MINUTES OF THE PINXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 21st November 2018 at the Village Hall,

3, Kirkstead Road Pinxton, Derbyshire.

Present: Councillors: Hinman, (Chair), Kelly, Dooley, Fox, Stokoe, Marshall, Street, Meredith, Coyle, Watson

Clerk: J. Ritchie

Also present: 4 Members of the Public.

**18/083 To receive apologies for absence**

Cllrs. Fieldsend and Drake-Brockman – Apologies accepted.

**18/084 To receive Declaration of Members Interest/ Update of Register**

None

**18/085 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on**

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

None to report.

**18/086 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on**

**Wednesday 19th September 2018.**

Moved by Cllr. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. Street that they be accepted.

All in favour except Cllr. Watson who abstained as he wasn’t at the meeting.

**18/087 To note updates on matters arising from the Minutes (**for information

only).

Cllr. Watson asked if the Donation mentioned in the Minutes was a donation as it was in inverted commas.

The Clerk explained the lamp post poppies are supplied in return for a donation, but the donation is £3.00 each poppy. It is expressly called a donation to the Royal British Legion to avoid VAT being applied to each sale. This is in line with an agreement RBL have with HMRC.

**18/088 Public Speaking**

**088.1 Parishioner matters.**

The Chair asked Linda Piper from the DCC to give her report concerning the expenditure of the money given to the Youth Forum which involved children from Pinxton, some of whom were here tonight.

Linda explained how the Youth Service no longer existed but instead there were Youth Forums and Multi Agency Teams (MAT) covering wider areas than before. Linda and the children explained what they had been doing with the £875.00 given by the PC. It involved canoeing and caving but also making poppies out of plastic bottle bottoms and baking a cake for SN & Pinxton commemorating the WW1. The cake at Pinxton was eaten at the Friday night bingo. They are also helping raise funds for the Defibrillator fund.

The chair thanked Linda and the children for their report.

**088.2 Police matters.**

There was no presence from the police or PCSO. The Clerk had however received an update from Matt Liddy the BDC ASB officer who said two families or properties had been served with Notices Seeking Possession (NSP) by the Council. The ASB officer thought this would certainly influence the Avenue once the possessions had been achieved.

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

**None**

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

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

Cllr. Dooley asked that the Council send a letter of appreciation to the Brownie Leader who is stepping down on the 29/12/18 after 29 years as Leader. The meeting agreed.

Cllr. Dooley reported that she had attended the opening of the Bulwell Engineering Apprentice Facility on the Pinxton Industrial Estate and the facility was first class and would provide somewhere for our children to seek a future in Engineering.

Cllr. Dooley reported the Green bin service ended this week, until next Spring.

Cllr. Dooley reported that ~Super Tots was being held at the VH with money from the Active Communities fund which we pay into and is then more than matched by BDC. It would run for five weeks up to Christmas.

Cllr. Kelly reported the PC had received a card from Mrs. Evans, who is 102 years old, thanking the Parish for the card and the flowers given on 11/11.

Cllr Dooley passed her thanks to Cllr. Kelly and Alderman Kelly for their efforts on 11/11, including the long walk from the church to the WW! Memorial. They did a super job representing the PC at the parade.

Cllr. Dooley, Cllr Alexander (BDC Councillor) and Cllr Coyle (DCC & Parish) all spoke of the Planning decision to allow 65 houses to be built on Alfreton Road. Concerns were expressed over the traffic, air pollution and the schools and the S106 money now that the schools are run by an Academy Group.

Cllr. Coyle mentioned he understood John King to have halved their use of the VH following a robust conversation he had with the lawyers at DCC. It was suggested the Clerk seek Legal advice from DALC on the ability of the Council to challenge the Lease now that the schools were Academy run and the PASS centre had been built since the lease was agreed and the said PASS centre had been given to the Academy group.

**18/089 Planning Applications**

**Planning Permission Refused.**

**18/00047/FUL New Power Generation converting natural gas into electricity at 1 Plymouth Avenue, Pinxton.**

**Since the agenda was produced, a letter has been received from planning refusing the application, so I have added it to the agenda for information.**

