

ANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF ANSTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, 15A RYTON ROAD, NORTH ANSTON, 7:00pm ON MONDAY THE 5th FEBRUARY 2024.

Present: Councillors- Shaun Concannon (Chair) Clive Jepson, Colin Tawn, Kay Wright, Marie Wilkinson, Diane Graham, Alan Scholey

Public: Several including a representative from BMC.

In attendance: Andrew Woodhead (Clerk)

162/0224- QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Q Is the hedge at Rackford Meadow going to be cut back?

A The Council will make a decision at this meeting.

Q Is the Council going to hold a Bonfire night event this year?

A The Council is going to consider the way forward at this meeting.

163/0224- APOLOGIES

To receive and consider apologies for absence.

RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllrs Bentley

RESOLVED to accept apologies from Brooks-MacDonald.

164/0224- DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

(a) To receive disclosures by members of any disclosable pecuniary interests for the purposes of Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 and any other relevant interests under the Members' Code of Conduct; None.

(b) To receive and decide upon request for dispensations to councillors to take part in discussions and votes where they have declared disclosable pecuniary interests; None.

165/0224- ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

To identify agenda items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the press and public;

RESOLVED Agenda items 7 to 9

166/0224- MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a)- RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the 20th November 2023 as amended as a true and accurate record. Recorded vote, For Cllrs Concannon, Wright, Graham, Wilkinson, Tawn, Against, Cllr Jepson, Abstain, Cllr Scholey.

b)- RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the meeting of the 15th January 2024. Recorded vote, For Cllrs Concannon, Scholey, Wright, Wilkinson, Graham, Tawn. Against Cllr Jepson.

167/0224- TO CONSIDER RACKFORD MEADOW HEDGE

RESOLVED to cut the hedge at Rackford Meadow back by two feet in order to make it tidy but maintain it as a barrier to stop unwanted incursions. The Clerk was instructed to find a price for the work.

168/0224- TO CONSIDER GOVERNANCE MATTERS

RESOLVED to form a small working group made up of Cllrs Jepson, Bentley & Scholey to report back to next Council meeting to investigate Governance issues. Recorded vote, For Cllrs Concannon, Wright, Tawn, Scholey, Jepson. Against Cllrs Graham and Wilkinson.

169/0224- TO CONSIDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCILS WEBSITE

It was stated that the Clerk was to take over the facebook page of the Paish Council and ensure that it kept on message for the Council and its general activities.

RESOLVED That the current Website is not fit for purpose and the provider has recently changed, the Clerk to investigate options and report back to Council.

170/0224- TO CONSIDER THE OLD LIBRARY PROJECT

The Clerk reported that at the meeting with our liaison officer representative on a remote meeting that took place on the 2nd February we were informed that the match funding the Council had stated as £50,508 was incorrect and needed to be increased. The clerk has asked for clarification on this amount as the difference is in excess of £12,000.

RESOLVED that subject to the match funding element being resolved the Clerk was authorised to sign the grant funding agreement on behalf of the Council.

171/0224- TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence enquiring after a claim to a public right of way Lodge Farm Close to Main Street, has been received by the Council. The Clerk had passed this over to Rotherham Council and a reply regarding the issue has been received. Councillors or members of the public who wished to submit evidence to the Definitive Map Review Officer were asked to contact Philippa Stone on philippa.stone@rotherham.gov.uk. The correspondence was noted.

172/0224- TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE OF CLIMBERS USING ANSTON STONES WOOD

Following representations from the BMC Volunteer Access Representative for the Eastern Magnesian Limestone, Mr Matthew Cooke, regarding Bouldering at Anston Stones Wood it was stated that on the 25th January 2022 the Council had accepted an agreement; There did however seem to be a communications issue, as the e-mail trail stops without formal resolve.

The Clerk was instructed to investigate and re-issue the agreement as set out and follow up as required.

173/0224- BONFIRE NIGHT

The Clerk stated that the contractors for parts of the Bonfire Night needed to be given information very soon, if the event was to take place.

RESOLVED That a survey monkey survey be used to gain the views of members of the public and the outcome be brought to the next meeting of the Council on Monday the 19th February 2024. The offer of Cllr Wright to undertake this task was accepted by the Council.

174/0224- CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS

It was stated that Christmas Light features on the 20 to 23 Street Lights between the Little Mester, along Nursery Road to St James Church avoiding Concrete Lamp posts and those very close to or in overgrown trees, plus a number from St James to the Post Office in South Anston should be given consideration. Clerk to investigate.

175/0225- ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

- Parish Hall and Bowling Pavilion

176/0225- DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Anston Parish Council will take place at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall on Monday the 26th February 2024.

Meeting closed at 8:40 pm