

PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present:	Cllr Terry Parker Cllr Jason Bullingham Cllr Ann Burges Watson Cllr Andy Cash Cllr Ann Daniels Cllr David Hudson Cllr Mike Kerton Cllr Ela Pathak-Sen Cllr Martin Slinger Cllr Caroline White Cllr Jackie Woof	Chairman
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Public Questions

Mr Sidwell asked if a meeting of the Recreation Ground Trust had been arranged to consider using part of the Recreation Ground for allotments. The Chairman advised that a meeting date will be arranged in the near future.

Mr Shute asked when electronic minutes and agendas will be available on the website. The Clerk advised that he hoped to make available the minutes and agendas shortly.

CLERK

Presentation – Painswick Post Office Services – Karen Judd

Karen Judd gave a very informative presentation on the services provided within the Painswick Post Office. The Chairman thanked Mrs Judd for sparing the time to give her presentation.

1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Council accepted apologies for absence from Cllr Dhushy Mahendran (work commitments).

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were none.

3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th JANUARY 2010

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

- a. Minute 4a. Parish Plan. Cllr Ela Pathak-Sen updated the Council in that a meeting had taken place with GRCC and it had been suggested that the current Parish Plan needed updating. The Working Group was looking into funding. Cllr Pathak-Sen said that the advice the group had been given was that a Village Design Statement should not be incorporated in the Parish Plan.

The Council agreed that the Parish Plan Working Group would also take into consideration a recent letter received from the Gateway Manager, Mr Leslie Brotherton, which related to matters arising from the County Council's decision to no longer use its Stroud Road building as a library. Cllr Ela Pathak-Sen was against delaying considering the points raised in Mr Brotherton's letter.

- b. Minute 4b. Allotments. Cllr Caroline White updated the Council on the progress of the Working Group in that two live events and one static display were being scheduled. She advised that the Working Group was still awaiting land owners' consent before including the relevant land on the maps and that an advert for the public events would be published in The Beacon.
- c. Minute 4d. Painswick Library. To determine the Council's response to the closure. This was debated at great length by the Council with concerns being raised at the complete lack of consultation, members expressing the point that the Library was more than just a place to loan books. It is a meeting place and a place to use the internet.

It was proposed by Cllr Mike Kerton that the Council write to the County Council to seek answers to the following:

- The future of the library building in the light of the County Council's Asset Management disposal policy.
 - The end date of the consultation period.
 - The Council's policy on the provision of a library service in Painswick.
 - Whether the County Council would provide a copy of the structural report on the building.
- d. Minute 6. Adverse Weather Conditions. Cllr Martin Slinger updated the Council on the recommendations of the Working Group which included the Parish Council agreeing to salt/grit the pavements around the local shops.
- e. Minute 12i. Broadband Speed, Painswick. Rob Lewis advised that the current exchange was limited and could not generate more than 7/8 mb of speed. To achieve better speed the exchange would need an upgrade. To get an upgrade pressure would need to be put on British Telecom. He agreed through Painswick Matters to try and see if information could be obtained to achieve an upgrade to the Painswick exchange. **RL**

5. MATTERS OF URGENCY

There were none.

6. GAS WORKS

Correspondence received from Jane Jennings Taylor was read out by the Chairman regarding poor signage and lack of communication regarding the road closure in Edge Road. The Clerk advised that he had spoken with Highways who were investigating the signage and asking the contractors to conduct letter drops updating the public on the works.

7. STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION – TO DETERMINE RESPONSE TO NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL’S PROPOSAL

The Council unanimously agreed to support Nailsworth Town Council in its proposal to form a joint request for an appropriate District Council consultation policy with parish and town councils.

CLERK

8. PAINSWICK ENTRANCE SIGNS

The Council agreed to purchase the 3 new village entrance signs at a total cost of £345.00, with the monies coming out of the Traffic Committee funds.

CLERK

9. BLEDISLOE CUP SIGNAGE

The Council agreed to dismantle the signage and make a feature of the sign on the Lower Hall fireplace.

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10. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

The Chairman detailed correspondence from the Chairman of Painswick Matters asking for the Council’s support to illuminate all of the yew trees in St Mary’s Churchyard in December 2010. The Chairman reported that the Clerk had spoken with the District Council’s Conservation Officer who advised that no permission was needed. The Council unanimously agreed to support the request, subject to the PCC granting permission.

11. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Councillor Joan Nash detailed her report, a copy of which is attached to the minutes.

12. RECREATION GROUND PAVILION (TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT CONTRACT)

It was agreed to make several amendments and then to re-circulate for consideration.

13. TO CONSIDER ATTENDANCE OF STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL’S COMMUNITY SAFETY SHOWCASE

Cllr Martin Slinger will attend representing the Council.

MS/CLERK

14. TO DISCUSS THE SETTING UP OF A WORKING PARTY TO CONSIDER THE NEED FOR POSSIBLE CHANGE TO STANDING ORDERS FOLLOWING THE RECENT PUBLICATION OF NEW NATIONAL ORDERS

It was agreed that the Clerk will conduct the review and advise of any recommended changes.

CLERK

Cllr Jason Bullingham left the meeting at this point.

15. RFO REPORTS

- a. To agree payments in accordance with the budget as listed in the attached report. The payments were approved.

16. WARD REPORTS

- a. Ashwell Warden. Cllr David Hudson asked if the Council could find out if the Warden is to be retained.
- b. Slad Road. Cllr Jackie Woof asked if The Beacon could correct its report in that there is no intention of double yellow lines being considered by the Wool Pack.
- c. Kingsmill Lane Stream. Cllr Ela Pathak-Sen reported debris damaging the gates. Cllr Martin Slinger agreed to report the problem to the District Council's Land Drainage Officer.
- d. Resignation. Cllr Mike Kerton tendered his resignation as he is taking a 'gap' year in the USA. In his resignation letter he thanked his colleagues, the Chairman and the Clerk for all their support. The Chairman thanked Cllr Kerton for his excellent contribution to the Council. **CLERK**
- e. Mulching Lawnmower. The Council agreed to purchase a mulching lawnmower as agreed in the budget for a cost of £544.68. **CLERK**
- f. Kingsmill Lane – Poplar Tree. Members agreed not to raise an objection to the request by Eon to fell the tree which was deemed to be a possible hazard to overhead power lines.

17. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

There were none.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 17th March 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.05 PM.