MINUTES OF THE PINXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 18th July 2018 at the Village Hall,

3, Kirkstead Road Pinxton, Derbyshire.

Present: Councillors: Kelly, (Chair), Fieldsend, Street, Coyle, Dooley, Fox, Drake- Brockman, Alexander, Meredith, Watson.

Clerk: J. Ritchie

Also present: 3 Members of the Public.

The meeting was preceded with a training course provided for the Members on the Codes of Practice and Ethical Standards and the trainers were Sarah Sternberg and Victoria Dawson, both Solicitors at Bolsover DC

**18/031 To receive apologies for absence**

None

**18/032 To receive Declaration of Members Interest/ Update of Register**

Cllr. Watson declared a personal interest in item 18/038.1 and a pecuniary interest in items 18/043.1 and 18/043.2. He left the meeting at the point these matters were discussed.

Cllr. Alexander declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 18/037 -Planning matters but remained in the room whilst the item proceeded.

**18/033 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on**

**matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.**

None to report.

**18/034 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on**

**Wednesday 20th June 2018.**

Moved by Cllr. Meredith and seconded by Cllr. Fieldsend that they be accepted.

All in favour.

**18/035 To note updates on matters arising from the Minutes (**for information

only).

None.

**18/036 Public Speaking**

**036.1 Parishioner matters.**

A member of the public reported heavy lorries using roads they shouldn’t really be using and suggested a “No left turn” at Town Street into Kirkby Lane.

The Clerk reported on the traffic census data having had an email from DCC but this considered as wrong information from the County and the Clerk was to contact the County again.

A water leak (8 months) was reported at 32 Town Street. The Clerk will take this up with the water authority.

**036.2 Police matters.**

There was no presence from the police or PCSO, but a report had been submitted by the PCSO Lucy Naughton and this was circulated to the members and the public. It included notes on ASB on Glebe avenue and a serious road traffic collision with criminal consequences on Victoria Road, and a burglary at the Co-op store.

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

Cllr. Watson reported his period of office at the DCC Pensions board was up in September and that he would be stepping down from that role.

Cllr. Dooley raised a concern from AGE Concern regarding DCC stopping the Careline Funding it provides to bodies such as BDC who run a careline service.

**036.4 Reports from District and County Councillor Representatives on**

**matters of direct relevance to Pinxton Parishioners.**

Cllr. Coyle reported upon the Summer Fair and said he thought it was a fantastic event and great success and thanks should go to all who made it possible.

The Chair thanked the Pinxton Brookhill Group for the card and letter which thanked the Parish Council for all their help with the event.

Cllr. Dooley noted that the works had commenced on Wharf Road and Town Street and wondered if Richard Scott had had any influence following his visit to Council last month and then visits to the builders.

Cllr. Alexander noted there had been some tarantulas found in Pinxton. He also asked if we could have TPO’s put on the trees in the rectory before the building works started. The Clerk to check with Planning.

**18/037 Planning Applications**

**It was noted that 18/00068/FUL. Appeared to be a new application of a previous attempt at converting stables into a bungalow. The Clerk was to check with Planning**

**All others were noted.**

**18/038 Parish Council – Items for Decision/Action**

**038.1 This concerned the interaction between the external auditors, the Clerk and Cllr. Watson.**

**Cllr. Watson had declared a personal interest and left the room whilst the matter was discussed.**

**Members discussed the situation and resolved to endorse the two letters the Clerk had sent to Cllr. Watson, which could then be sent onto the external auditors, along with the Minute No. from this meeting.**

**Moved by Cllr. Street & Seconded by Cllr. Dooley, All in Favour.**

**Cllr. Watson re-joined the meeting.**

**038.2 This item concerned the possibility of having the reservoir site as a memorial area for the 74 Pinxton soldiers who fell in the war.**

**Cllr. Watson said this site was inappropriate and inaccessible and already had trees on it. He suggested if we were to proceed with the project for the Wharf Road recreation ground there could be a tree lined avenue to commemorate the fallen of Pinxton.**

**This was supported by Cllr. Kelly and after further discussions it was moved by Cllr. Watson and seconded by Cllr. Kelly that the project at Wharf Road encompasses 74 trees as a lasting legacy to our soldiers.**

**All in favour.**

**038.3 The offer made by Mr. Taylor to write as short history of Pinxton in a welcome pack was discussed and questions were asked about the size of the pamphlet, the content and who it was aimed at, as there was already several “history” books about. Cllr. Fieldsend said he would like to get involved as he is an Historian.**

**It was moved by Cllr. Coyle and seconded by Cllr. Watson that the clerk seeks more information from Mr. Taylor. All in favour**

