that decorating the Bar Room had now been completed and the new lights were to be installed.

Following the recommendation of the Leisure and Amenities Committee it was agreed to carry out further decorating to the building.

10. Public Toilets.

In the absence of the **Town Mayor** the **Town Clerk** commented that tenders for the work were to be presented in the very near future.

11. Berrywell Avenue Allotments.

Following the recent meeting with the Allotment Society the following comments were **NOTED**

- 1) The discharge of water / slurry from the neighbouring field had now ceased Allotment holders (with one exception) had dug drainage trenches along the wall side to stop any filtration of water. It was agreed by the Society to monitor the position and complete the trenching.
- 2) The manhole cover had now been replaced
- 3) **Cllr. Marsh** had removed approximately 40 tons of topsoil however it was suggested that a reconfiguration be looked at to make the best use of the conditions on plot 2
- 4) Tidiness of the site was to be monitored by the plot holders as there were issues with the removal of weeds and rubbish from the site and the path was to be kept clear with a shared protocol for maintenance of the path.
- 5) Pallets used as a compost facility were to be removed from plot 10
- 6) The two standpipes were now operational the Town Clerk was to arrange for the padlocks and monitor water usage during the summer. The water would be turned off during winter. **Cllr. Marsh** agreed to investigate the flow of water from the standpipes.
- 7) Storage building the **Town Clerk** was to arrange the laying of the base and the provision of the garage. **Cllr. Marsh** was to arrange the provision of the steel doors.
- 8) The **Town Clerk** and **Cllr. Marsh** were to arrange for the supply of the "grasscrete"
- 9) Tenancy Agreements – a new version has been distributed to tenants by the Town Council for signature invoices for rent were to follow. All plot holders are to be paid up Society Members.
- 10) Signage – The **Town Clerk** confirmed the signs had now been made and were to be installed.
- 11) Hedging to the path side – The Society is to submit a grant to the Woodland Trust the outcome of the submission will not be known until the autumn. It was agreed however that the hedge would be planted on the allotment side and the Society would liaise with the Neighbourhood Pride to prevent spraying of weed killers on the open space side adjacent to the hedge.

Signed.....Mayor 21/07/14

12. Tour de France road closure update

The **Town Clerk** read out the details of the temporary road closures affecting:

A628 Manchester Rd. Millhouse Green

A616 Whams Rd. Hazlehead.

Windle Edge.

Gilbert Hill.

Mortimer Rd. Midhopestones.

Clarel Street Penistone

Chapelfield Lane Penistone

These sites were now the subject of a legal order and detailed temporary no waiting /parking restrictions on various roads close to the route.

13. Date and Time of the next meeting.

July 21st at 7.0pm in the Council Chamber Town Hall Shrewsbury Road

Signed.....Mayor 21/07/14

