

ANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ANSTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, 15A RYTON ROAD, NORTH ANSTON ON MONDAY 19th JUNE 2023

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

Public: Sandra Wallhead

45/0623-QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Q. The requirement for a Bike Park was brought to the meeting.

A. The clerk stated that the question had been noted in the minutes of the meeting of the 13th June 2023. This is a Council matter and the project is on the list of projects that currently stands at over sixty. The Council will be looking at the list of projects and prioritizing which are undertaken in the short to medium term, these will then be consulted upon.

46/0623-TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION TO FILL CASUAL VACANCY

RESOLVED: to co-opt Alan Scholey to fill one of the North Ward vacancies. The declaration of acceptance of office was duly completed and signed.

47/0623-APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence received and considered from Cllr Bentley.

RESOLVED: to accept apologies for absence.

48/0623-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

49/0623-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; Agenda item 13(a) i and ii.

50/0623-TO RECEIVE PARISH INFORMATION FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

(a) To receive information from the Borough Council with regards to the Parish.

(i)-Cllr Tarmey reported that land issues at Quarry Lane shops had now been addressed and as part of this work a site had been identified for the Parish Council to place a new notice board and the Borough Council would plant a permanent living Christmas Tree with a power supply to feed the lights. Low maintenance planting would also be undertaken. It was hoped that a new bus stop would be fitted replacing the existing one as part of this scheme.

(ii)-Parish Councillors asked if plans of the final layout could be supplied for our information.

(iii)-Land at the side of the Lychgate was requested as an agenda item for July 2023.

(b)-To inform Borough Councillors of information from the Parish

(i)-It was reported that there was flooding on Sheffield Road outside 68A which prevented pedestrians using the footpath and trapped the residents in their property. It was requested that the gullies be cleared to address this issue.

(ii)-It was noted that a Bee Orchid was growing on land behind the South Anston Parish Council notice board next to the lamp post. This land is managed by the Borough Council and a request not to cut the grass until the Orchid had finished flowering and had seeded.

51/0623-MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: to accept the minutes of the meeting of Anston Parish Council of the 13th June 2023 as a true and accurate record.

52/0623-PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a)-To Consider Planning applications.

(i)-RB2023/0522 It was stated that the proposed development was out of caricature with the location within the conservation area and that this was an over development not in keeping with the site. The Clerk was instructed to send an objection to the proposal to the planning authority.

(ii)-The planning list appendix item 1 noted.

(b)-To consider information on planning decisions.

It was noted that RB2022/1203 the Solar Farm, has been granted by the Borough Council. The Clerk was instructed to contact Banks renewables with regards to funding and finance as Dinnington has been in receipt of direct funding for this project.

(c)-To receive information on Planning appeals.

No items to report.

53/0623-GOVERNANCE REVIEW

(a)-Complaints procedure

Noted that the procedure was last reviewed in February 2023, the procedure was accepted.

(b)-Vexatious Complaints Policy

Noted that the Vexatious Complaints Policy was introduced in February 2023, the policy was accepted.

(c)-Records Management Policy

RESOLVED: that the Records Management Policy as amended by adopted by the Council.

54/0623-TO RECIVE UPDATES FROM THE COUNCILS COMMITTEES

(a)-Report from the Finance Committee

No report for this meeting.

(b)-Report from Staffing Committee

It was reported that there was no Staff absence from Work in May and there had been no requests for PPE.

(c)-Report from the Amenities Committee

No report this meeting.

55/0623-GROUNDS MAINTENANCE STAFF

To consider the employment of an extra member for the Grounds Maintenance team (Appendix item 2).

RESOLVED: That there is a current vacancy for the role of one Grounds Maintenance team member and that this position be filled using an agency worker in the first instance. The Clerk was instructed to liaise with the Chair of the Staffing Committee to fill this position.

56/0623-SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

RESOLVED: Anston Parish Council Grants of Exclusive Rights of Burial Numbers 795, 796, 797, 798, 799 and 800 be signed by Cllrs Jepson and Graham and the Clerk.

57/0623-UPDATE FROM THE CLERK

(a)-The Clerk presented his report to the 19th June to the Council- Noted (Appendix Item 3)

(i)-Paper to Council Cemetery Path

The Clerk presented Report to Council – Green Spaces- Cemetery Path (Appendix Item 4)

RESOLVED- To accept Option one, to lift and relay the existing paving as set out in the paper to the sum of £10,400 for which additional costs may be incurred depending on findings once work commences on site.

(ii)-Paper to Council- The Old Library Chimney

The Clerk presented Report to Council- Built Assets- Old Library Chimney (Appendix Item 5)

RESOLVED: To accept Option one, to instruct CS Surveying to tender and oversee the works required to remove the chimney of the old boiler house and make good to the value of £7000.

(b)-To review the current project list.

The current list of 62 projects had been circulated prior to the meeting. Councillors were asked to consider the top 20 items for consideration in the short to medium term.

58/0623-CORRESPONDENCE

(a)-A letter from Alexander Stafford has been received regarding items stored by a member of the public on behalf of Anston Parish Council. Cllr Jepson stated that he has been in touch with the member of the public and ways forward were being investigated. The Clerk was instructed to respond to the MP stating that we are aware of the matter and looking at options.

(b)-The Clerk reported that we have received a freedom of information request, but the records that should be available via the website had not been uploaded and that a related report was not comprehensive and lacked any detail. The Clerk was instructed to contact the member of the public direct and ask for clarification.

59/0623-PARISH MATTERS

(a)-Amenity Ground Centenary Celebration

Cllr Wilkinson outlined planned activities and reported the everything was in hand and that she was to meet with community members to coordinate and consider works to be undertaken. Cllr Wilkinson requested the Parish Councillors assist in some form on the day; Saturday the 15th July 2023 from 10:30 am till late.

(b)-Consider access to play area and consider any action required.

Cllr Tawn spoke to the paper 'Disabled Access to Play Areas' (Appendix item 6)

It was noted that the ground was uneven in places, the play equipment by the Parish Hall was always intended to be based on grass, the land was very wet when installation was undertaken and the recent dry weather has dried the ground out causing issues that need to

be looked at. The Parish Council has not paid for installation at this time as the supplier has agreed to come back to view the site and undertake outstanding works. This should address issues raised.

(c)-To discuss the present state of the village and make any necessary representations to RMBC

Cllr Jepson stated that some areas within the village under the management of RMBC were particularly badly maintained. The Parish Council understands that RMBC observed no mow May, but other nearby villages have not been abandoned like Anston, maintenance has resumed for them, but this has not happened in Anston. The Clerk was instructed to investigate further.

(d)-Rackford Meadows

It was noted that our group of Viking re-enactors were interested in using Rackford Meadows. The issue of a water supply has been discussed in the past; The clerk reported that the water supply to the farm passed on the Councils side of the Road, and in some places was near the surface.

It was also noted that the hedge needed to be trimmed as it was close to overhead power lines.

60/0623-Items for the agenda of the next meeting

Form the Governance Review Schedule

- Qtr One spend to budget and public statement on level of reserves.
- Data Protection Policy & FOI Policy
- Grievance & Disciplinary Procedures
- Web site review

Standing items

- Planning
- Reports from Committees
- Sealing of Documents
- Report from the Clerk
- Correspondence

Item requested at this meeting; Land by side of Lynch Gate- request for Parish Council to manage.

61/0623-DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Anston Parish Council will be at 7:00pm on Monday the 17th July 2023 in the Parish Hall.

Meeting Closed at 8:50pm

CIRCULATION

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