

Anston Parish Council Amenities Committee
Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on the 24th January 2024 in the
Parish Hall.

Present: Councillors- Clive Jepson (Chair) Colin Tawn, Marie Wilkinson, Diane Graham, Shaun Concannon.

In attendance- Andrew Woodhead (Clerk) Cllr Alan Scholey

Public: No public present.

A1/0124 Apologies

RESOLVED to approve apologies for absence from Cllrs Ben Bentley & Kay Wright.

A2/0124 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.

i)- Cllr Diane Graham interest in Bowling Club.

b)-To receive and decide upon requests for dispensations to councillors to take part in discussions and votes where they have declared disclosable pecuniary interests.

i)- No requests.

A3/0124 Exclusion of Press and Public

Further to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to consider the exclusion of the press and public from certain agenda items due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.

None present.

A4/0124 Minutes of previous meeting.

No minutes on account of this being the first meeting.

A5/0124 Crowgate Recreation Ground.

To discuss the use of the facilities, parking related issues and decide on any course of action.

a)- The bund; It was noted that the bund was effective in stopping all vehicular traffic accessing the playing field. Given the history of the site and the bund the following was determined-

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that the bund be strimmed, annually, and that if required wild plant seed be purchased and planted on the bund to improve the flora and fauna.

b)- Admin to be tasked with contacting the current site user to ask for current usage details, with a view to marking out only the pitch(es) required & enquire if the current Goal Posts are required or should be removed and held in storage. To inform them that any items left on site are left at their own risk.

c)- The Clerk to look for any user agreements relating to this hirer.

d)- It was noted that the toilet at Crowgate was to be unblocked on the 31st January. The Cesspit being emptied last year, which was the first time in several years and that the Cesspit had had to have a new lid made as it was a special size/shape.

A6/0124 New Cemetery

To receive an update from the clerk/Cemetery Working Group and to decide on any course of action.

a)- It was noted that the Council is not obliged to have a cemetery.

b)- It was noted that the possible site was still unsure but generally it was felt Rackford Meadow was not a suitable site for a Cemetery.

c)- There is still 4 or 5 years of space in the current cemetery and site tests would be about £30,000. It was noted that no local landowners had been open to realistic discussions in the past, this situation may not change in the immediate future.

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that when the weather improves a public consultation should be held to gauge public opinion on the need for a new Cemetery.

A7/0124 The Baulk, North Anston

To discuss the proposal to terminate the lease agreement with RMBC and decide on any course of action.

a)- It was noted that the Council did not hold the land between the Baulk and Back Lane on a lease, the agreement was a Licence which was issued on the 4th January 1991. This agreement allowed the Parish Council to maintain and improve.

RESOLVED that works to cut clear and improve the Back Lane aspect of the Baulk be given to the Councils Workers and for them to undertake any other minor grounds work that will enhance the space as required.

b)- It was asked if the tree that was planted, but died, could be replaced in the same spot. Clerk to find if we can find a tree under any of the planting schemes currently running.

A8/0124 South Anston Cemetery

To discuss its maintenance and future projects and decide on any course of action.

a)- It was noted that the central former fountain feature has suffered frost damage and costs of repairs was asked for. It was stated that we could be throwing good money after bad as the item had been in a rapid state of deterioration since the day it was fitted The Clerk was instructed to ask for a price from a contact used for such specialist works in the past.

b)- It was stated that a Covid Memorial Bench be fitted instead of a Covid Plaque, other improvements could also be made around the Cemetery, including a pergola.

c)- It was asked if RMBC could be contacted to repair and improve the Cemetery Layby.

d)- Other concerns raised-

- State of Walls required jet washing
- Benches requiring cleaning/wood preserver
- Grass clipping pile behind wall

A9/0124 The Parish Hall /Bowling Pavilion

To discuss the proposed refurbishment of the buildings and decide on any course of action.

a)- It was stated that given the age and site of the current Bowling Pavilion, consideration should be given to a new building sited so as to open directly on to the path by the side of the bowling green. Removing all steps from the current access and making the Pavilion more accessible. This should be with a modular building which would be far cheaper to build.

b)- The Clerk was asked to contact a member of the Bowling Club with a knowledge of funding with a view at looking at funding options for the Bowling Club. It was noted that a price for the project would be required first.

c)- It was requested that the Bowling Green Hedge be cut, the grounds be cleared of debris, the Pavilion gutter be cleaned out and that yellow lines are repainted on the steps up the building and that any other works to improve the appearance of the site be undertaken by Council staff.

d)- It was noted that the window in the Small Hall has been fixed but a longer-term solution is required.

e)- It was noted that given the Parish Hall is some 12 months from being properly considered that the Parish Hall be Painted and given a general uplift to ensure it looks presentable for the next 18 months- inside and out.

f)- It was noted that new plans would be required for the Parish Hall.

g)- Cllr Graham stated that she may be able to get the Car Park white lined free of charge, it was agreed that she enquire and proceed if possible.

