**MINUTES OF THE PINXTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on the 21st. AUGUST 2019 at the Village Hall, Kirkstead Road, Pinxton. Commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllrs: Hinman, Fox, Kelly, Watson, Meredith, Street, Drake-Brockman, Marshall.

Clerk: John Ritchie

**19/043 To receive apologies for absence:**

Councillors Stokoe, Dooley and Chippington tendered their apologies which were accepted.

**19/044 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 19/049 planning applications. Cllr Watson is on the Planning Committee at Bolsover DC. He elected to stay in the meeting but not take part or vote.

Cllr. Watson declared an interest in items 19/050.3, 050.4, 050.7 as they all concern Bolsover DC. He elected to stay in the meeting but not contribute or vote.

Cllr. Marshall declared an interest in item 19/050.6 as Chair of Pinxton FC. Elected to remain in room and not vote.

Cllr. Kelly declared an interest in item 19/050.3 Grant application from Jubilee Court. Cllr. Kelly elected to stay in the meeting and not vote or contribute.

Cllr. Hinman declared an interest in item 19/050.4 concerning Derbyshire Darts. He elected to leave the room whilst the matter was discussed.

**19/045 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from Members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.**

None

**19/046 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Wednesday 17th July 2019**

**All in favour except for Cllr. Watson who abstained, as he wasn’t present for the whole meeting**

**19/047 To note updates on matters arising from the Minutes** (for information only)

None.

**19/048 Public Speaking**

**048.1 Parishioner Matters**

Mrs. Chivers reported the state of Arthur Street, the pavement and the street with potholes, accumulations of grit and generally poor condition.

Helen Chivers raised the Bolsover Bulls predicament of which the Clerk was aware and was trying to find a solution.

Helen Chivers said the next deadline for the Newsletter was the 12th November 2019.

Brian Wheatcroft gave an update on the situation with the Tops and the two football clubs.

**048.2 Police Matters**

Cllr. Fox had been to the Hub to see the police for an update as the Council/police liaison Councillor, but he was advised to look on the computer for the statistics.

What Cllr. Fox had passed to the Clerk was work done by the police on ASB in the village and the burnt-out car on Park Lane. Cllr. Fox added that there had also been a hit and run on Park Lane.

The Clerk stated another matter had been reported but this was ongoing and couldn’t be explained at this time.

**Noted**

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

**None**

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

Cllr. Watson reported he was working on trying to get the traffic problems sorted in Pinxton, although it was a County function and he was a District Councillor he still wanted to move matters along. He said the major roads of the M1 and the A38 had major impacts on the village. He pointed out problems at Alfreton Road/Town Street junction and Wharf Road/ Talbot Street area.

Cllr. Dooley was absent but had sent a report in. The Clerk read the report. The Headstocks Pub was causing a few problems and the planning enforcement team had been asked to investigate matters. There was a planning application for a site at Oak Tree Paddock for more caravans, but the meeting debated whether it was in Ashfield District.

Cllr. Dooley reported that the coffee morning had gone very well on the 14th August 2019 and was run by the Labour Party. The next one would be the 11th September 2019.

Cllr. Dooley has asked Paul Steers from the Release Financial Charity to hold his next training session in Pinxton.

Cllr Dooley has been asked to investigate the re-opening of the Pinxton train station and passenger line. Cllr. Dooley is requesting the Parishes permission to act on their behalf.

Cllr. Watson said there is a movement in Ashfield seeking the same thing as a gain from the HS2, should it happen.

**19/049 Planning Applications**

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

The Clerk added another application which was 19/00473/FUL Extension to warehouse and mezzanine inside the warehouse at 4 Plymouth Avenue, Pinxton

**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:

19/00340/FUL Dropped Kerbs at 24 Victoria Road Pinxton.

**The following applications have been refused.**

None

**19/050 Parish Council – Items for Decision.**

050.1

The Clerk reported upon an outstanding debt of £1,372.00 from an undertaker.