**18/090 Parish Council – Items for Decision/Action**

**090.1 Cllr. Watson had put this motion to the Council. It is reproduced in full for ease of understanding.**

**Pinxton Parish Council asks Derbyshire County Council, as the relevant Highway Authority, to:**

1. **Before January 1st 2019, re-paint the road markings at the junction of West End and Town Street, Pinxton.**
2. **By 28th February 2019, provide report to Pinxton Parish Council with options and a recommendation on how best to tackle vehicular traffic congestion and reduce accidents around the junction between West End and Town Street, Pinxton with associated costs, implementation times, and, if any, financial contributions from Pinxton Parish Council. These options to include:**
3. **Closing the junction between West End and Town Street with an appropriate barrier,**
4. **Re-designing the traffic light system to include West End,**
5. **Allowing vehicular access to West End from Town Street but not vehicular access to Town Street from West End**
6. **By 30th April 2019, and subject to funding, have set out a plan to implement a re-designed junction between West End and Town street, Pinxton which is agreeable to the Highway Authority and Pinxton Parish Council.**

**Members discussed the merits of the motion which was moved by Cllr. Watson and Cllr. Coyle tabled an amendment which altered the date in (i) above to read 28/2/19. Cllr. Watson accepted this amendment and moved the amended motion, which Cllr. Coyle then seconded.**

**All in favour**

**090.2 The Council had been asked to consider free use of the VH by PBG as functions they put on was for the benefit of the village. Following a discussion, it was decided to DEFER the item until the next meeting. Helen from PBG was asked to provide some dates for such events so that the PC & PBG could work together.**

**Cllr. Street said he would say yes, at the appropriate time but he would want to see the PBG constitution worded so that any funds remaining should PBG fold be directed back to the PC.**

**The item was deferred until a future meeting.**

**090.3 The Clerk explained the loan already agreed by the Council for new light fittings and lights which would be paid back through savings on the electric bill needed Secretary of State approval and a further minute number from the Council passing a resolution agreeing to the Council applying for a loan.**

**It was moved by Cllr Coyle and seconded by Cllr. Kelly that the Council agree with having a loan and instruct the Clerk to apply for said loan and seek S of S permission. All in favour except Cllr. Watson who abstained from the vote and wanted it recording as such.**

**090.4 The Clerk reported on the parishioner requesting the re instigation of the Events, formerly “Live & Local” Cllr. Dooley thought it was a good idea. Cllr Watson did not agree to Live & Local but did agree to adhoc functions. Cllr. Street said it should be linked into the item above at 090.2 and PBG thoughts sort.**

**Proposed that the Clerk contact PBG and discuss a joint approach to events in the village, and then place on a future meeting agenda. All in favour.**

**090.5 The Clerk reported upon a request from Dragonfly Ltd., the joint venture company of BDC and Woodheads Builders, to use some spare PC land for their site huts during the building of houses on Park Lane. Cllr. Watson pointed out the Clerk was the Chairman of Dragonfly from his position as a District Councillor and the PC should decide with the Clerk out of the room.**

**The Clerk left the room.**

**Cllr. Street said it would be advantageous for the PC as they could ask for reciprocal help, in as much as drainage was required in the adjacent cemetery and whilst plant was on site, Dragonfly may assist with the said works.**

**It was decided that the Chairman, Cllr. Street and the Clerk meet the intended site manager and see if matters could be sorted beneficial to both sides. All in Favour, except Cllr. Watson who voted against.**

**090.6 The Clerk was seeking permission for the Precept meeting to be held before the next PC meeting on 19/12/18. The Clerk passed out a proposed budget for Members to take away and peruse.**

**Cllr. Watson objected to it being on the same day as the PC meeting.**

**Following further debate, it was agreed to start the Precept meeting at 6.00pm followed by the normal PC meeting at 7.30pm on the 19/1/2/18**

**Moved by Cllr. Coyle seconded by Cllr. Hinman. Cllr. Watson abstained from the vote.**

**090.7 The Clerk reported on the forthcoming conference Fit for the future -VH and Community Centres, at the Post Mill centre and the names of the attendees were Cllrs. Kelly, Fox and Drake-Brockman**

**Noted**

**090.8 The Clerk handed out five quotes in tabular form without identifying the firms involved for the works to the Queen Street hammerhead. The average price was over £20,000 plus which would leave a shortfall in the money given for the works via Cllr. Coyle from DCC, which was £16,000.**

**Cllr. Watson asked for the matter to be deferred because he had not had enough time to read the table and did not understand the technical terms.**

**Moved by Cllr. Coyle and seconded by Cllr, Hinman that the matter be deferred until more information has been given to Members on what the table means, and a further discussion can be had over the shortfall, which would be at the Precept meeting.**

