

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

Also present the Town Clerk **K. Coulton, Paula Lindley, Rob Cawthraw (Barnsley MBC Markets Dept)** and **2** members of the public.

Prior to opening the meeting the Town Mayor welcomed Steve Webber on being co-opted back to the Town Council.

He then introduced Rob Cawthraw and Paula Lindley from Barnsley MBC Market Department to discuss problems being encountered in the Market Barn. Much discussion ensued regarding litter, graffiti, damage to the stone pillars, roof, electric sockets and youths congregating. He was seeking suggestions in how to alleviate the problem.

Cllr. Millner stated that the Council was fully aware of the situation and he and his Ward colleagues had been discussing ways of security. Costs were being sought at this present time by the Market Department and subject to the estimate funding would be applied for.

The officers were thanked for their attendance.

The Town Mayor then offered ten minutes public participation
There being no questions, the Town Mayor opened the meeting proper.

1. Apologies for absence –

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Hayler Marsh, Chadburn and Ogle
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 there were
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 February 19th and March 5th 2018
- b) The Planning Committee held on February 19th 2018

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

Cllr. Millner commented on the potholes around the area and Barnsley MBC had a service now available on line “Report a pothole”

He also confirmed that he had reported the many blocked gullies around the Town.

Cllr. Unsworth commented that the election period was to soon commence.

Anti - Social behavior was a topic at the recent P.A.C.T. meeting.

Signed.....Mayor 16/04/18

The Ward Members were thanked for their reports.

5. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) Rural Services Network
- b) Penistone Cricket and Sports Club – thank you letter
- c) Hoylandswaine Village Hall Ltd. A.G.M. – invitation to members to attend

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Staffing: Two new members of staff have been recruited to the relief roster and are receiving training.

First Aid Course: Eleven members of both Paramount and Town Council staff carried out a one day First Aid at Work course. All were successful and their names are posted in the Box Office. A repeat of the course is being considered for relief staff in the very near future. Investigations are being carried out to purchase a defibrillator.

Programme:

Film Attendance Attendances have been very good and continue through Easter. Inclement weather has not helped however even on the worst night there has been a decent attendance.

Live Events Most are booking well, future bookings are being affected by the weather especially for older audiences. Only one show, Abba, was postponed and rescheduled for April 20th

Marketing In the new financial year we will be cutting back on newspaper advertising and concentrating on event advertising rather than listings. This mainly affects the Huddersfield Daily Examiner. The next booklets will be out April /May. We will continue with Facebook.

Lease and Amendments to the Business Plan appear satisfactory and arrangements are being made to renew the Heads of Terms and present the document to Barnsley MBC Cabinet.

Building

NPS has been in attendance and cleaned out the gutters and down pipes

Two outer doors into the car park are to be replaced.

The CCTV system is to be replaced and extended to the yard and bar area

Most of the old light fittings have been replaced with energy efficient “led” fixtures.

A replacement quad has been ordered and the faulty flood light on the front of the building is to be replaced.

Quotes are being sought to replace the water heaters in the bar and ladies stall toilet

Parts of the bar floor are being replaced due to rotting

Penistone Theatre Group has cleaned out the cellar.

Cllr. Cutts was thanked for his 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 £20,773.86
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of £51,386.74
- c) Request for financial assistance from Penistone Pottery Club - £200.00

Signed.....Mayor 16/04/18

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 and office, new fencing in the yard, and the planting of 3 semi mature Oaks trees.

NOTED

9. Parade and Gala 2018:

Cllr. Mrs. Millner commented that plans were ongoing bands were booked, businesses were supporting the event and the theme was to be musicals throughout the ages

NOTED

10. Penistone Neighbourhood Development Plan:

Cllr. Saunders reported that the plan was heading toward completion and the referendum would be around January/February 2019

NOTED

11. Closure of Nat West Bank Penistone Branch.

Cllr. Unsworth commented that there was no further information to report and that Angela Smith MP had presented the petition to keep the bank open in Parliament.

Cllr. Webber also raised concern that the Post Office was up for sale and what would happen in future if that was to close. Could a commercial enterprise run it? Or would Tesco consider opening banking facilities?

NOTED

12. Tour de Yorkshire:

Cllr. Saunders commented that the event would take place on May 4th and a meeting regarding the event would be held on March 26th only the Tour was to come through the Town this year

NOTED

13. 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 has 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. Penistone Grammar School Foundation Trust:

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

Due to the confidentiality of this item members of the public left the meeting.

The **Town Clerk** read out correspondence from Barnsley MBC Governor Services stating that the Town Council needed to appoint another representative and needed to progress with the recruitment.

It was agreed to discuss this matter at the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee scheduled for April 9th

Signed.....Mayor 16/04/18

Penistone Grammar School Foundation Trust continued

The Town Clerk also stated that **Cllr. Ogle** had also not attended the last 6 meetings of the Town Council and referred to the Local Government Act 1972 which states “If a member fails throughout six consecutive months to attend any meetings of the Council or of its Committees or sub – committees of which he is a member, or other body as a representative of the Council, or at a meeting of any body of persons, he ceases automatically to be a member of the Council.

Following a brief discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk writes to **Cllr. Ogle** explaining the situation and asks him to tender his resignation.

Town Clerks Note:

The Town Clerk’s office received notification from **Cllr. Ogle** during the Town Council meeting offering his resignation from the Town Council due to business reasons.

14. Date and Time of the next ordinary meeting.

April 16th 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Town Hall, Shrewsbury Rd, Penistone

Signed.....Mayor 16/04/18

