

Brinsworth Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28 JULY 2022

Those present :

Chair : Cllr K L Hollis

Vice-Chair : Cllr S Ridge

Councillors : Cllr J T Chatwyn, Cllr J R Gelder, Cllr P Gregory, Cllr T Hannan, Cllr C L Jones, Cllr M Rollinson

Non Councillors : Cllr Mrs C Carter

Officers : Mrs G Blank

20 Public question time

There were no members of the public in attendance.

21 Apologies

Apologies have been received from Cllrs Buckley, Nocton and Watson and the reasons given were accepted.

22 Declaration of Interests

a) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI's) and personal and prejudicial interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 (section 30 to 33). Officers are required to make a formal declaration about the council contracts where the employee has a financial interest in accordance with the LGA 1972, s117.

None received

b) To receive, consider and record Councillors requests for DPI dispensation (section 31 Localism Act 2011) in connection with items on this agenda. Applications for this must be made in writing to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

None received

23 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on:

30th May 2022

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 30th May 2022 are approved as a true and accurate record.

24 Ongoing matters and updates from previous meetings

17 - (2627/2617/2607/2598) Ward Councillors Planters. Still no response received from RMBC regarding the licence despite chasing them up.

17 - (2627/2618) - Former Library land licence - still no response received from RMBC despite chasing them up.

18 - Cllr Jones asked for it to be noted that she did not ask the Clerk to leave but the Clerk suggested she should as they were discussing an issue that included her. The Clerk reminded Cllr Jones that amendments to the minutes need to be received in the office prior to the meeting but she would note Cllr Jones comments.

19 - The Clerk said she would chase up the Assistant Clerk on the bank signatories amendments.

25 Reports from Ward Councillors

a) To receive any reports from Ward Councillors

Cllr C Carter was in attendance to provide an update:

The trees have been planted on Bawtry Road and an 'Adopt a Tree' scheme to encourage residents to help water the trees is being launched. In the meantime RMBC are watering the trees.

Ward Councillors and RMBC PROW team are looking at proposals to improve privacy for residents backing on to the black path which includes new fencing. The Parish Council are to be approached for a contribution to the scheme.

Anti-social behaviour at the side entrance (junction of Brinsworth Rd / Broadway / Derwent Crescent) is being looked at. Access is needed so a gate is being looked at and lighting improvements.

Shops parking improvement scheme is still ongoing. The bid to resurface the small slip road in front of Cooplunds has not been successful.

Jubilee trail proved to be successful and a presentation ceremony of the 11th August in The Centre is planned.

b) To consider and approve, if appropriate, the proposal of a youth shelter from Ward Councillors.

Ward Councillors had submitted a proposal to provide a youth shelter on Brinsworth Playing Fields prior to the meeting.

Following consultation with youths Ward Councillors want to provide them with somewhere to sit and take shelter.

The cost to the Parish Council initially will be zero but the asset will need to be added to the insurance, asset register and future maintenance budgeted for.

An opportunity to have a shelter no longer wanted by Anston Parish Council has arisen and Ward Councillors proposed to have the shelter refurbished, delivered and sited using their CLF monies.

Cllr Rollinson and Gregory both said this had been tried before and the shelters were just abused.

The Clerk said she was aware that Anston no longer wanted the shelter because of problems they were having with smashed glass and anti social behaviour. Because of this the site that was being proposed by the Clerk was one that would be in the sightline of the current CCTV cameras in the enclosed play area.

Cllr Chatwyn said she could see the benefits and cons of the shelter and was concerned about other residents having to walk past the shelter who might feel intimidated.

Cllr Ridge shared Cllr Chatwyn's reservations but felt the Council should try again if that would help with issues on the black path.

Cllr Jones supported the Ward Councillors proposals and said the youths should be given the opportunity to prove themselves.

It was agreed that the provision of the shelter would need to be continuously monitored and reviewed regularly.

RESOLVED: That Councillors approve the Ward Councillors proposal to supply a youth shelter on Brinsworth Playing fields.

Six Councillors voted in favour and Cllrs Gregory and Rollinson asked for it to be recorded that they voted against the proposal.

The Clerk agreed to formally write to Cllr C Carter to confirm the approval.

Cllr C Carter left the meeting.

26 Reports from Members on external meetings and training

- To receive any reports from Councillors and approve any action

No reports received.

27 Planning items

a) To receive RMBC Planning Lists

- 1) RB2022/0843 - Two storey side extension & formation of vehicle access crossing at 23 Scammadine Close - noted
- 2) RB2022/0934 - Two storey and single storey rear extension at 29 Snowden Way - noted
- 3) RB2022/0982 - Change of use of rear yard area and outbuildings to drinking area with associated erection of seating areas, canopies, and marquee, and cladding of outbuildings at land rear of 17-21 Brinsworth Lane - noted

b) To receive an update on applications previously considered - none received

Cllr Jones asked the Clerk if she was able to comment on a planning application as a resident. The Clerk confirmed that as long as the Councillor made no reference to their position on the Council in their comments they were within their rights to comment on any application. The Clerk advised Cllr Jones to note the planning reference number and look at the RMBC planning portal where she could make her comments.

28 Correspondance requiring Members attention

a) Resident re dog walkers / fouling

The Chair read out two emails from residents complaining about similar issue relating to dogs. Councillors asked the Clerk if anything can be done. The Clerk informed Councillors that the Council had no enforcement powers and that the matter should be forwarded on to the dog warden at RMBC. As there is only 1 warden for the whole borough they only tend to respond to aggressive dog reports. The Clerk said she would ask the Assistant Clerk to report the issues to the dog warden and also write back to residents informing them of the Council's response and encourage them to contact the warden themselves.

b) RMBC - Public Rights of Way - Sunnybank Crescent / Black Path - proposal for funding

The Parish Council has received a request from RMBC PROW to consider contributing towards the cost of fencing off the black path to help with anti-social behaviour issues. Councillors asked that PROW be contacted and asked for a value and then add to another agenda for approval.

29 Exclusion of the press and public

- To consider and resolve to exclude members of the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 for matters appertaining to confidential or exempt information

RESOLVED: That members of the press and public are excluded from the meeting.

30 Staffing Issues not under the remit of the HR Committee

a) To receive an update on the Clerk/RFO vacancy

The Clerk informed Councillors that there had been no applications for the post after the last round of interviews.

b) To consider and approve the next course of action

The Clerk informed Councillors that they could advertise the job to a wider audience and gave a list of potential sites or look at splitting the job into a Clerk and RFO position.

RESOLVED: That the post be advertised with a 2 week closing date using more advertising sources.

MEETING CLOSED: 19:10