

Minutes of the Meeting of Penistone Town Council  
held remotely on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

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

Also present

Councillors Barnard and Wilson, Elected Members from BMBC

A. Hart – Acting Town Clerk & Finance Officer

E. A. Wright – taking the Minutes

4 members of the public and press were present.

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

A couple of residents raised their concern about speed of vehicles travelling along Manchester Road, in particular in the vicinity of Millhouse Green Primary School, and especially during the lock down period. The residents requested the Town Council's support to lobby Barnsley MBC for traffic calming measures.

Cllr A. Millner reported that he was aware of a £1.4m Department of Transport grant for upgrading the A628 and for traffic calming measures to be installed from the Hoylandswaine roundabout and the Flouch roundabout.

Cllr Barnard confirmed that there were plans for such measures and he would find out further details.

The Town Mayor agreed that the Town Council would support measures to reduce the speed of vehicles travelling on the Manchester Road.

Cllr Unsworth commented that there was an issue of speeding vehicles everywhere during lock down.

Cllr Bradbury commented that it may be time to re-advertise for a school crossing attendant at Millhouse Green Primary School.

It was agreed that the Acting Clerk is to circulate the residents' email about this issue to all Town Councillors and all Penistone West and Penistone East Borough Councillors. The residents would be kept informed of progress.

The Town Mayor thanked the members of the public and formally opened the meeting.

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**2020/17 Apologies for non-attendance**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Kimberley.

The Chair informed the meeting that he had agreed with Cllr Kimberley that she could take a short period of absence from Town Council duties. This was due to her demanding role as Manager of a Care Home in Wakefield where she was experiencing a very heavy workload, staff shortages & resident illness due to the current Covid crisis impacting upon Care Homes. The meeting unanimously agreed to this course of action and the Chair agreed to convey the Town Council’s best wishes to Cllr Kimberley.

The Chair also informed the meeting that the Town Council’s website administrator had reported that they were shortly to undergo a course of medical treatment and that whilst this was taking place (August & September) website updates may be carried out less frequently. The meeting accepted this and asked for the Town Council’s best wishes to be sent to the website administrator by the Chair.

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

**2020/18 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 no declarations of interest were received.

**2020/19 Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the following meetings were submitted for approval:

- a. The Town Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Moved by Cllr G. Millner, Seconded by Cllr Rusby and **RESOLVED** they were a true record subject to the following amendment:

2020/13 Update on the measures taken during the coronavirus

To add: It was moved by Cllr Bradbury, Seconded by Cllr Rusby and **RESOLVED** the stone steps at the from entrance to the Paramount be repaired as soon as possible.

The Chair reported that the interviews for the Town Clerk would be taking place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

This was noted by the meeting.

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b. The Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020

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

c. The Leisure & Amenities Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020

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

**2020/20 Reports from Elected Members of Barnsley M.B.C.**

Cllr Wilson reported that grass cutting had resumed together with the green bin collection.

Cllr Bradbury reported that some damage had been done in Stottercliffe cemetery by staff using grass cutting strimmers and it appeared someone was camping in the cemetery.

Cllr Barnard replied he would raise the damage issue with Bereavement Services.

Cllr Cutts reported that a homeless person was sleeping in the market barn and unfortunately was creating a hygiene problem.

Cllr Wilson commented that the person had been offered support but had decided not to accept it, however he would request further contact be made in view of hygiene problem.

Cllr Hinchliff asked when the libraries would reopen.

Cllr Wilson replied that he would enquire about this item.

The Chair reported his concern about the surface of Cross Lane, Hoylandswaine. The lane had been partially tarmaced near the new housing development but further work was required towards Renald Lane as the left shoulder was collapsing.

Cllr Barnard commented he would raise this with the Highways Department.

Cllr Rusby reported that on Carr Lane signs still remained to say it was officially closed. However the lane remained in a very poor state of repair and was impassable in parts for some residents vehicles.

Cllr Barnard commented he would raise this with the Highways Department.

Cllr Perkins and Cllr Trotman asked that the refuse collectors be requested to place the empty bins onto the pavements more carefully as they often fell, or blew over, blocking pavements and roads.

