**MINUTES OF THE PINXTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on the 19th September 2019 at the Village Hall, Kirkstead Road, Pinxton. Commencing at 6.45pm**

Present: Cllrs: Hinman, Kelly, Watson, Meredith, Street, Drake-Brockman, Marshall, Stokoe, Dooley, Coyle, Chippington and Cllr. Fox who came late from another meeting.

Clerk: John Ritchie

Craig Barnes from Bolsover DC attended at 6.45pm and gave a presentation on GP referrals and various connected matters which are expanded upon further in the Minutes.

**19/056 To receive apologies for absence:**

Councillors Fox had another meeting but would attend later if possible.

**19/057 To receive Declaration of Members Interest/update of Register –** if you require guidance from the Clerk this must be sought well in advance of the meeting and, in any event by no later than 5pm two working days before the day of the meeting.

**Please note:** Members must ensure they complete the Declaration of Interest sheet prior to the start of the meeting. Column 5 of the Declaration of Interest sheet must be completed in all cases to indicate the action to be taken.

Cllr. Watson declared an interest in item 19/062 planning applications. Cllr Watson is on the Planning Committee at Bolsover DC. He elected to leave the meeting whilst matters were considered.

Cllr. Watson declared an interest in items 19/063.1, as it concerned Bolsover DC. He elected to stay in the meeting but not contribute or vote.

Cllr. Watson declared an interest in item 063.14 as it concerned Bolsover DC. He made no decision on whether to leave or stay until it was determined whether the item could be purposely discussed and voted on, as it had been voted on at the last meeting. The item was noted and Cllr. Watson stayed in the room.

**19/058 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from Members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.**

None

**19/059 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Wednesday 21st August 2019**

**All in favour except for Cllr. Watson who abstained, as he wasn’t present for the whole meeting, and Cllr. Chippington who wasn’t at the meeting. The Minutes were moved by Cllr. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. Marshall.**

**19/060 To note updates on matters arising from the Minutes** (for information only) NONE

**19/061 Public Speaking.**

The Chair allowed the police to go first so they could leave straight afterwards, but they are recorded here as per the running order in the agenda.

**061.1 Parishioner Matters**

Mr. J. Watson in the role of a parishioner asked a question about the bar agreement and subsequently the payment of the rent on a regular basis. The Clerk agreed to talk to the bar franchisee as the agreement did say rent paid monthly.

**061.2 Police Matters**

PCSO John Smedley came to the meeting with a PCSO he was tutoring who would be moving on very soon, and then another PCSO would come to John for tutoring. PCSO Smedley reported on the civil injunction obtained against Kelly Hinman and said it was through joint working with the police and BDC.

He said it was relatively quiet but there were murmurs from Glebe Avenue again and the situation was being monitored.

PCSO Smedley highlighted the opportunity to be part of Derbyshire Police Speed Watch whereby the Parish invest in a speed gun and hi vis kit and the community carry out speed monitoring. The results are passed to the police who would then take the matter up from there.

Cllr. Watson suggested we place an item on the agenda for next month concerning setting up a Community Speed group, which was accepted by the meeting.

**061.3 Reports from Council Representatives on Outside Bodies.**

Cllr. Dooley that at the Parish Council Liaison meeting at BDC, Cllr. Fox had been successful in gaining a place on the Community Safety Partnership.

Cllr. Dooley reported that she had been to a Pinxton Miners Welfare meeting and the two new lamp posts were in place. The welfare had reported they had quite a few bookings coming up. Cllr. Dooley also reported the Welfare were adamant they wanted the Welfare grounds back in 2021/2022 when the Lease “ran out”

It was pointed out that the Lease was in fact for 125 years from 1997 and it was only a review in 2021/2022.

Cllr. Dooley reported that the welfare were not interested in the upgrade to the welfare drive, so the Clerk was to put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

**061.4 Reports from District & County Councillor Representatives on matters of direct relevance to Pinxton Parishioners.**

Cllr. Dooley reported about the proposed PSPO for dog fouling which was being consulted on.