A10/0124 The Welfare Recreation Ground

To discuss the maintenance of the parish hall, the bowling pavilion and its grounds including provision of new bollards, new waste bins, parking issues, the use of the storage container, the installation of a new drainage system and decide on any course of action.

a)- It was noted that the drainage on the recreational ground required attention as the drains that had been fitted had collapsed. It was stated that should drainage be fitted Fairgrounds and Bonfires could not use the area. Cllr Jepson to supply details of land drainage engineers.

b)- New notice boards were needed at the Parish Hall, North Anston, South Anston and at the Old Library. Three quotes would be found for consideration. One supplier had already been identified.

c)- It was noted that the shipping container should be fitted out with shelving so as to make tool storage more efficient.

d)- New bollards were required around the Recreation ground as many were now rotten.

e)- **RESOLVED** where possible larger events would be offered hire costs for Rackford Meadow, the Clerk was asked to contact the Fair ground people to gain their opinion.

f)- Noted that the access road to the car park required patching.

g)- Rackford Meadow needed to be advertised through an agent to promote it as a site for Events, it was noted that water would be required.

A11/0124 Rackford Meadows

To discuss its future use for parish council events, the provision of a water supply and decide on any course of action.

a)- Noted that a meeting between Councillors and representative from the Steam Rally will meet at Rackford Meadow to consider the need to cut the hedge. It was stated that the Hedge as it stood was not problematic and had prevented Quad bike users accessing the site.

b)- Water was required at Rackford Meadow but proof of need was required as a standing charges would need to be covered.

c)- Treasure Trove Fairs had been contacted regarding using Rackford Meadow but nothing had come back.

A12/0124 Lindrick Dale

To discuss possible land encroachment at Lindrick Dale and decide on any course of action.

a)- It was noted that some old boundary Markers may have been removed and there was a need to check that there was no encroachment on to Council land. It was noted that staff are aware of where they should be.

b)- If required a proper survey may be required, although it was not sure how accurate the maps of the areas are.

c) **RESOLVED** Standing orders suspended to allow more time.

A13/0124 Christmas Light Provision

To discuss the provision of Christmas lights in the village 2024 and decide on any course of action.

a)- Rough costs for lighting has been circulated, it was noted that only metal lamp posts can be used for Christmas Lights. Identified lights would be required as these would need to have power points fitted. RMBC would grant permission, but the Council would have to pay for this one off cost.

b)- Discussion around public consultation followed, noting that Survey Monkey would require cross referencing with the electoral register, or something sent our using OurMag could be a better option.

c)- It was noted that a decision on this would be required soon.

14/0124 Anston Parish Council Allotments

To discuss the council allotments and decide on any course of action.

a)- Noted that Admin was now contacting all allotment plot holders to confirm tenancy, paperwork was being issued where it was missing, this work is just starting.

b)- Noted that South Anston Allotments are held on a 50 year lease from RMBC, the lease expires in 2028. The Clerk was asked to contact RMBC with reference to this matter and report back on ways forward.

A15/0124 Anston Parish Council Notice Boards

To discuss the provision of new parish council notice boards and decide on any course of action.- See A10/0124 item included in earlier discussion.

A16/0124 Old Library Building

To receive an update on the Old Library Building and decide on any future action including the role of the working group.

- a)- It was noted that the next meeting of the building user group will be held at CS's office in Dinnington at 2:00 pm on Monday the 29th January.
- b)- It was reported that an online meeting will take place with Simon Booth, our dedicated Community Ownership Fund Officer at the DLUHC at 11:00 a.m. on Friday the 2nd February.
- c)- Reports on both meeting would be taken to Full Council/This committee depending on which falls the sooner.

A17/0124 Other Issues

No items to add at this point.

A18/0124 Date and time of next meeting

To set time and date of the next meeting of the Amenities Committee.

- a)-The date and time of the next meeting were not set.

Meeting Closed at 9:15pm.