**Minutes of the Pinxton Parish Council Meeting held on 17th March via Zoom**

**Present:** Cllrs M Dooley (Chairman), B Marshall, J Coyle, C Drake-Brockman, M Hinman,

L Brentnall (p/t), R Street, P Chippington, R Fieldsend and M Fox (p/t)

Members of the public x 6

Parish Clerk – L Powell

Assistant Clerk – J Riley

As the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were not present at the start of the meeting, a Chairman for the meeting was elected, this being Cllr M Dooley.

**19/266 Co-option of Councillor**

**There were three applications for the vacancy of Parish Councillor. Each candidate was given the opportunity to speak for five minutes, after which councillors took a vote. Robert Fieldsend was voted in with a 6 – 2 majority. He read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took his seat on the council.**

**19/267 Apologies for absence**

**Apologies were received from Cllr Kelly who was unwell and Cllr Meredith who cannot operate Zoom. Both apologies were accepted.**

**19/268 Declaration of Members Interest/Update of Register**

**Cllr Hinman declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 276.4**

**19/269 Dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable**

**Pecuniary Interest.**

**There were no dispensations requested.**

**19/270 Exclusion of Public in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1.**

No items to which public were excluded.

**19/271 Precept Minutes**

**Consideration was given to the minutes of the Parish Council Precept meeting held**

**Wednesday 27th January 2021, copies had been distributed to members prior to the**

**meeting.**

**RESOLVED (unanimous)** **the minutes be adopted as a true record.**

**19/272 Ordinary Minutes**

**Consideration was given to the minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held Wednesday 27th January 2021, copies had been distributed to members prior to the meeting.**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) the minutes be adopted as a true record.**

**19/273 Updates on matters arising from the minutes (for information only)**

**There were no updates.**

**19/274 Public Speaking:**

**274.1 Parishioner Matters**

 **Mr. John Bayliss reported that he had sent a message to the Clerk to show what work has been done on the weir, accompanied by some good pictures.**

 **Helen Chivers reported the poor state of the road at the junction of Jubilee Court. She was assured that Cllr Coyle is dealing with it.**

 **Helen Chivers questioned why the Parish Council were asking for the return of the Santa suit when it was bought out of the Let’s Get Going fund.**

 **Mr. Paul Wilson advised on the state of Tollbar and Kirkby Lane, Cllr Dooley advised that this has been reported.**

 **Mr. Wilson also advised that he was unhappy about the proposed felling of trees and removal of bushes on Wharf Road as this is a haven for wildlife. Cllr Street reported that it was due to complaints from residents that it was being investigated and that there would still be an area for wildlife at the end of the corridor.**

**274.2 Police Matters**

 **The Clerk read out a report from PCSO Saffron Moncreiffe.**

**274.3 Reports from Council Representatives on Outside Bodies**

 **There were no reports from outside bodies.**

**274.4 Reports from District and County Councillor Representatives on**

 **matters of direct relevance to Pinxton Parishioners**

 DCCllr Coyle reported that the Covid Vaccination Centre is generating a lot of traffic but the CAN Rangers and PCSO’s attend to assist with the situation. Schools have returned but some have come out again due to Covid outbreaks.

 DCllr Dooley reported that the collection of the green bins was delayed due to the company going into liquidation, however Bolsover DC has now taken it on. Information regarding a Skills Audit will soon be in the public domain and there will be a chance to win £250. The troublesome household on Glebe Avenue have moved out and the house boarded up so the local residents will feel much safer.

**19/275 Planning Applications**

**A summary of all recent planning applications had been distributed to councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that no action needs to be taken on any of the applications.**

**19/276 Parish Council – Items for Decision/Action**

 **276.1 Meeting with Mark Fletcher MP**

**Consideration was given to the invitation from Mark Fletcher MP to meet via Zoom, copy of letter distributed prior to the meeting.**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) accept the kind invitation but preferably when a meeting in person can be held.**

**276.2 Smotherfly Consultation**

**The proposal from Derbyshire County Council for restoring public access on the former Smotherfly Opencast Coal Site was considered. Letter distributed to members prior to the meeting.**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) Cllr Coyle to respond and Cllr Dooley to liaise with the Clerk.**

**276.3 Newsletter**

**Consideration was given to continuing to help fund the Pinxton Newsletter. Currently the Parish Council fund £2,000 with the Brookhill Group covering the shortfall.**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) to continue to give £2,000 to the Pinxton Newsletter.**

