**MINUTES OF THE PINXTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on the 19th. February 2020, at the Village Hall Kirkstead Road Pinxton Commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllrs: Fox, Kelly, Meredith, Street, Drake-Brockman, Dooley, Coyle, Brentnall, Watson

Clerk: John Ritchie.

**19/128 To receive apologies for absence:**

Councillor Chippington tendered his apologies which were accepted.

**19/129 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. Dooley declared an interest in 19/138.13 & 19/138.16 as a member of Bolsover DC.

Cllr. Watson declared an interest in 19/134, Planning matters as he is a member of the BDC Planning committee.

Cllr. Watson declared an interest in 19/135.1 as a Parishioner, who raised an objection to the 2017/2018 accounts.

Cllr. Watson declared an interest in 19/135.6 as a Member of Bolsover DC

Cllr. Watson declared an interest in 19/135.8 through a family history of pigeon racing.

**19/130 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from Members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.**

None

**19/131 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Wednesday 15th January 2020**

**Moved by Cllr. Fox and seconded by Cllr. Kelly that the Minutes be accepted.**

**All in favour except Cllr. Watson who abstained from voting.**

**19/132 To note updates on matters arising from the Minutes** (for information only).

None

**19/133 Public Speaking. The police were allowed to go first so they could then leave. It is reported here however in agenda order.**

**133.1 Parishioner Matters**

The Chair and Secretary of the Railway Inn Pigeon Club explained they had been given notice on their current meeting premises and wished to move to the village hall, having started over 60 years ago in The Three Horseshoes, then Sun Inn and the Miners. They would be at the VH from April to September on a Friday and Saturday, and given the proximity of the schools, they would like to get them involved as well. Cllr. Coyle and Cllr. Drake-Brockman thought it was good for the community.

The matter was on the agenda so the decision would be taken then. The pigeon club were thanked for coming and speaking on their plans.

A resident complained of rats in the open culvert on the Wharf Road Recreation Ground which then moved onto her garden and shed. Clerk agreed to speak to BDC.

**133.2 Police Matters**

PC Daniel Bird reported on the Civil Injunction which had been granted and already been breached the instant the perpetrator had come out of prison. The perpetrator had been back to court for the breach and received a suspended sentence, with a warning it would be prison for any further breaches. The perpetrators house had been repossessed due to the ASB.

On Glebe Avenue a person had been given a Criminal Behaviour Order and they had been complying with that until just recently whereupon they breached and was being taken to Court for the breach. The incident of a man living in a shed on Glebe Avenue was being pursued and PC Bird and the ASB officer from BDC, Matt Liddy were to do a joint visit.

PC Bird reported on a few vans being broken into and a new van being stolen and also reported on a few daylight burglaries through patio doors in Selston.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Cllr. Dooley reported on the BDC full council meeting which had set a council tax rise of 2.83%, about £5.00 per year. Cllr. Dooley further reported that council house rents were going up, having been reduced by 1% per annum for the past four years under a Government directive.

Cllr. Dooley reported that Scott Chambers from BDC had interviewed Dawn and Donna from the Pinxton Manor for Bolsover TV following their success in being Home of the Year.

Cllr. Dooley reported 7 trees had blown over at Erewash Garage during Storm Dennis, and it was possible to have them replaced with free trees from BDC.

Cllr. Watson reported on the BDC full Council meeting explaining that he had to leave the room during the discussion of finance matters due to his employment.

He further reported that he was disappointed with the Leaders vision booklet for 2020 -2024 as he had only seen it that morning and didn’t think a vote should have been taken and asked for the matter to be deferred, which was defeated.

Cllr. Watson informed the meeting another item discussed was the building of council houses on garage sites which denied the use of a garage for the people with garages.

Cllr. Watson also reported that the time of serving in office to become and Alderman was to be reduced from 25 years to 16 years. Cllr. Watson explained he was against this as he thought it was honour enough to be a District Councillor. The motion however was carried.

Cllr. Coyle reported on the DCC putting up their Council Tax, despite a manifesto commitment not to, by 2% which was solely for Adult Care provision. The base Council Tax had not been altered.

Cllr. Coyle further reported on the consultation currently being undertaken on the closure of 7 DCC run care homes.

**19/134 Planning Applications**

**Cllr. Watson left the meeting whilst the planning matters were discussed.**

19/00592/FUL Installation of a synchronous gas-powered standby generation facility.

20/00043/VAR Opening Hours variation at the Headstocks Pub, until 11.00pm every day.