**Resolved the Clerk write to the undertaker giving him 28 days to pay and to explain the Council will consider Court action at the next meeting if nothing is forthcoming.**

050.2

The Clerk reported on the situation on the allotments and Cllr Kelly said a site visit should precede any decision on a new fence or cameras. Cllr Watson said it should come back to next month’s meeting following the site visit.

**Resolved a site visit be held with the Chair, V/Chair and any other Councillors and a report back to the next meeting. All in favour.**

050.3

The request from Jubilee Court for a S137 grant of £100 was moved by Cllr. Street and seconded by Cllr. Fox that the Council grant the £100.

**All in favour. Note Cllr Watson and Cllr. Kelly had declared an interest in this matter and did not take part in the debate or the vote.**

050.4

This item was no longer needed as the Labour Party had taken over the coffee mornings and already had preferred status

**Noted**

050.5.

The request from Derbyshire Darts for preferred group status, was discussed with the V/Chair taking over, as the chair declared an interest, and left the meeting during the ensuing discussion. Questions were asked about the BDO and whether any local players played for the County, how the BDO is funded.

Cllr. Street said they are a Pinxton organisation and play all their homes games at Pinxton. He likened it to the FA and the fact we have football teams in the village. It was also stated that the kudos it brings to Pinxton is important and it draws local supporters.

**It was moved by Cllr. Street that we give them preferred status for 12 months and then review it. This was seconded by Cllr. Drake-Brockman.**

**The vote FOR was Cllrs. Street, Drake-Brockman and Marshall and AGAINST, Cllrs. Watson, Kelly and Meredith.**

**The V/Chair in the chair for this item hadn’t cast a vote and effectively had his vote he hadn’t used or the casting vote as Chair. He voted for the motion.**

**Resolved the Derbyshire Darts Organisation be given preferred group status for 12 months whereupon it will be reviewed.**

**Cllr. Hinman re-joined the meeting and took over the Chair again.**

050.6

Request from Pinxton FC to have a discount on pitch fees for when the new youth side used the pitch. All players were local and under 17.

Cllr. Watson suggested 100% reduction, that is free use, and Cllr. Kelly suggested 50% reduction.

**Moved by Cllr. Street and seconded by Cllr. Fox that 50% reduction be applied.**

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

050.7

A request for preferred group status to be given to the health and wellbeing group was discussed and agreed upon, as all the users were from Pinxton mainly referred by the local GP.

**Moved by Cllr. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. Hinman, All in favour except Cllr Watson, who had declared an interest and took no part in the proceedings.**

050.8

Clerk reported on the Ministerial Directive on Air Quality on the A38 and the request from DCC for support in going to the Court to close a footpath east of the motorway and just south of the two hotels.

Cllr. Watson strongly objected to supporting the request, stating we cannot be condoning the air quality and should be encouraging them to take some better action. He said we shouldn’t give them the easy way out.

**Moved by Cllr. Watson and seconded by Cllr. Fox that we do not support their desire to stop up the footpath. Carried.**

**Cllr. Kelly voted against the motion.**

050.9

The Clerk reported on the situation with the Hop Inn and Pinxton United at the last meeting and was bringing it back again as there was considerable unrest with the teams and the fixture situation especially around cup fixtures, and car parking on match days if both teams played.

The Council discussed the matter and concluded that they were probably, in hindsight, wrong in allowing the Hop Inn to use the Tops pitch. Cllrs. accepted they were bound by the decision made at the last meeting but wished to clarify some matters, namely that there should be only one game per Sunday on the ground, that the Pinxton United should have preference and that both teams should talk to each other over cup fixtures which may see either team drawn at home causing more problems.

The Clerk has passed each teams fixtures to the respective leagues and can further report that this morning (22/8) he has swapped contact numbers with each of the fixture secretaries as there is a clash on the 2/11/19 when the Hop Inn have a home cup tie and this was notified to the clerk at 23.47 on the 21/8/19.

**Resolved, there be only one fixture on a Sunday on the ground. That Pinxton United have preference. That cup fixtures be sorted between the respective managers and league fixture secretaries, and that the situation is monitored with a further agenda item next month. All in favour.**

**Councillor Watson left the meeting at 8.20pm**

050.10

The Clerk reported on the work required to the office and boiler house and the request of the Clerk to suspend Standing Orders and Financial Regulations in order to use the contractor who had been used before.

