

# **MINUTES OF THE PINXTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

## **Held on the 17<sup>th</sup>. June 2020 remotely via Zoom.**

### **Commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllrs: Fox, Kelly, Hinman, Meredith, Street, Drake-Brockman, Dooley, Coyle, Brentnall, Watson and Marshall.

Clerk: John Ritchie.

#### **19/154 To receive apologies for absence:**

Apologies were accepted for Cllr. Chippington

**19/155 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 19/161/12, 19/161/14 as a Member of BDC  
Cllr. Watson declared an interest in 19/160, Planning matters as he is a member of the BDC Planning committee, and 19/161/12, and 161/14 as a Member of BDC  
Cllr. Brentnall declared an interest in 19/161/2 as the would-be recipient is Cllr. Brentnall's' mother.

#### **19/156 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from Members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.**

None

#### **19/157 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020 remotely by Zoom**

Moved by Cllr. Drake-Brockman and seconded by Cllr. Fox that the Minutes be accepted.

#### **19/158 To note updates on matters arising from the Minutes (for information only).**

None

#### **19/159 Public Speaking.**

#### **159.1 Parishioner Matters**

The meeting was told of new ASB with gas canisters being found everywhere. This was commented on later in the police report.

### **159.2 Police Matters**

Cllr. Fox gave the report sent to him by PC Dan Bird. The main item was the gas canisters mentioned above. It was a national occurrence at the minute due to the boredom it is suggested due to the lockdown. PC Bird reported all the sites will be monitored and the Clerk said he had reported it to BDC Community safety, so the Rangers could be proactive in looking out for and collecting any discarded canisters. It was also decided to publish a poster showing a young mum in a wheelchair through using or misusing said gas canisters.

The only other matter was the re-emergence of swastikas on the motorway underpass. These will be painted out again.

### **159.3 Reports from Council Representatives on Outside Bodies.**

Nothing to report.

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

Cllr. Watson reported that BDC had their first Zoom meeting to hold the budget Growth Scrutiny Committee.

Cllr. Dooley reported she had reported ASB and fly tipping.

Cllr. Coyle said the DCC had several remote meetings the latest being the AGM where the Chair and V/chair were elected.

### **19/160 Planning Applications**

None

### **Permissions**

None

### **Refusals**

None

### **19/161 Parish Council – Items for Decision.**

**161.1** The Clerk brought to the meetings attention two requests to recognise Bill Eccles for his work during the pandemic and before the for Pinxtonians and the surrounding areas. Members spoke very highly of Billy and it was noted he has done over 6,000 miles entertaining from his car during the lockdown.

**Moved by Cllr. Dooley and seconded by Cllr. Street that the Freedom of the Parish is bestowed upon Billy Eccles. All in favour except for Cllr. Watson who took no part in the discussion or vote.**

**161.2** The Clerk wishes to report that he had received another request to grant the Freedom of the Parish to Dawn Thornley the Manager at the Pinxton Manor Care Homes following the work she has done at the Care Home and particularly during the ongoing pandemic. Members wholeheartedly agreed.

**Moved by Cllr. Dooley and seconded by Cllr. Fox that Dawn Thornley be Granted the Freedom of the Parish. All in favour except Cllr. Brentnall who**

**disclosed her interest and took no part in the matter and Cllr. Watson who took no part in the discussion or the vote.**

### **161.3**

The Clerk reported to the meeting the concerns of residents about water from the old reservoir site impinging upon their properties at the back of Park Lane. As the residents had mentioned compensation the Clerk had passed all details to the insurance company who had in turn appointed loss adjusters to investigate. There is no law dictating about redress for top water from one property to another and there is no requirement for maintenance for the site as it is used as purposes now so the insurance company think it is highly unlikely we have any liability. The Clerk further reported on the history of the reservoir site and exactly what constituted the site, which in fact did not reach the rear of the gardens on Park lane. Cllr. Watson asked for all the conveyance details of the PPC acquiring the old reservoir site from Severn Trent water.

**Moved the item be noted pending further information from the loss adjusters.**

**161.4** The Clerk brought the Minute from June 21/2017, 188.2.2d to the meetings attention concerning the defibrillator fund which said after three years should revert to the PPC and for the money to be spent to underpin the fitting of five defibrillators and the maintenance thereafter.

**Moved by Cllr. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. Watson that the balance of the fund be retained in the control of PPC in line with the 2017 Minute. All in favour.**

**161.5** The Clerk reported a request from the PBG to hold their summer fair in 2021 on the Hilltop Rec. and adjacent land. It was pointed out that some of the land was BDC land, but this would be investigated with a view to accommodating the summer fair in conjunction with permission from BDC.

**Moved by Cllr. Dooley and seconded by Cllr. Fox. All in favour**

**At this point Cllr. Watson asked for the meeting to be adjourned due to sound issues. He said it could not be a public meeting as it was. One member of the public said he could hear perfectly well and Cllr. Coyle said carry on.**

**The meeting proceeded. Cllr. Drake-Brockman had also supported Cllr. Watson in his request for an adjournment.**

**161.6** The Clerk explained we had a document to sign to continue the initial work into the potential for a VH extension. It did not commit the PPC to anything but went further down the 42 steps to procurement under the SCAPE framework. The Architects Lungfish had done an initial design at their risk and at no cost to the PPC. Cllr. Watson asked for a full explanation of how it could not cost PPC because no-one does work for nothing. The Clerk explained the way the procurement worked which could be verified by BDC as we were using their procurement team to carry out the project.