Cllr. Dooley reported on the Erewash garage and dropping of more trees. Richard Scott the planning enforcement manager had been out, but the garage was not in breach of its Planning obligations.

There was to be a community litter pick on the 12th October starting from the VH. Posters and a website Notice had been put out.

Cllr. Dooley reported about footpath 12 and her conversation with Adrian Rumble from DCC who said footpath 12 would be put back to follow the definitive route.

Cllr. Dooley reported on the air quality and the DCC/BDC having to deliver a plan to stay within the legal limits of air pollution in the shortest time. This had to be back to DEFRA by 31/10/19

Cllr. Watson reported he had proposed a specific Motion to BDC full Council on Air Quality, but the Council had passed it to a scrutiny committee. From that Cllr. Watson had investigated the cost of Air Purifiers and had spoken to all the local schools concerning air quality. He continued saying there were far more people these days with inhalers than ever before and 64,000 deaths per annum were due to poor air quality.

Cllr. Watson reported on the growth Scrutiny Committee of which he is a Member but said it lacked pace, and all the scrutiny committees lacked teeth.

Cllr. Watson mentioned a question about bus connectivity had been placed on Parish Council Liaison and the Clerk was placing the subject on the next agenda.

Cllr Coyle in his DCC capacity said there was a desperate need for carers and foster parents of children in care which had ballooned to 860 currently. Posters were to be put out highlighting the plight of kids and asking for people to consider being foster carers.

**19/062 Planning Applications**

Cllr Watson had declared his interest as he was on the BDC Planning Committee

**Noted**

**The following applications have been granted**

The applications listed in the agenda were noted and one more added which had come in on the day which was:

19/00439/FUL change of use from retail shop to coffee shop at EM designer outlet.

**Noted**

**The following applications have been refused.**

None

**19/063 Parish Council – Items for Decision.**

063.1

The Clerk reported on the presentation given by Craig Barnes, BDC Active Lifestyles Manager and it concerned the GP referrals scheme and the Friday sessions at Pinxton VH which were free for the first 12 weeks and £3.00 a session thereafter. You could join the group by self-referral and there was a trained and qualified leader to help with your activity threshold. They trainer would take all your medical details into account and plan what you could achieve. The Community Gym at Pinxton had also agreed to allow their premises to be used for which Richard Street, MBE was thanked. Craig said Derbyshire was the fourth worst area in the country for long term illnesses. 10 new people would be starting on 3/10/19 and posters would be put up encouraging people to join and get healthy or stay healthy. Practitioners are now being put back in GP’s and that should lead to people being directed to these exercise hubs.

Craig was thanked for his time and he left the meeting.

0.63.2

The Clerk received positive responses regarding setting up a group to arrange the VE day celebrations so he will know pull a meeting together of the Councillors and other Pinxton Groups.

**All in Favour.**

063.3

The Clerk reported on the Councillors visit to the allotments. Cllr. Hinman, Cllr Kelly and Cllr Fox considered the allotments a disgrace with some work required to bring them up to scratch. A discussion took place concerning a lack of inspection and a lack of power due to the rental agreements in place.

~Cllr. Watson said we should have the necessary powers reflected in a new contract. Cllr. Street said we should skim the path back to the original limestone path. The Clerk said he would ask other Councils about their contracts for allotments and draw up a long-term plan for our allotments including an inspection regime.

**Resolved that an action plan be drawn up and better contracts be issued to all allotment holders seeking the best of advice from fellow Councils and DALC.**

063.4

The Risk Assessments were discussed and Cllr. Street said they were reviewed annually in any event and any changes would be reported to Council, so he moved the Risk assessments as distributed by email six weeks ago be endorsed.

**Moved by Cllr. Street and seconded by Cllr. Hinman that the Risk assessments be endorsed. All in favour.**

063.5.