**038.4 The Clerk reported he had put a grant bid in for 10 silhouettes and wanted to the meeting to consider if 10 was enough. A discussion took place and Cllr. Kelly said the PC should leave a legacy for the fallen never to be forgotten and would like to see more of the silhouettes.**

**Moved by Cllr. Coyle and seconded by Cllr. Dooley that we purchase 64 to go with the 10 from the grant bid and should the bid fail we purchase 74. All in favour.**

**It was also noted that the WW1 group should meet asap to discuss the forthcoming commemorations.**

**038.5 The Clerk reported on the three people interested in the vacancy for the position of Councillor (until the election in May 2019).**

**Cllr. Watson moved we should co opt Lisa Stokoe but received no seconder. Cllr. Coyle said he knew Sam Marshall and suggested he would be ok. Cllr. Street proposed that the three candidates should come to the August meeting and give a 10-minute presentation on their principles, ethics, and community activity, so the Council could then decide. This was seconded by Cllr. Fox who also suggested a 6.30pm start to the meeting in August to accommodate the presentations.**

**All in favour except for Cllr. Watson who abstained from the vote.**

**038.6 The annual playground inspection had thrown up two problems, one of which was in hand and the other needed Councillor input.**

**The zip wire or cableway slide had been condemned by the inspector and to replace the piece of equipment would cost in the region of £6,000. Cllr. Watson said we should not replace it, pending the project at Wharf Road as he hadn’t seen many children on the zip wire. Cllr. Dooley said we should replace it. Cllr. Alexander said he had seen children on it. Cllr. Coyle said we should ask the children what they would like if we didn’t have a zip wire and moved that as a motion. Cllr Watson said he would second the motion if we looked at the matter strategically over the Hilltop play area and Wharf Road play area.**

**The Clerk said he could use the summer activities already booked in which to engage the children and canvass their views. He would also ask PBG to put it out on their media for opinions, and it would also go on our website, once it was live. All in favour.**

**038.7 The Clerk reported on a request by an independent stone mason to put an Ancaster buff coloured stone memorial in the cemetery.**

**Moved by Cllr. Street and seconded by Cllr. Dooley, all in favour to the request from the stone mason subject to meeting the size criteria etc.**

**038.8 Cllr. Coyle asked for the next agenda item and it concerned the Lease for the land on which the VH sits. Cllr. Coyle went through the history of why the school have use of the VH and it was due to the VH being on education land and the schools not having a hall for PE or functions. The lease was for 99 years and it was free use by the schools, therefore restricting what events the Parish could put on, on any afternoon.**

**Since the original lease was signed, the PASS centre has been built which has accommodation for the schools for PE and other functions and the schools have merged into an Academy, thus altering the dynamics of the relationship between the PC and the Schools.**

**The County Council have passed the PASS centre over to the academy. It was suggested that we write to the County with an offer to buy the land on which the VH sits, and then renegotiate with the academy. Further suggestion was to take some legal advice on the privity of the contract, given the split of the schools from the DCC and the academy gaining the PASS centre from the county.**

**Our contract is with the County not the Academy, and the Academy is a private business. It was moved by Cllr. Coyle and seconded by Cllr. Watson that the Clerk write to the DCC on the basis outlined above and report back to the Parish Council.**

**038.9 The Clerk informed the meeting he needed a decision on whether the fireworks went ahead this year, as it had been left in abeyance since the decision not to have the Spring fair on Wharf Road. The decision was required so the firework company could be informed due to the lead in time.**

**Moved by Cllr. Watson and seconded by Cllr. Coyle that we do not have the fireworks going forward and the money is earmarked for the Wharf Road project. All in favour except Cllr. Street who wished his vote recording against and said it was a shame after 26 years for it to be ending.**

**038.10 The Clerk had been asked to agenda an item about hotspots and the litter around the village. Cllr Fieldsend said on the Brookhill Lane there was litter on both sides of the road and at the gateway to the McArthur Glen substation. Cllr Kelly said it wasn’t all PPC land or responsibility, but we should be proactive.**

**It was proposed to have a group to walk the village and highlight the problems and it was decided to start this Saturday 21/7/18 at 10.00am, meeting at the VH, and members volunteering were, Cllrs. Kelly, Coyle, Watson, Meredith, Fox and Fieldsend.**

**All in favour.**

**18/039 Financial Matters**

**039.1 Income and expenditure Details for June 2018**

**039.2 Bank reconciliation Statement as at 30th June 2018**

**039.3 Monthly analysis of cash book for June 2018**

**039.4 Budget to date**

**039.5 PWLB letter re: outstanding loan and payment due 1/8/18**

**039.6 BDC statement of investment at 30/6/18**

**Moved by Cllr. Coyle and seconded by Cllr. Dooley that items 18/039.1 -18/039.6 be accepted and approved. All in favour except**

**Cllr. Watson who asked that his vote be recorded against.**

**18/040 To receive – Clerks Report**

**040.1 The Clerk reported to the meeting the re-issuing of the Public Rights Notice and the new dates from the 2/7/18 to the 10/8/18.**

Noted.