**Moved by Cllr. Coyle and seconded by Cllr. Street that the document be signed and progress made on the potential of a VH extension. All in favour except Cllr. Watson who abstained.**

**161.7** The Clerk outlined potential proposals for the upgrade of the Tops football ground and pavilion. It was possible Derbys. FA money would be available. Cllr Street said we needed plans and Cllr Dooley said it was exactly the type of project BDC wanted to work with Parishes on. Cllr Kelly wanted match funding for any money the PPC put in. Cllr. Watson said if there was money available, we should

take it. The Clerk said bearing in mind item 161.3 we should look at the Tops and the reservoir together because it be beneficial for a lot of people.

**Moved by Cllr. Coyle and seconded by Cllr Watson that we investigate further and work up proposals. All in favour except Cllr. Kelly who voted against.**

**161.8** The Clerk reported on an email from a resident of Platt Street seeking 5m<sup>2</sup> of land at the bottom of his garden because the overgrown state of it was causing his land damage. The land is the culvert leased to the PPC with all the welfare land by CISWO.

Cllr. Watson said it simply was not in our gift to grant the land to the resident.

**Moved by Cllr. Watson and seconded by Cllr. Coyle that the Clerk write back and state it is not ours to give. All in favour except Cllr. Kelly**

**161.9** The Clerk reported on a complaint about the hedge between the rear of the houses on Park Lane and the land on the way to the old reservoir site. The Clerk said we had cut it before, but it had come to the Clerks attention that the land was unregistered as confirmed by the Solicitor at BDC and therefore not a PPC obligation to maintain. Cllr. Watson said someone must own it and further investigation should be carried out. The Clerk said it was very difficult if it wasn't registered with the Land Registry, but he would send what he had from the solicitor to Cllr. Watson.

**Moved by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr. Hinman that we do not cut it pending further information. All in favour**

**161.10** The Clerk explained about the potential to re-open the VH probably on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020 but that it would need the PPC to do a Risk Assessment first for the protection of the staff and the public. There was a lively debate ensued and the outcome was a sub committee made up of Cllr. Fox, Cllr Kelly, Cllr Watson, Cllr. Brentnall and Cllr Hinman to look at all aspects of re-opening and then going forward within the government regulations.

The debate also centred around a professional deep clean or an in house clean. Cllr. Watson said the virus only lived for up to three days on surfaces so if the VH had been shut for 12 weeks there would be no virus in the VH, so he said our own cleaners could carry out the cleaning for the opening.

**Moved by Cllr. Coyle and seconded by Cllr. Hinman that the subcommittee be formed, and they deal with the Risk Assessment which will encompass all it needs to. All in favour**

**161.11** The Clerk had asked the question of what the PPC had done for the parishioners after he had been asked. He had provided a list in the agenda and Cllr Street said with the addition of £1,000 spent on rubbish removal during the lockdown, the list spoke for itself. Cllr Coyle said we had also assisted PBG who had done much good work in the village and especially wanted to mention the Chair, Cllr, Fox who had done a lot of work in the village during the lockdown

**Noted by all members as reported in the agenda and the additions as outlined above.**

**161.12** The Clerk told the meeting the Leader of BDC was looking to give grants to all parishes who wished to have an event centred around VJ day in August as we

had all missed VE day weekend in May. We had to send in our plans for such and event which the clerk said he would do based on our VE weekend  
**All in favour except Cllr Dooley and Cllr Watson who declared interest as BDC Councillors.**

**161.13** The Clerk had been asked to agenda another potential skip day which would cost £2,000 to have four roll- on roll- off skips at four locations, Wharf Road Rec., Hilltop Rec., Welfare Drive and the VH. These would be from 8.30am -noon or earlier if they were filled sooner with a Marshall at each location to check the parishioners were Pinxtton residents.

**Moved by Cllr Street and seconded by Cllr Drake-Brockman that this is organised. All in favour**

**161.14** The Clerk asked again about the new houses for Park Lane by Dragonfly who wished to put their site huts and compound on PPC land and would offer the arrangement of a full cemetery drainage survey at their cost, circa £1350.00 in exchange for use of the land. This was their final offer. If they did not get the offer accepted, they would use their own site and seek a stopping up of the Easement Order, which gave the PPC access, for the duration of the build.

After another healthy debate it was **Moved by Cllr Coyle and seconded by Cllr Hinman that we accept the offer with a view to asking them to leave the stoned up roadway into their compound or even extending it once on site.**

**All in favour except Cllr. Watson and Cllr Dooley who had declared an interest as BDC Members, as BDC were 50% owners of Dragonfly.**

**19/162 Financial Matters (May)**

162.1 Income and Expenditure Details for May 2020

162. 2 Bank reconciliation Statement as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020

162 3 Monthly analysis of cash book for May 2020

162.4 Budget to date

162. 5 Statement of Parish Council Investment.

162. 6 Statement of Invoices for approval to be paid June 2020

162. 7 Bank Statement for both accounts.

**Moved by Cllr. Coyle and seconded by Cllr. Kelly that the above accounts be moved enbloc was agreed by all except Cllr. Watson who abstained.**

**19/163 To receive – The Clerks Report**

**Moved by Cllr. Watson and seconded by Cllr. Coyle that the Clerks report be received and accepted enbloc. All in favour**

**19/164 To note Correspondence received**

**Moved by Cllr. Watson and seconded by Cllr. Coyle that the Clerks report be received and accepted enbloc. All in favour**

19/165 To note – the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council -15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.00pm which may or may not be by Zoom. Members will be notified.

**19/166 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**