The Clerk reported on the opportunity to look at the Tops football pitch and pavilion in conjunction with the FA but also include the Bolsover Bulls RFU team.

Cllr. Watson said the Council should look at all options and decide strategically what to do with our outdoor play areas as we couldn’t do it at Wharf Road and the Tops as it would cost £1m. A discussion ensued and the Clerk was asked to look at all the options and bring back a paper for all the community to help decide which way to go, and to have a meeting with all the stakeholders. The Clerk said he would start with Derbyshire Sport, the FA, RFU, Pilsley PC and BDC Leisure.

**Moved by Cllr. Watson and seconded by Cllr. Coyle. All in favour.**

063.6

The Clerk had been asked to put an item on for a Parish Newsletter. A discussion ensued regarding sticking with PBG but giving some articles for the newsletter and working with PBG more closely who had indicated they would welcome a closer link. Cllr. Coyle said we should continue to work with PBG and Cllr. Street said perhaps we could have an insert in the PBG newsletter. Cllr Coyle said it was Pinxtons newsletter not just PBG. Cllr. Dooley said defer the matter until the PC had met Helen Chivers. Cllr Kelly said it was her who initially thought we should have our own but said PBG do a good job and was willing to concede if the mood was to continue with PBG.

**Moved by Cllr. Coyle and seconded by Cllr. Marshall that the PC continue to support the PBG/ Pinxton PC newsletter and meet with Helen to discuss the format and content. All in favour except Cllr. Kelly who voted against and Cllr. Watson who abstained.**

**Cllr. Fox entered the meeting.**

063.7

The Clerk reminded Council that well over 12 months ago he was asked to look for two noticeboards for Alfreton Road and Town Street following parishioners’ requests. The Clerk looked at oak, other timber, plastic, recycled plastic and metal noticeboards. He provided three quotes for metal noticeboards at the meeting with the cheapest being £1170.00 each.

Cllr. Watson said he couldn’t see the need for more noticeboards, and we should relocate one of the existing boards. Cllr Street said you can never have too many, but they need to be kept updated.

**Moved by Cllr. Street and seconded by Cllr. Kelly that the Council purchase two Notice Boards. All in favour except Cllr. Watson who voted against.**

063.8

Clerk reported on the Annual Playground Inspection Reports. The only matter giving rise to concern had been sorted, otherwise a clean bill of health.

**Noted.**

063.9

The Clerk reported on the Blue plaque for John King which was now ins-situ against the headstocks but covered up pending an official unveiling. Cllr. Watson said it should be a Saturday because of people’s work commitments and Cllr. Dooley thought it should be Alderman Kelly to do the unveiling because there are no living relatives of John King left. Cllr. Watson said the Clerk should speak to the Mens Society before organising the event, which would be followed by refreshments at the VH.

**Moved by Cllr. Dooley and seconded by Cllr. Meredith that Alderman Kelly be invited to unveil the plaque on the Saturday to be confirmed. All in favour.**

063.10

The Clerk reported he was on leave from 6th October -13th October and it would be beneficial to move the October meeting back a week to accommodate the preparation of the agenda, otherwise the agenda would need to be ready for the 4th October 2019 and items may be missed from the agenda. The later date would allow as much business as possible to hit the agenda.

**Moved by Cllr. Watson and seconded by Cllr. Coyle that the October meeting be held on 23rd October 2019. All in favour.**

063.11

The Clerk had reported on urgent H&S work to bring the fire alarm system up to date so that we comply with the Regulations. The cost was £1500, and the Chair and the Clerk made the decision to engage Fire stoppers to undertake the work asap. It has been completed on 20/9/19. Members were asked to endorse the Chair and Clerks actions.