**276.4 The Village Inn**

**Consideration was given to giving the leasholder of The Village Inn a rent free period for several months until business has built back up.**

**Cllr Hinman took no part in this agenda item.**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) No rent to be charged for 6 months from 1st April then review the situation in October 2021.**

**276.5 Refuse Freighter Day**

**Consideration was given to holding another Refuse Freighter Day (Skip Day).**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) to hold another Freighter Day, area TBA, Chairman and Clerk to liaise.**

**276.6 Litter Pick**

**At the request of Cllr Fox, consideration was given to holding a Community Litter Pick.**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) Chair and Cllr Fieldsend to organise litter pick, Cllr Dooley to source funding.**

**276.7 Funfair**

**Consideration was given to the request from David Cox Funfairs to hold a fun fair on Wharf Road Recreation Ground this year, Covid rules permitting. Letter of request distributed to members prior to the meeting.**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) The Chairman and Cllr Street to carry out a site visit with view to allowing it to go ahead.**

**276.8 Pinxton’s Main Event**

**Consideration was given to permitting Pinxton’s Main Event to be held in September this year, Covid rules permitting.**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) The Chairman and Cllr Street to carry out a site visit with view to allowing it to go ahead.**

**276.9 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982**

**Consideration was given to a response to the Proposed Regulation of Sex Shops, Sex Cinemas and Sexual Entertainment Venues, letter distributed to members prior to the meeting.**

**RESOLVED (7 for 1 abstention) As long as adequately policed, leave to the Local Authority to make decisions.**

**276.10 Electric Vehicle Chargers**

**Consideration was given to a request from a resident that the Parish Council look into installing electric vehicle chargers, sites could be Village Hall and car park on Welfare Drive. Cllr Dooley reported that Bolsover DC are assessing the installation of these at a cost of £35k per charger.**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) no objections to Bolsover DC assessing Pinxton for electric charging points.**

**276.11 Additional Staff Payment**

**Consideration was given to additional payment/ time off for the caretaking staff due to their extra workload caused by the vaccination centre. The Clerk explained that extra cleaning had been taken in to account when working out the costings for the Pharmacy.**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) It was agreed that any additional renumeration will be left to the discretion of the Clerk but will be for additional cleaning work and not volunteering.**

**276.12 Footpaths**

**There were no additional footpaths that required consideration at this time.**

**276.13 Staffing Matters**

**Consideration was given as what action to take in regard to staff’s annual leave that is owing. The Clerk explained that there was an extreme amount of annual leave owing to staff.**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) All staff to be paid for annual leave owing apart from one whose benefits will be affected. That member of staff will have to take his leave at the earliest opportunity.**

**At this point in the meeting the Chairman lost internet connection so Cllr Hinman was voted in as Chairman for one agenda item only until Cllr Dooley was able to re-connect.**

**19/276.14 Planning Committee**

**Consideration was given to forming a Planning Committee and giving them designated powers to respond to applications on the Council’s behalf and then reporting back to council.**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) this item be deferred to the next full council meeting.**

**19/277 Financial Matters (January 2021)**

 **278.1 Income and Expenditure Details for January2021**

 **278 2 Bank reconciliation Statement as of 31st January 2021**

 **278.3 Monthly analysis of cash book for January 2021**

 **278.4 Budget to date**

 **278.5 Statement of Parish Council Investment.**

 **278.6 Bank Statement for both accounts.**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) the accounts for January 2021 be adopted.**

**19/278 Financial Matters (February 2021)**

 **279.1 Income and Expenditure Details for February 2021**

 **279.2 Bank reconciliation Statement as of 28th February 2021**

 **279.3 Monthly analysis of cash book for February 2021**

 **279.4 Budget to date**

 **279.5 Statement of Parish Council Investment.**

 **279.6 Bank Statement for both accounts.**

 **RESOLVED (unanimous) the accounts for February 2021 be adopted.**

**19/279 Clerks Report**

**The Clerk’s report was received, no questions.**

**19/280 Correspondence received**

**The correspondence received was noted. It was requested that refurbishment grants for the Village Hall be placed on the next agenda.**

**19/281 Date of the next Parish Council meeting – 21st April 2021.**

**It was requested that the Clerk ask the Pharmacy about holding future Council meetings in**

**the Village Hall.**

**Meeting closed 8.58pm**

**Signed:………………………………………………………………………. Chairman**

Date:………………………………………..