**All in favour.**

**090.9 This refers to decisions which may be required in exempt.**

**18/091 Financial Matters**

**091.1 Income and expenditure Details for October 2018**

**091.2 Bank reconciliation Statement as at 31st October 2018**

**091.3 Monthly analysis of cash book for October 2018**

**091.4 Budget to date & budget sheet for use next year**

**091.5 Statement of Parish Council Investment**

**091.6 Defibrillator account as at 31/10/18**

**A discussion ensued regarding the challenge made by**

**Councillor Watson to last year’s accounts and Cllr. Dooley making**

**a comment which Cllr. Watson asked for her to withdraw. Cllr.**

**Dooley would not withdraw the remark.**

**Moved by Cllr. Coyle and seconded by Cllr. Dooley that 091.1, 091.2,091.3,091.4,091.5, and 091.6 be accepted.**

**All in favour except Cllr. Watson who voted against.**

**18/092 To receive – Clerks Report**

**092.1 Linda Piper and some of her cluster group reported to the Council on the things they had done with the funding given by the PC. Linda explained the youth service had gone and now it was a Youth Forum which covered a large area and the forum was run by MAT teams (Multi Agency Teams). The youngsters from Pinxton had been canoeing, caving and climbing with one event still to do in the Xmas holidays, but also as a group they had made plastic poppies out of the bottoms of plastic bottles, made two cakes decorated for the WW1 commemorations and took part in the commemorations. Their fundraising efforts are going towards a defibrillator fund, and last time their fundraising went to the tramway museum at Crich.**

**Linda and the group were thanked for their report and their time this evening.**

092.2 Cllr. Kelly asked for the Snow Warden scheme to go on the agenda.

**The Clerk confirmed the PC were participating again this year, the team was trained up and the free grit had already arrived.**

092.3 The Clerk reported that the website was up and running. Members should have a look and see what needed adding or deleting and in future the Agendas and Minutes would be uploaded. The pictures from the WW1 Event had been uploaded.

092.4 The Clerk reported on the WW1 event which had gone very well and which most Members were very pleased with. The Clerk said he had written to the staff congratulating them and thanking them for their help.

**Members expressed their thanks to the staff.**

092.5 The Clerk reported that the Xmas fair preparations were progressing in conjunction with PBG and the PC. A discussion ensued regarding who would turn on the lights, and it was suggested that the lady from Pinxton Manor who was 102 year sold be asked and do it jointly with Sue Barrett who was retiring from the Brownies as leader after 30 years.

**All agreed and Clerk to pursue**

092.6 The Clerk reported that the MUGA was being well used and the Tiny Tots scheme had just started. The Clerk gave the dates and it was also on the website.

**Noted**

092.7 The Clerk reported that the Blue Plaque was being manufactured by a local firm and the form of words had been circulated previously.

**Noted**

092.8 The Clerk reported that the Freedom of the Parish Event would be the 12th December at 7.00pm and that the three recipients had all accepted and would be there with family members. The event was open to all Councillors and anyone else who wanted to attend. The event would be placed on the website. **Noted**

092.9 This was added to the Clerks report to update Members on the situation with the Lease and DCC. Cllr Coyle reported that he had had a robust conversation with legal people at DCC and the outcome, to be confirmed was that the Schools would cut their use of the VH in half, that is two days not four days. Further contact was required with DCC over the lease following the schools all moving to an academy group and the said academy group taking over the PASS centre. The Clerk said he would agenda this matter for a future meeting.

**Noted**

**18/093 To note – Correspondence received**

**All correspondence was Noted.**

**18/094 To note – The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be 19th December 2018 at 7.30pm. This will be preceded by the Precept meeting at 6.00pm.**

**18/095  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.*

Cllr. Watson raised an objection to the two items being considered in Exempt items and moved they should be heard in open session. It was discussed at length with various permutations, because one of the items contained a parishioner’s name and a reference to solicitors and court.

Other Members said the matters should stay in Exempt, so Cllr. Watson asked for a recorded vote. The Clerk explained to the new Members that a Recorded Vote was everyone being individually asked for their vote for or against the motion and then that decision being placed on a separate sheet as a Recorded Vote.

The Vote was to keep the matters in Exempt, and the vote was:

Cllrs. Coyle, Dooley, Fox, Hinman, Meredith, Marshall, Stokoe, Street all in favour of the motion.

Cllr. Kelly abstained and Cllr. Watson voted against.

Cllrs. Fieldsend and Drake-Brockman were not at the meeting.

095.1 The Clerk updated on the situation and Cllr. Watson said it was an abuse of process to take any further action. Cllr Street disagreed

**Moved by Cllr. Watson and seconded by Cllr. Coyle that the matter is left to rest – All in favour except Cllr. Street who voted against.**

095.2 The Clerk updated on the sale of the shop, flat and the land and reported we had £61,813.00 on deposit from the sale with the land sale money still to come in.

**Noted**