

## **Anston Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council**

**Held in Anston Parish Hall, Ryton Road on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Cllrs S Concannon (Chair), C Jepson, C Tawn, M Wilkinson, M Hemingway, G Deakin.

**Public:** None.

In attendance: A Woodhead, Clerk to the Council.

#### **121/1224 Public Participation**

No public present.

#### **122/1224 Update form Ward Councillor(s) on Parish Matters and Parish Matters for Ward Councillor(s) to consider.**

No report.

#### **123/1224 Apologies**

**RESOLVED** that apologies and reasons for absence be accepted from Cllrs E Pack, A Pack, A Scholey, B Bentley, J Brooks-MacDonald, D Graham, S Scott.

#### **124/1224 Declarations of interest**

No declarations.

#### **125/1224 To Consider matters which should be dealt with in open or confidential session.**

No items

#### **126/1224 Minutes of the last meeting**

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024 as a true record following minor amendments.

#### **127/1224 Meeting reports**

##### **a)-Finance and General Purposes Committee**

It was noted that a first meeting to consider the 2025-26 budget has taken place.

i)-Anston Parish Council Risk assessment

**RESOLVED** to approve the Anston Parish Council Risk Assessment with minor amendments and the addition of GDPR to the assessment.

ii)-Anston Parish Council- Review of Internal Audit arrangements 2024/2025

**RESOLVED** to approve the paper with a request that GDPR be considered.

iii)-M&R Lawnmower Service

Item deferred to the Finance meeting in January 2025.

##### **b)-Staffing Committee**

Cllr Wilkinson as chair of the staffing committee presented a report.

Cllr Wilkinson was thanked for her report.

**RESOLVED** that the staff team with the exception of the Clerk and the RFO be given a £10 Tesco Shopping Voucher in appreciation for their work for Christmas, the money to be allocated from the Chairs allowance.

**c)-Bike Pump Track Working Group**

A meeting of the group would be called in January, Questionnaires have been completed by 156 students from all four schools in the Parish.

**d)- Whitegates Park**

No action had been taken since the last meeting, this item to be brought back in January 2025.

**e)-Hill Crest Portacabin**

The Clerk reported that the Hill Crest building has now been handed over to Rotherham Council.

**f)-The Old Library**

i)-It was reported that the Old Library is finished, with only minor jobs now being completed, the project will be handed back to the Council on the 18<sup>th</sup> December with snagging and finishing off thereafter.

ii)- A previous roof repair had failed and work to repair the roof properly was required to make good. This had taken longer than originally planned but was now nearing completion.

iii)- The need to formalise the footpath had not been included in the original project. Work on this will continue after the project period. The formal finish date of the whole project is the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025. As furniture has yet to be purchased.

**g)-Governance advisory committee**

Item deferred.

**h)-Amenities Committee**

The meeting called on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 was inquorate, a discussion was held as an alternative. A meeting will be called for 7pm 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**i)-Updates on any other meetings**

Cllr Jepson reported that the issue of replacing old concrete lamp posts for safe steel ones was discussed at the last Joint Working Group meeting, the outcome was not clear, Rotherham Council do not appear to have a consistent planned programme to address this issue.

**128/1224 Planning Matters**

The following items were noted:

RB2024/1673 Land at Ashleigh, Quarry Lane, demolition of dwelling and erection of two houses.

RB2024/1498 7 Woodsetts Road, vary conditions- Granted.

RB2024/1559 11 Scarborough Close, Single storey front extension- Granted.

RB2024/1780 Crowgate- Garden Room.

RB2024/1396 2 Sanctuary Fields, rear extension- Granted

It was stated that the Whitestone Solar Farm proposal circulated to Councillors was hold the last of a series of public consultations on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 2pm to 6pm at the Consort Hotel, 8 Brampton Road, Thurcroft S66 9JA, Councillors are advised to attend.

**129/1224 To authorise the sealing of Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial.**

**RESOLVED** to authorise the sealing of Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial number 815.

**130/1224 Five Year Project Plan**

Item deferred to January 2025. It was noted that the plan contained the Lychgate Project, the formation of a group to move this forward has been authorised by the Council and this needs to be done next year.

**131/1224 To amend and adopt a Councillor Co-option Policy for Anston Parish Council**

Item deferred to January 2025.

**132/1224 To consider action required to target harden Rackford Meadow and Anston Stones Wood.**

It was stated that a vehicle access route had been cut through the hedge to access Rackford Meadow, work has been undertaken to fit posts and fencing with strategically placed rocks to stop access. Evidence of Hare Coursing had been found on site, which had been reported to the Police.

**RESOLVED** that a Gabion Basket be purchased and filled with rock and related material in order to act as a barrier for future use in preventing unauthorised access to Council land.

**133/1224 To consider the selection of a Parish Representative (Councillor) to the RMBC/Local Councils Joint Working Group.**

**RESOLVED** That Anston Parish Council vote for Cllr Sharon Biggin of Maltby Town Council, the Clerk was instructed to complete and return the selection paper to the YLCA.

**134/1224 To consider a contribution to a larger living Christmas Tree at Quarry Lane.**

**RESOLVED** to make a £1000 contribution to a living Christmas Tree within in the location of the power supply at Quarry Lane.

**135/1224 To agree the next meeting of the Parish Council**

Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7pm in the Small Hall, Anston Parish Hall.

Meeting closed at 8:30 pm