

PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21st APRIL 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

In attendance: County Councillor Joan Nash
 2 Members of the Press
 5 Members of the Public

Public Questions

Mr Pearson asked for an update on the A46 road closure. The clerk advised that it was now not going to close until at least the 19th May 2010. The road closure would be discussed during the meeting.

Presentation: From Martin Hutchings, Gloucestershire Rural Community Council – Reference the results of the Housing Needs Survey.

Martin Hutchings gave a detailed report on the results of the Parish Housing Needs Survey, which he had completed on behalf of the Parish Council. The report concludes that there are 31 households in the Parish with affordable housing needs.

The Council then agreed to the following actions:-

- a. Painswick Parish Council publicises the results of the survey in the parish news letter and anyone who is in need is encouraged to apply on the District Council's Housing Register.
- b. The District Council is provided with the Housing Needs Survey report.
- c. The Rural Housing Enabler accompanies representatives of the Parish Council in a walk-about of the Parish to identify potential rural exception sites for the provision of affordable housing. Sites identified are referred to the District Council for comments as to their suitability for the provision of affordable housing.

The Chairman thanked Mr Hutchings for all of his work in preparing the survey.

1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Council accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs Jackie Woof (other commitments).

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

Cllr Jason Bullingham declared an interest in Agenda Item 4b, as a Gyde Trustee.

3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th MARCH 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 on the recommendation of the Working Group, in that it intends to form a small group of selected individuals to co-opt onto the working group and then to develop and refresh the current plan, she advised that a budget would be needed.
- b. Minute 4b. Allotments. Cllr Caroline White detailed the following statement:

The Parish Council allotment consultation will now close at 4pm on Friday 14th May 2010.

An error was identified regarded planning information on the Gyde Field site information form. All remaining forms have been amended.

The amendment states that the site is “Within the AONB, within a Conservation area. Outside the Development Boundary”.

An incorrect statement regarding the Parish Plan has been withdrawn.

The Parish Council invited those who have submitted feedback forms to amend or withdraw their comments if the revised information affects their decision.

We sincerely apologise for the error.

The Allotment Working Group considers that the steps taken will enable a fair consultation process to proceed and have agreed to extend the consultation period for a further 4 weeks to permit the new information to be considered.

Following close of the consultation period in May, all feedback forms and comments will be assessed. A scoring matrix will be devised to assess each site’s key criteria including lease terms and associated costs of rent, fencing, provision of water etc.

A full report will be provided to the Parish Council in June 2010.

The Chairman then read out correspondence from the Painswick District Conservation Society and also Mr Chitterden, which called for the removal of the Gyde Field from the process due to misleading information.

It was then proposed by Cllr David Hudson and seconded by Cllr Ann Burges Watson that the Allotment Consultation process continues.

*Votes 5 for
3 abstained*

Carried

- c. Minute 5a. Clerk's Assistant. The Chairman reported that the new assistant Irena Litton had commenced employment.
- d. Minute 6. Painswick Library. The Chairman reported the details of a recent meeting with Mr David Paynter, Head of Libraries and Information Service, Gloucestershire County Council in which Mr Paynter agreed to make known the results of the library consultation during the 1st week of September.

The Chairman read out letters from Mr Bradley and Mr Brotherton in which they expressed concern that the Council was not prepared to consider in detail the acquisition of the building for community use.

The Chairman advised that no decision regarding the disposal of the library building would be taken until after the consultation period has ended.

County Councillor Joan Nash reported that the petition containing 502 signatures has now been formally presented to Gloucestershire County Council, and it will form part of the consultation process.

The Council also discussed the progress of the former bank building. The Clerk advised that the legal team from Gloucestershire County Council were dealing with the lease and the Council agreed to hold a meeting to discuss the financial implications prior to the signing of the lease.

- e. Minute 7. Gas Works. Bob Lewis the Secretary of Painswick Matters expressed on behalf of the traders several reservations about how the road closure has been handled and the lack of communication by Gloucestershire Highways. He advised that he was aware the Cotswold 88 hotel has 3 coaches of disabled visitors, who are now due to visit during the road closure, this will cause major problems, also if the road is closed during June to August this will have a severe impact on the traders. It was agreed that the Council will request that the road is not now closed until the autumn at the earliest.

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5. MATTERS OF URGENCY

- a. Proposal to enter the 'South West in Bloom' Competition 2010.

Cllr Ela Pathak-Sen asked the Council to consider entering the competition. The Council agreed that due to the amount of other ongoing projects it was unable to support Cllr Ela Pathak-Sen's request. But if she wished to enter the competition she has the Council's support.

- b. Juniper Hill – Tidy Up.

The Chairman reported upon a request from Joy Elworthy to organise a tidy up of Juniper Hill. The Council agreed to this request and the Chairman will arrange a suitable date.

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6. CO-OPTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Council had received one application. Upon a proposal by Cllr David Hudson which was seconded by Cllr Ela Pathak-Sen it was unanimously agreed to co-opt Rob Lewis to the Council.

7. COUNTY COUNCIL PROPERTY, STROUD ROAD AND ADJACENT LAND.

This was covered under Agenda Item 4d.

(Cllr Jason Bullingham and Cllr David Hudson left the meeting at this point).

8 PAINSWICK – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER – PAINSWICK ARTS FESTIVAL – 31st JULY 2010

The Council received representations against the road closure from the Guild of Craftsmen and also Cotswold 88. It was agreed to forward these representations to Stroud District Council.

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9. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

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

10. GLOUCESTERAHIRE VIBRANT VILLAGE OF THE YEAR 2010

The Council agreed to partake in the competition.

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11. TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE PLANTATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th APRIL.

Cllr Ann Daniels detailed the report which was duly accepted by the Council.

12. TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE FOOTPATH COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th APRIL.

Cllr Terry Parker detailed the report which was duly accepted by the Council.

13. TO AGREE THE FORMAT OF THE ANNUAL PARISH REPORT

The Council agreed to request that the report be published in the Beacon.

Cllr Ela Pathak-Sen questioned the legality of holding the Annual Parish Meeting so close to elections, the Clerk advised that it was a non-political event and therefore he did not perceive it to be a problem. It was agreed to check with GAPTC.

14. RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER REPORTS

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

The Council approved the accounts for payment.

- b. To consider a request for entry to the Local Government Pension Scheme by election to the newly appointed Clerk's Assistant.

The Council unanimously agreed to permit entry to the LGPS for Irena Litton.

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15. WARD REPORTS

- a. Motor Cycles – Bisley Street. Cllr Ann Daniels reported the inappropriate parking of 2 motor cycles along Bisley Street.

- b. Pot Holes – Kings Mill Lane. Cllr Ela Pathak-Sen reported pot holes along Kings Mill Lane.

- c. Pot Holes – Sheepscombe. Cllr Andy Cash reported pot holes in Sheepscombe.

- d. Village Signage – Gloucester Road. The Council agreed that the new signage along Gloucester Road should be erected at the same site as the old signage.

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16. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

- a. Gyde Almshouses. Cllr Ann Daniels reported attendance at a recent meeting.

17. THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

Wednesday 19th May 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.30 PM.