**Moved by Cllr. Street that the Council, suspend Standing Order 18(d), and move under Financial Regulation 11(d) that the work be negotiated with the contractor. Seconded by Cllr. Drake-Brockman. All in favour.**

050.11

The Clerk has reported back on the gas governor box which sits on British Gas land with an easement for access up Welfare Drive. The Clerk has also seen the agreement signed by Woodhead’s and the Welfare regarding the drive and it is as reported previously by the Clerk, Woodhead’s would patch it where required. Members will recall a lady fell on the drive, and it needs some attention. The Clerk has obtained quotes for four lots of work which total £54081.48 of which about £17,000 would be required from the Welfare as they have a joint responsibility for the drive.

The Clerk also reported he was accosted in his office very aggressively by Peter Brown from the Welfare, concerning the football pitch and who runs it, the gas box and the drive. The Clerk in the end had to ask the gentleman to leave the premises.

**Resolved that the Clerk write to CISWO asking for a meeting concerning the drive, given the insurance implications, and copy the welfare in, deferring any decision on the works until a later meeting, and that the Chair writes to the Trustees of the Welfare, in the strongest terms concerning the Parish Clerk being abused in the office of the village hall.**

**All in favour.**

050.12 The Clerk explained about the Discretions Policy the Parish must have on the Pensions scheme. The Clerk had received a copy of Bolsover DC response and the Clerk suggested we just follow that. It was very non-committal but satisfied the requirement of the DCC pension board.

**Resolved to adapt the Bolsover DC Pension Discretions Policy to suit PPC.**

050.13 The request to support the Peak and Northern Footpath Society in their quest to add two unrecorded footpaths was discussed and it was agreed that

**Moved by Cllr. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. Street that Pinxton PC add their support to the work of the Peak & Northern Footpath Society. All in favour**

050.14 The Clerk had received a request for a recycling bin from the Children’s Air Ambulance Service to be sited at the VH. The Clerk reported that the Council had already agreed to one for SCOPE, although it hadn’t arrived yet.

Council discussed having two bins for SCOPE & the AA Service, but no more.

**Moved by Cllr. Street and seconded by Cllr. Drake-Brockman that the Council accept another recycling bin and only to have two on site at any one time. All in favour.**

050.15. The Clerk had presented a request from Jay Weightman to hold a funfair and fireworks on the Wharf Road recreation ground over the 26th -28th September with the fireworks being on the 28th September. The whole cost and set up with stewards, etc was being organised by Jay Weightman and would not require the PC to do anything. Going onto the ground would be subject to an inspection before and after, and the ground leaving as it was found.

Cllr. Kelly thought it was wonderful, and it was

**Moved by Cllr. Street and seconded by Cllr Fox that the funfair and fireworks take place as described and the Clerk put together a terms and conditions paper for Mr. Jay Weightman. All in favour.**

**19/051 Financial Matters**

Items 051.1 - 051.7 were moved enbloc by Cllr. Street and seconded by Cllr. Kelly.

The Clerk asked the Chair to sign the bank reconciliation and the statements from the bank and the investment details from BDC as an audit, as requested on a quarterly basis by the internal auditor.

**All in Favour**

**19/052 To receive clerks report**

Items 052.1 – 052.7 were moved enbloc by Cllr. Fox and seconded by Cllr. Street.

The Clerk just pointed out at 52.3 that the Chair had visited the football ground and the shed was not intrusive, so a fence was not required, but there was a lot of rubbish to clean up around the shed and behind it. Cllr. Marshall said he would take the matter back to the football club

At 052.6 the Clerk just pointed out that Daniel Oakley the Arts Officer had run a session lasting all day, at very short notice but it had been very well attended.

**All in favour.**

**19/053 To note Correspondence received**

**Moved that the correspondence be noted**

The Clerk added on several more items of correspondence which had come in since the agendas were sent out.

**All in favour.**

**19/054 To note – the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council -19th September 2019 at 7.00pm**

**19/055 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