**Moved by Cllr. Dooley and seconded by Cllr. Kelly that the actions be endorsed. All in favour except Cllr. Watson who voted abstained.**

063.12 The Clerk had been asked to put on an item about a new dog bin for the top of Queen Street, through the fence adjacent to the A frame. Cllr. Street said if we were supporting the PSPO for dog fouling we should be having more dog bins so there is no excuse for people not to pick up and dispose of in the bins. Cllr. Watson asked that a plan be brought to the next meeting showing the location of all dog pins in Pinxton Parish, including Broadmeadows ward.

**Moved by Cllr. Street and seconded by Cllr. Watson that the council have installed and emptied on the schedule a new dog bin at the point of the A frame on the top of Queen Street. All in favour.**

063.13 The Clerk explained that each Councillor really needs their own distinct email address, password protected, in order to comply with the Data Protection rules. It would require our computer domain man to come and sort an address for everyone which should follow the format, [john.ritchie@pinxtonparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:john.ritchie@pinxtonparishcouncil.co.uk)

**Moved by Cllr Fox and seconded by Cllr. Marshall that all Members be given a Pinxton PC email address password protected. All in favour.**

063.14 The Clerk had circulated a letter concerning Air Quality which had been sent out by BDC EH dept. to try and explain what the Council and DCC were doing to try and comply with the Ministerial Directive on air quality adjacent to the A38. The question was raised again about shutting the footpath, “which nobody used”

Cllr Watson said this had been a decision made at the last meeting and therefore we couldn’t take another decision, to which the Clerk concurred, and Cllr Watson further said if no one used the footpath what was the point in shutting it. Cllr. Dooley thought we ought to support the closure, whilst Cllr. Kelly said she voted to close it at the last meeting but understood now we couldn’t take a further decision.

**Moved by Cllr. Watson and seconded by Cllr. Kelly that the matter be noted. All in favour.**

063.15 The Clerk had added this item in order to clarify the position with the Lantern Parade which generally followed the Christmas Fayre. The Vicar Penny Goodchild had for years undertaken the workshops in schools and at the VH to show and help kids make a lantern, but due to health problems, Penny said she could not undertake the task this year.

The Clerk had been in touch with Dan Oakley at BDC and Cllr. Dooley had been in touch with Junction Arts to see if we could get an artist or such entity to help with the workshops this year. Junction Arts said they could probably do it and find an artist and were used to going into schools doing lantern making but there would obviously be a cost as the artist would want paying and Junction Arts is a commercial concern as well From the figures given it may cost up to a £1,000 for up to 8 sessions.

Cllr. Dooley thought that we must keep this going, this year at least and Cllr. Coyle said there was an expectation so for one year whilst it was reviewed, he would support expenditure up to £1,000. Cllr. Kelly said it was Junction Arts over 30 years ago who started the lantern making. Cllr. Watson asked if we could ask the messy kids playgroup to see if they could help.

**Moved by Cllr. Coyle and seconded by Cllr. Dooley that we support the lantern making this year up to a £1,000. All in favour except Cllr. Watson who abstained.**

**Cllr. Watson left the meeting.**

**19/064 Financial Matters**

Items 064.1 - 064.7 were moved enbloc by Cllr. Coyle and seconded by Cllr. Street.

**All in Favour**

**19/065 To receive clerks report**

Items 065.1 – 065.9 were moved enbloc by Cllr. Coyle and seconded by Cllr. Street.

**All in favour.**

**19/066 To note Correspondence received**

The Clerk added on several more items of correspondence which had come in since the agendas were sent out, including a letter from the VAT office, dated 6th September delivered 16th September, acknowledging the letter the clerk had sent to the VAT office on the 26th July 2019, but without giving any answers to the question posed back in May 2019 about the VAT on the Queen Street hammerhead.

Letter from BDC regarding the proposed PSPO for Dog Fouling

Letter from Sam Bentley BDC EH dept. concerning Air Quality

**Moved that the correspondence be noted**

**All in favour.**

**19/067 To note – the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council -23rd October 2019 at 7.00pm**

**19/068 Exclusion of the Public (confidential items)**

*In accordance with Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 section 1 (2) the Council exclude the public and the press from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.*

None