Cllr Barnard is to raise this with Waste Management Services.

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Cllr Wood reported the problems being caused by a badly fitted manhole cover on Chapel Lane and questioned whether it was the correct cover. Cllr Wood also raised the removal of the old water trough and the missing finger post at the end of Chapel Lane.

The Acting Clerk is to contact the BMBC Penistone West Councillors about the above items.

Cllr Bradbury asked that a stop sign is requested for the end of Chapel Lane to encourage vehicles emerging onto Mortimer Road to do so carefully.

**2020/21 Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence were received and noted:

- White Rose Update 15/05/20 sent via email
- White Rose Update 29/05/20 sent via email
- White Rose Update 05/06/20 sent via email

**2020/22 Accounts and Finance**

a. General

£21,382.89

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

b. Paramount Account

£17,487.47

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

The Acting Clerk reported she had transferred £10,000 from the General account to the Paramount account to prevent overdraft charges being implied.

c. Review of the management accounts for the month ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020

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

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**2020/23 Update on ongoing improvements at the Paramount**

Cllr Cutts reported that reserves had been set aside to undertake ongoing improvements at the Paramount and he wished to use this period of lock down to undertake these improvements.

This was noted by the meeting.

**2020/24 Proposed Renovation Projects at the Paramount**

Cllr Cutts reported that the Cinema Manager had produced a spreadsheet showing the quotations received for the following renovation projects.

The Acting Clerk went through the spreadsheet which was circulated to all Members present.

a. Refurbishment or replacement of seating

It was noted that the estimated cost was between £30,000 to £50,000, with 2 quotations in the sums of £38,976 & £37,422 being received to date. A 3rd quotation was expected soon.

b. Replacement of carpets in the auditorium.

It was noted that 2 quotations in the sums of £8,600 & £14,905 had been received to date. A 3rd quotation was declined by the supplier contacted.

c. Decoration of main auditorium

It was noted that the estimated cost was £10,000 with 2 quotations in the sums of £15,140 & £12,080 being received to date. A 3rd quotation was expected soon.

d. Removal of dumb waiter.

As the dumb waiter contains asbestos the estimated cost is £5,000. A comprehensive survey is being arranged to investigate the necessary works.

e. Security Shutter

It was agreed a security shutter is to be installed at the rear door at a cost of £1,346.

The Chair reiterated that funds were allocated in reserves to cover the cost of these projects.

Cllr G. Millner commented that it was important to get as much of this work done during the lock down period so the Paramount could open swiftly when permitted

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Moved by Cllr G. Millner, Seconded by Cllr Trotman and **RESOLVED**

that the Town Council agreed in principal to these works be undertaken subject final quotations being received. It was agreed the quotations would be emailed to all Councillors for final approval.

**2020/25 Update on the reopening of the Paramount and Community Centre**

The Acting Clerk reported on the quotation obtained for hand sanitiser equipment which would be required for both the Paramount and the Community Centre. Not all items on the quotation would be purchased, but only those considered appropriate. The heavy duty mobile units were preferred rather than wall mounted units.

Cllr Wood gave details of another company which produced such equipment and the Acting Clerk agreed to contact the company but commented that the order needed to be placed as soon as possible.

Moved by Cllr G. Millner, Seconded by Cllr A. Millner and **RESOLVED**

the Acting Clerk may accept the original quotation unless the second company is able to give a lower quotation.

**2020/26 Any other business**

Cllr Unsworth reported he had received a complaint about some fencing on Church Street, Penistone. He had raised this with the Penistone West Borough Councillors and as Chair of the Planning Committee would raise it with the Planning Department.

This was noted by the meeting.

Cllr Rusby commented that as businesses were slowly opening up she would like the Town Council to let it be known that it was there to offer support and advice.

The Chair replied he would ask that something be put on the Council's website.

Cllr G. Millner commented that a good one way system had been introduced for the market on Thursdays and market stall holders were returning.

This was noted by the meeting.

**2020/27 Date and time of the next Ordinary Town Council meeting**

It was noted that this will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.00pm. A decision to hold the meeting remotely or in the Paramount would be taken nearer the date.

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