**Cllr. Kelly objected to the alteration of opening hours and had submitted her own reply to Planning. Cllr. Coyle was in support of the application.**

**On a vote the variation was supported.**

**The following applications have been granted permission**

None

**The following applications have been refused.**

None

**Cllr. Watson returned to the meeting.**

**19/135 Parish Council – Items for Decision.**

135.1

The Clerk had brough four points to be ratified following the letter from the auditor but Cllr. Watson, **who declared an interest in this matter as the Parishioner who objected to the accounts for 2017/2018**, said there should be a fifth item brought to be ratified. The Clerk said he thought the fifth item referred to, was to note going forward, but didn’t require retrospective sanction. The other four items specifically said to seek retrospective approval but not this fifth item.

Cllr. Coyle said it was a crying shame that Cllr. Watson was undermining what the PC were trying to do for the community. Cllr. Watson said it was the Power under which the PC acted he wanted to know.

**It was moved by Cllr. Watson and seconded by Cllr. Coyle that this item be deferred to the next meeting pending the fifth point being added to the agenda item.**

**Cllr. Watson abstained from the vote which was carried**

135.2

The Clerk had written to CISWO regarding the Welfare Drive and the Lease and received a reply back which didn’t clarify matters, so the Clerk had written again with specific questions. The letter from CISWO and the subsequent letter back to CISWO had been circulated.

It was decided that the PC should wait for a reply from CISWO before discussing the matter further. The item will be on the next agenda if there is an update.

**All in favour**

135.3

The Clerk reported on the email received from DALC about a member council wanting to start a 20mph pressure group. Cllr. Coyle said there had been a pilot scheme in Glossop where there may be some information. Cllr. Watson said we should declare our intent to DALC and get further information from the Member Council.

**All in favour**

135.4

The Clerk had received information about the Great British Spring Clean taking place between 20th March 2020 and 13th April 2020. The Council agreed to sign up and take part by having a skip day with skips at the recreation ground entrances at Wharf road, Hilltop, and at the welfare drive and the Village Hall. The date is the 21st March 2020.

**All in favour**

135.5 The Clerk reported that the insurance case with an employee was closed with the council paying the VAT element of the final account, which it can recover.

**Cllr. Watson formally abstained from voting on this item**

**Moved by Cllr. Coyle the item be noted.**

**All in favour except for Cllr. Watson as reported above.**

135.6 The Council had been invited to discuss working in Partnership with BDC to the mutual benefit of BDC and PPC.

**Cllr. Watson formerly abstained from voting as he was a District Councillor with BDC. Cllr. Dooley declared an interest as a BDC Member**

**Moved by Cllr. Coyle and seconded by Cllr. Kelly that a meeting is arranged.**

**All in favour except for Cllr. Watson as outlined above.**

135.7 The Clerk reported on the VE group meeting which was successful and suggested another meeting as soon as possible, so the matter could come back to the PC to ratify any expenditure likely to be incurred, using S137 powers.

**It was moved by Cllr. Watson and seconded by Cllr. Coyle that the item be noted, and another meeting set up.**

**All in favour.**

135.8 The Clerk reported back from Woodhead’s concerning the situation on Park Lane. Woodhead’s said they could pay for the drainage survey in the cemetery but could not put a road in as well, in exchange for the site huts going on PPC land.

Woodhead’s said they could manage with the site huts on the building site itself without impinging on the PC land at all, and then there would be no payment required. Woodhead’s said they were only offering to put the site huts on the PPC land so access could be maintained onto the cemetery field. The PC thought access would have to be maintained in any event. The Clerk was to see what was in the agreement between BDC and Woodhead’s.

Cllr. Watson said this was the same agreement we had before from Woodhead’s, and nothing had changed. Cllr Coyle agreed with that but thought it may not get any better and at least we would have the drainage survey done. Cllr. Street asked if the survey was a full survey with plans drawn up detailing what was required.

Cllr. Dooley thought we should accept the offer of the survey.

It was suggested that Cllr. Street meet Kyle Howard from Woodhead’s on site to discuss the situation and Cllr. Kelly wanted to see documentation concerning the Right of Way across BDC land onto the cemetery field.

**It was resolved to delay the matter until further interaction with Woodhead’s and Cllr. Street and the access issue had been sorted.**

**Cllr. Watson voted against**

135.9 The Clerk had received a letter from a resident concerning a Living History Group being set up and PPC helping with rooms, stationery and photocopying etc.

Cllr Coyle said he was generally supportive but didn’t like open ended requests, and that the group if formed should seek a grant for the expenditure.

Cllr. Watson said the PPC could be setting a precedent by acceding to the request.

Cllr. Kelly said she would like to see the Group happen. Cllr Street said, establish the group, ask for preferred group status and ask for a grant.

**Moved by Cllr. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. Drake-Brockman that we progress this on the lines outlined by Cllr. Street and the clerk contact the resident accordingly.**

**All in favour.**

135.10 The Clerk reported back on the Active Communities fund and what it couldn’t be use for and what it could be used for. The £1,000 brought a further £1,500 from the BDC.

