**MINUTES OF THE PINXTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on the 18th. DECEMBER 2019 at the Village Hall, Kirkstead Road, Pinxton. Commencing at 7.00pm**

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

Clerk: John Ritchie.

**19/102 To receive apologies for absence:**

Councillor Brentnall tendered her apologies due to work commitments. Cllr. Coyle due to commitments and Cllr. Dooley due to illness and incapacity.

**19/103 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 19/108 planning applications. Cllr Watson is on the Planning Committee at Bolsover DC. He elected to leave the meeting whilst matters were considered.

Cllr. Marshall declared an interest in item 19/109.i as he is Chairman of Pinxton FC. He elected to stay in the meeting and take part in the discussion.

**19/104 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from Members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.**

None

**19/105 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Wednesday 20th November 2019**

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

**All in favour except Cllr. Watson asked for his vote to be Recorded against.**

**19/106 To note updates on matters arising from the Minutes** (for information only).

None

**19/107 Public Speaking.**

**107.1 Parishioner Matters**

None

**107.2 Police Matters**

PC Bird sent a report in that it was quiet at the moment in Pinxton. The new PCSO from Belper may be able to call in.

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

Cllr. Drake-Brockman informed the meeting that she had attended the Retail outlet to see the Police & Crime Commissioner and mentioned the kids on Alfreton Road as they come out of Freddie Gents. The PCC said he would inform the school.

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

Cllr. Watson said this meeting fell in between BDC meetings so there was nothing to report from the District Council.

He went on to praise the successful Christmas Fair and the exceptional grotto in the small hall. He expressed his thanks to the Parish Council staff for their help in the event.

**19/108 Planning Applications**

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

**He left the meeting at this point whilst these matters were discussed.**

The applications listed in the agenda were Noted and one more was added as it had come in that morning.

19/00699/FUL 2No Industrial Warehouses at Castle wood Grange for Mr. James Richards.

**The following applications have been granted permission**

None

**The following applications have been refused.**

None

**19/109 Parish Council – Items for Decision.**

109.1

The Clerk had received a Motion duly signed by three Councillors in order to suspend S.O.7 and revisit, within the six months, the decision to allow the Hop Inn to play on the Tops.

Cllr. Watson said it was evidently clear that the Tops could not sustain two teams playing their games on there. He went on to say that the behaviour of the Hop Inn on the 24th November also called into question their presence on the Tops.

Cllr. Watson proposed there should be only one team and that should be Pinxton United.

Cllr. Street blamed the incessant rain for the situation and Cllr. Marshall said there hadn’t been a game at the Welfare for 7 weeks due to the weather and that is with one team.

Cllr. Kelly said she did not agree with Cllr. Watsons proposal to move The Hop Inn off the ground.

Both teams were represented, and both had their say.

Cllr. Fox said it would be difficult now for The Hop Inn to find an alternative ground so they should play on but try and get their cup games away from home, unless the ground was free at home and fit.

A further discussion ensued on who should make the call whether the ground was fit or not and Cllr. Watson said our groundsman should not be the man in the middle of the two teams.

The Clerk offered to have a look every Friday with the groundsman and decide, as he did the same with the cricket in the summer during inclement weather.

It was also discussed regarding next season and an early decision on who plays on the ground.

The Clerk explained the PC were doing their best to upgrade the Tops or Wharf Road and was spending up to £10,000 next year in plans and feasibilities for the sports grounds.

**Cllr. Street proposed that;**

1. **The Hop Inn carry on at the Tops but play cup games away unless the ground is free and fit to play on.**
2. **The Clerk and groundsman inspect the ground every Friday and decide whether it is fit or not and that decision is final.**
3. **An agenda item is raised next June 2020 to discuss next years use of the ground**

**Cllr. Watson seconded this proposal.**

**Cllr Kelly called for a recorded vote. The vote for was Cllr’s Watson, Street, Drake-Brockman, Chippington, Fox and Marshall and against Cllrs. Kelly and Meredith.**

109.2

The Clerk had received the letter from BDC setting out the Precept details for 2020/2021. They required PPC precept information by 3/2/20. This was in hand as we had already had the Precept meeting

**Noted**

109.3

The Clerk reported on the letter from Building Control with some suggested street names for the site of the old Sun Inn, and requests to pass any comments onto Building Control.

**Noted**

109.4

The Clerk had circulated a letter from the Armed Forces asking PPC to sign up to the covenant.

**Moved by Cllr. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. Meredith that Pinxton Parish council sign up to the covenant.**

**All in Favour**

Cllr. Watson left the meeting

**19/110 Financial Matters**

Items 110.1-110.7 were moved enbloc by Cllr. Fox and seconded by Cllr. Street

**All in Favour**

**19/111 To receive clerks report**

It was moved that the report be accepted enbloc.

**All in favour**

**19/112 To note Correspondence received**

**Moved that the correspondence be noted**

**All in favour.**

**19/113 To note – the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council -15th January 2020 at 7.00pm in the small hall**

**19/114 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**