

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on September 18th 2017 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Shrewsbury Rd. Penistone

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

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

The **Town Mayor** allowed ten minutes public participation prior to the meeting proper.

Comments raised were over the state of the market litter bins were overflowing and the building was generally unkempt.

It was agreed to contact Barnsely MBC Markets.

Further comments were raised regarding Persimmon Homes Hartcliff Development as it appeared the various conditions imposed prior to site commencement were not being adhered to. There appeared to be total negligence by the developer with regard to highway safety. Is the traffic light going to be implemented?

It was agreed that the Town Council would write to the Cabinet member responsible for development.

Would the Town Council consider writing to Network Rail to consider providing a pedestrian gate which would allow people walking from Springvale easier access to the railway station on completion of the new development on Lairds Way?

There being no further questions the Mayor opened the meeting proper.

1. Apologies for absence –

Apologies were received from Cllr. Hayler

RESOLVED that the apology was recorded.

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest

In accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2011

The **Town Mayor** invited declarations of which there were **NONE**.

NOTED.

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 July 17th 2017
- b) The Planning Committee held on July 17th 2017
- c) The Leisure and Amenities Committee held on July 24th 2017

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

Cllr. Unsworth again commented that the Ward Members had opposed the Hartcliff Development when it was presented to the Planning Committee. There were still legal issues with the proposed traffic light installment.

Signed.....Mayor 16th October 2017

Reports from Elected Members continued

Despite assurances from the Planning Officers, the site recommended for the installation of the lights may not form part of the adopted highway.

Cllr. Unsworth spoke about the Sheffield City deal where Barnsley and Doncaster MBC's were not in agreement which may lead to losing the funding. There was a proposal to enlarge the intake at Penistone Grammar School by 250 pupils.

Cllr. Millner confirmed that issues with the new Clean and Tidy contract were now resolved and a revised and improved bus service was in operation between Barnsley and Crow Edge.

Cllr. Hand – Davis stated that he had spoken to the Head of Planning on the Hartcliff development. He asked why the public toilets had been locked recently. The Town Clerk confirmed that there had been problems with the locking mechanism which has now been rectified.

Cllr. Stanley commented that she and Cllr. Saunders had attended the Barnsley MBC Local Plan Hearing Session where the Housing Inspector stated that housing was still inefficient within the Barnsley area.

Cllr. Mrs. Rusby asked if the Inspector had ever visited the area as the villages had undergone huge development with no facilities to support them.

Cllr. Saunders commented that the Inspector had visited Penistone and appeared to appreciate the comments raised.

Cllr. Mrs. Hinchliff raised concerns regarding the wall on Shrewsbury Road on the entrance to the Paramount. Cllr. Millner replied that he had reported this for repairs to be carried out.

5. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) Yorkshire Land
- b) Community First news
- c) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue bulletin
- d) Millhouse Green Post Office
- e) Barnsley MBC temp speed restriction
- f) N.A.L.C. reform of data protection legislation
- g) Rural Action Yorkshire
- h) Fairtrade in Penistone
- i) External Audit report – end of year March 31st 2017
- j) Internal Audit report - First and second interim visits year ending March 31st 2018

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Cutts reported on the following:

Staffing: two members of staff have left in the last month. The Cinema Manager is now carrying out the shift planning.

Programme: Film attendances have been average at best with the notable exception of Despicable Me 3 and Dunkirk. The forthcoming season appears to be improving

Signed.....Mayor 16th October 2017

Leisure and Amenities Report Continued

Live Events: The forthcoming live season is booking very well

Marketing: Since the summer we have been undertaking some Facebook advertising which in some case is proving to be worthwhile. This is back up with regular E news bulletins to the Email list. The next programme booklet will be ready in the very near future.

Lease: As you are aware FCS Associates have been appointed to assist in the planning of a full business plan as requested by Barnsley MBC. Work in detail starts on this on Friday 22nd September as is anticipated to take approximately 4-5 weeks.

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 £ 28,043.44
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of £ 85,195.29
- c) Grant funding to Hoylandswaine Parochial Church Council to the sum of £324.00 was approved. (Last two years church clock servicing)
- d) Grant funding to Music Bugs Barnsley was declined on this occasion

8. Community Centre

The Town Clerk stated that painting of the lower hall, I.T. Room and foyer had been carried out

NOTED

9. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Kimberley commented that during the summer recess work had been undertaken in relation to the plan. Comments from all the three agencies (Natural England, The Environment Agency and Historic England) had been received with positive comments about the plan and determined that a Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) was not required. Barnsley MBC has been informed that a SEA is not required which is excellent news.

Support has been gained for the screening assessment to now be undertaken, once this has been undertaken we can move toward the Regulation 14 Consultation. In order to prepare for this, work has already been undertaken to get the Neighbourhood Plan into print and in developing the questionnaire ready for the consultation. Another workshop has been arranged to proceed with the website and social media sites ready for the consultation.

NOTED

10. Staff Pensions: Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960

Members of the public and press left the room whilst this item was discussed.

RESOLVED: the existing conditions allowing staff members to join a pension scheme would remain without amendment.

11. Date and Time of the next ordinary meeting.

October 16th 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Town Hall, Shrewsbury Rd, Penistone

Signed.....Mayor 16th October 2017

Signed.....Mayor 20/06/16