

PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 21ST JULY 2010 AT 7.30 P.M. – IN EDGE
VILLAGE HALL**

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

In attendance: County Councillor Joan Nash
District Councillor Barbara Tait
2 Members of the Press
18 Members of the Public

Public Questions:

Mr Buckland Smith noted that the proposed Motorway Service Area was on the Agenda and asked if he could speak to the Council when discussing this item. With the Members' approval, the Chairman agreed.

1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Council accepted apologies for absence from Cllr Ann Burges Watson (Expedition), Cllr Rob Lewis (Work Commitment) and Cllr Jackie Woof (Holiday).

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

Cllr Jason Bullingham declared an interest in Agenda Item 5, Allotments.

**3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 16th JUNE 2010**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS OF URGENCY

There were none.

5. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE COUNCILS ALLOTMENT WORKING GROUP AND TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION “THE COUNCIL AGREES TO PROCEED WITH THE LEASING OF THE MOP TREE SITE TO PROVIDE UP TO 30 ALLOTMENT PLOTS FOR THE PARISH OF PAINSWICK”.

Cllr Caroline White thanked the Working Group for all of the hard work and the tremendous efforts put into this project. She then went on to detail the recommendations of the Working Group and the reasons why they decided to recommend the MOP Tree Site.

The Council received correspondence from the Golf Club and also Mr R Wallis expressing some concerns. It was agreed that the concern raised would need further investigation together with the issue regarding the right of access.

Cllr Ela Pathak-Sen stated that she would like also to pursue the use of the Resthaven Site should the Mop Tree site become untenable, the Council however wished to concentrate its efforts on securing one site.

It was proposed by Cllr David Hudson and seconded by Cllr Caroline White that “The Council agrees to seek to proceed with the leasing of the Mop Tree Site to provide up to 30 Allotment Plots for the Parish of Painswick, the decision to lease the Mop Tree would be a decision for a further Council Meeting”.

Vote for 8

Cllr Jason Bullingham Declared an Interest.

Carried unanimously

Finally, it was agreed that Cllr Martin Slinger will oversee the outstanding action points.

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6. TO CONSIDER A RESPONSE TO THE PLANNING APPLICATION S.09/2292/FUL, MOTORWAY SERVICE AREA AT BROOKTHORPE

Cllr David Hudson presented to the Council a summary paper which included details of the application, the possible impact on the environment, the need and also the traffic issues.

Mr Buckland Smith addressed the council and firstly complemented Cllr David Hudson for his excellent summary paper. He raised his concerns and those of many of Edge residents on the impact that the Service Area would have as a result of the additional traffic on the A4173. He reported that this road is used to capacity and stated there have been numerous accidents and also the problems at blind junctions. He advised that lorries which were delivering to the Service Area could do so, despite the No Lorry Zone.

Cllr Barbara Tait indicated that Highways have now agreed that the proposal site would be considered as being a core Motor Service Area (MSA) due to its distance from the MSA at Ross on Wye.

The Council then debated the application at great length, it was proposed by Cllr David Hudson and seconded by Cllr Terry Parker that “This Council is opposed to the application on the grounds of its concerns on the increased traffic on the A4173 and the adverse impact on the environment”.

Vote: 8 For

1 abstained

Carried by majority.

CLERK

7. TO AGREE TO HOUSING THE TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE IN PART OF THE UPPER HALL IN THE TOWN HALL.

The Chairman detailed to the Council that the offer to lease the Bank Building had been withdrawn by the owner because the terms of the draft lease put forward by the Council were considered too onerous. Members were reminded that the Council is a public accountable body and as such had to conform with strict procedures, one of which was to obtain a building survey from an independent surveyor. This process had been time consuming but members were assured that there had been no undue delay by the Council. The Chairman also clarified that although the costs to the Council would have been approximately £10000, the Council had secured a £4000 grant from the District Council towards that total.

Discussion then took place about an alternative venue for the Tourist Information Centre. Cllr Ela Pathak-Sen reminded members that in her report to the Council the second option was to use part of the Upper Hall in the Town Hall. The Chairman reported that a meeting has taken place with volunteers from the Tourist Information Centre and they were supportive of using the Upper Hall and the following timescales were agreed subject to the Council's approval:

26th July – Induction training
29th July – Commence Opening

Cllr David Hudson proposed “That the Tourist Information Centre be housed in part of the Upper Hall, in the Town Hall, with a review to take place on the 20th October 2010”. This was seconded by Cllr Ann Daniels.

Vote: 8 For
1 Against
Carried by a majority

Cllr Jason Bullingham wished for his name to be recorded as being against the proposition. **IL**

8. PROVISION OF LIBRARY FACILITIES IN PAINSWICK

The Chairman reported upon a recent meeting with the vicar and the churchwardens. The Church would like to offer the Church Rooms as a possible venue for a community-led library, however it was agreed to await the outcome of the County Council review of the Painswick Library in September.

Cllr Ela Pathak-Sen agreed to present a resolution for the Council to consider at its next meeting regarding the library resources. **EPS**

The Council agreed to continue with its meeting past 9.30 pm.

9. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PARISH PLAN WORKING PARTY.

Cllr Ela Pathak-Sen detailed a report of a recent Working Party meeting, the Council agreed to its recommendations as follows:

- to develop an annual work plan and guidance framework which includes some of the principles we will espouse when making decisions.
- to do this by holding an initial ‘brainstorming’ meeting of the Parish Council in August. The meeting will help us identify what the key objectives are for the Parish Council for the following years and help us agree the process by which we will consult with the wider parish community at large.
- to bring to the September meeting of the Parish Council a worked up proposal on consultation and delivery.

CLERK

10. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

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

Cllr Jason Bullingham left the meeting at this point.

11. POSSIBLE MOTION FOR THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS’ AGM, FROM NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

The Council agreed to support the following resolution:-

“That GAPTC is asked to take the lead in seeking to negotiate a detailed consultation agreement between Stroud District Council and the Parish/Town Councils in its area”.

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12. ELLIOTT NATURE RESERVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, TO CONSIDER A COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE.

The Council unanimously agreed to appoint Cllr Caroline White as its representative.

13. TO CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT A RECEPTION FOR SIR HENRY ELWES KCVO LORD LIEUTENANT AT GLOUCESTERSHIRE ON FRIDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2010.

The Council unanimously agreed that its Chairman should attend.

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14. RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

The Council approved the accounts for payment.

15. WARD REPORTS

- a. 20 mph zone. The Chairman reported that the signage was being installed for the new Painswick 20 mph zone.

16. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

- a. Gyde Almshouses Cllr Ann Daniels reported attendance at a recent meeting.
- b. Commons Seminar. Cllr Martin Slinger reported his attendance at a recent seminar. Details are available in the outer office at the Town Hall.
- c. Power of Well Being. The Chairman advised of a training course on the Power of Well Being, the course will run on 1st September, subject to at least 80% attendance.

Finally, the Secretary of the Edge Village Hall Management Committee, Michael Buckland Smith, thanked the Council for holding its meeting in Edge. The Chairman, in response, thanked Mr Buckland Smith for the kind hospitality afforded to the members.

Dr Boddington thanked the Council's Allotment Working Group for such a professional and balanced report.

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

Wednesday 18th August 2010 at 7.30 p.m in Painswick Town Hall.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.58 PM.