040.2 The Clerk reminded Members of the Bulwell Engineering open day on the 25th July at 1.00pm. Members attending were Cllrs. Kelly, Coyle, Fox and Drake-Brockman. Noted.

040.3 Clerk reported on the flyers for the summer activities and said every school child in Pinxton had received the information. Noted

040.4 Streetscape who had provided the calisthenics park were having a seminar on 19/7/18 with lunch provided. It was in the VH and Members were invited. Noted

040.5 The Clerk reported the new Tea Dance starts on the 6th September 2018 in the afternoon and Lauren had been in with some flyers, which all Members had also received, and she had also been over to Jubilee Court to drum up some support. Noted and looking forward to it.

040.6 The Clerk reported he had received an email from the County Council indicating that the only traffic census data was from 2011 on Kirkstead Road and it was a manual count.

This was questioned by Members and the public in attendance and the Clerk was asked to write back and point out the information was incorrect.

040.7 The Clerk reported that all local residents had received a letter about the proposed play area on the Talbot Street “GIA” area and at the consultation meeting to which the letter alluded, everyone was very supportive.

One lady who couldn’t make the consultation event had been into the Clerks office and asked that consideration be given to erecting waste bins, seats and dog bin(s). The Clerk said he would pass this information on. Noted.

040.8 The Clerk reported he had written to the Pinxton Events Group about the remaining funds in their group which had folded some time ago. The Clerk has not had a reply. Following a discussion, it was moved by Cllr. Watson that a reminder letter be sent, before any further action. This was seconded by Cllr. Kelly and all were in favour.

040.9 The Clerk had received a reply from the DCC about joining a footpath and bridleway together across a farmer’s field who wished for the same. Noted.

040.10 The Clerk reported on the DCC sending out the draft Bus Partnership Plan 2018-2023 which had been circulated to all Members.

Noted.

**18/041 To note – Correspondence received**

**All correspondence was noted and had been dealt with elsewhere, but the Clerk for information added more correspondence concerning the BDC producing a gazette for each Parish which would link with the “Intouch” magazine and the PBG/PPC Newsletter.**

**A further item of correspondence to note was an email offering to purchase the shop and flat. This was dealt with elsewhere.**

**All correspondence noted.**

**18/042 To note – The date of the next Parish Council meeting – 15th**

**August 2018 commencing at 6.30pm to accommodate the**

**Presentations from the potential Councillors.**

**Cllr. Watson left the meeting due to items to be discussed in exempt.**

**18/043  Exclusion of Public (Confidential Items)**

*In accordance with Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 section 1 (2) the*

*Council exclude the public and press from the meeting by reason of the confidential*

*nature of the business to be transacted.*

**18/043**

043.1The Clerk had received three more bids for the shop and flat and

Members will remember an earlier bid in the sum of £53,000.

The three latest bids were for £60,000, £65,000 and £60,000 after three

years with £7,000 per annum rent paid for year two and three with year

one rent free subject to the renter paying for all the works as outlined in

the schedule of works.

A discussion ensued with many options and suggestions and it was

proposed by Cllr. Coyle and seconded by Cllr. Kelly that we accept the

offer of £65,000. An amendment put by Cllr Street, was accepted by the

mover and seconder, and that was for the Clerk to get the best possible

price including asking if the potential buyer also wanted to purchase the

land straight down the site, for £3,500 which would retain access rights

for 49 and 51 Wharf Road, given that the next item is a request to

purchase the leg of land at the rear of 43 Wharf Road by the owner

of 43 Wharf road.

This course of action was approved by all Members.

043.2.i The Clerk had received a request from the owner of 43 Wharf

Road to purchase the piece of land from the rear of his garden down to

The boundary, which currently was in the PPC ownership and made an

L shape piece of land. He wanted the piece which would leave the

Council with a straight piece as outline above in 18/043.1.

Members agreed to offer the piece of land to the prospective buyer

In the sum of £6,500. Moved by Cllr. Street and seconded by Cllr. Kelly.

NB: If the land was sold to both parties it would realise the £10,000

Value put on it by the Valuer.

043.2.ii The Clerk was asked to seek three prices for the conveyancing

In this matter.