It was suggested the fund could be used in conjunction with the meals during the school holidays if that went ahead (next agenda item).

**It was moved by Cllr. Street and seconded by Cllr. Drake-Brockman that we do participate in the active communities’ fund. Cllr. Dooley declared her interest as a BDC Member.**

**All in favour except for Cllr. Watson who formally abstained given his connection to BDC as a Member.**

135.11 The Clerk reported on the idea of having meals on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday in the summer school holidays, ostensibly for the children who normally relied on school dinners. Other activities would take place utilising the fund mentioned in the last item the ACF.

Cllr. Watson asked if all logistics where in place, and other Members had questions.

It was decided that the Clerk come back to the next meeting with a full programme and list of volunteers so that the PC were happy everything was in place.

**All in favour**

135.12 The clerk reported on the Environmental Health inspection and the things we are required to do, although overall the inspection went very well and the score which must be put on the window is 4 out of 5 as a food premises.

**Moved by Cllr. Watson and seconded by Cllr. Coyle that the report be noted.**

**All in favour.**

135.13 The Clerk reported on the Climate Emergency Workshops being held at the Whitworth Centre on the 5/3/20.

**Moved by Cllr. Coyle and seconded by Cllr. Watson that it be noted.**

**All in favour**

135.14 The clerk reported that JSW amusements had applied for the use of Wharf Road Recreation Ground for the funfair and fireworks in September 2020. The Clerk further reported he had received a further application since the agenda was produced from Sherman Wynn, who had run the event for over 20 years until it had stopped, only coming back last year under JWS.

Cllr. Street said last year it wasn’t secured properly, there was no first aid on site, no use of the community to help with the car park, the scouts for instance, and there was alcohol on site, and he would like to see it revert to Sherman Wynn.

**Moved by Cllr. Street and seconded by Cllr. Dooley that the Big Event be placed with Sherman Wynn and that the clerk writes to both parties concerning the matter.**

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

135.15 The Clerk reported that the Chairman of BDC had written to the PPC inviting them to attend his Civic Service at Whitwell on the 5/4/20

**Moved by Cllr. Coyle and seconded by Cllr. Watson that it be noted.**

**All in favour**

135.16 The Clerk reported on the request for a smoking ban outside the front of the VH. Cllr. Kelly said it was long overdue. There was a table out the back and it was proposed to ask users of the VH and or Bar to use the rear car park where the table was accessed either through the bar or the buffet room, not the kitchen. The Clerk was to put signage up indicating the ban and the fact we had CCTV and the potential for fines for anyone dropping fag ends.

**Moved by Cllr. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. Street.**

**All in favour**

135.17 The Clerk asked for permission to start the ball rolling with the potential VH extension, by having BDC undertake a procurement exercise to find an architect or project manager who can advise on the job in hand. The Clerk mentioned Totty Partnership who did the original VH, and we have all the plans still, Focus Consultants who are experts in the field of VH’s. Cllr. Coyle suggested DCC might like to be involved. The clerk explained he had spoken to DCC about having an extension as they were Landlords and they said they needed to see plans etc., before they decided on approval for an extension.

**Moved by Cllr. Street and seconded by Cllr. Coyle that the procurement exercise be undertaken through BDC.**

**All in favour except Cllr. Watson who abstained because of his connection with BDC as a Member.**

135.18 The Clerk reported on the Railway Inn Pigeon club wishing to come to the VH. The Chair and Secretary had spoken earlier. Members discussed it and agreed it would be good for all if the Pigeon club came to the VH and received Preferred Group status.

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

**Cllr. Watson had declared his interest in this matter due to an historic link with the pigeon fraternity and had proposed to stay in the room and vote.**

135.19The Clerk reported that the Derbyshire Children’s Holiday Centre had written seeking a grant, as they took children from Pinxton area to the holiday camp,

**Moved by Cllr. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. Meredith that the PPC give a grant the same as last year (£550) for the Derbyshire Children’s Holiday.**

**All in favour.**

135.20 The Clerk reported that the GM contract for 2020 for Wharf Road had come through at £1371.00 plus VAT.

**Resolved to accept the contract.**

**All in favour except Cllr. Watson who abstained as he was a BDC Member.**

**Cllr. Watson left the meeting at 8.45pm**

**19/136 Financial Matters**

Items 136.1-136.7 were moved enbloc by Cllr. Street and seconded by Cllr. Coyle

**All in Favour**

**19/137 To receive clerks report**

It was moved that the report be accepted enbloc.

**All in favour**

**19/138 To note Correspondence received**

Moved by Cllr. Coyle and seconded by Cllr. Street that the correspondence be noted

**All in favour.**

**19/139 To note – the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council -18th March 2020 at 7.00pm in the small hall**

**19/140 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**