

## PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16th JUNE 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Cllr Terry Parker Chairman  
 Cllr Jason Bullingham  
 Cllr Ann Burges Watson  
 Cllr Ann Daniels  
 Cllr David Hudson  
 Cllr Ian James  
 Cllr Rob Lewis  
 Cllr Ela Pathak-Sen  
 Cllr Martin Slinger  
 Cllr Caroline White  
 Cllr Jackie Woof

In attendance: County Councillor Joan Nash  
 2 Members of the Press  
 1 Member of the Public  
 PCSO Colin Drewitt

The Chairman opened the meeting and extended a warm welcome to Cllr Ian James at his first Council meeting.

#### 1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Council accepted apologies for absence from Cllr Andy Cash (work commitments).

#### 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

Cllr Jason Bullingham declared an interest in Agenda Item 4a, Allotments.

#### 3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th MAY 2010

The Council agreed to the following amendments:

Paragraph 6 under Finance & General Purposes Committee delete the 'e' from 'Anne'.

Under Footpath Committee – under members amend Slinger to James and under ex-officio delete White and insert Slinger.

Subjects to the above amendments the minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

#### 4. MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

- a. Minute 9b. Allotments.

Cllr Caroline White updated the Council that the Working Group has now prepared its draft report. The report which will include the Group's recommendation to the Parish

Council for the location of the allotments will be presented at a Public Meeting to be held on the 30th June. Copies of the final report will be made available to Members prior to the meeting.

The Chairman advised that comments from the Public on the recommendation will be accepted by the Council prior to a Council's July meeting at which the decision regarding the location of the allotments is expected to be made.

b. Minute 9e. Gas Works

The Chairman reported upon a recent meeting that he had attended with Cllr Rob Lewis at Shire Hall to discuss with Senior Officers lessons learnt. Signage was a cause for concern and it was agreed that Cllr Rob Lewis would take photographs of the current signage. This was because the signage was recycled and there was a need to have a record of the agreed signage and its locations so as to be available to future contractors should the road require to be closed in the future. Concerns were also raised at damage to several properties caused by HGV's trying to enter the village. He reported that the temporary Bus Service had been very well received.

The Chairman then read out correspondence from Gillian and Mark Hancock which expressed concern that large vehicles were still using Vicarage Street and causing damage to several Grade II listed buildings. The excessive speed of traffic was also a matter of concern.

The Council agreed to set up a site meeting with the Gloucestershire Highways Stakeholder to discuss this problem.

**ABW**

**5. MATTERS OF URGENCY**

a. Planning Application S.09/2292/FUL – Motorway Service Station at Brookthorpe

The Chairman detailed the correspondence received from Michael Buckland-Smith, which had been circulated to all members.

The Clerk advised that he had spoken with the Planning Officer who had advised him that Stroud District Council were going to respond direct to Michael Buckland-Smith reference his enquiry.

The Clerk advised that the application was to be considered by the District Council during its Development Control Meeting in August and as such the Parish Council was invited to make comment.

The Council agreed to include this as an Agenda Item for its July Meeting and the Chairman asked all members to acquaint themselves with the Planning Application.

**All/Clerk**

**6. TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNCIL WORKING GROUP TO PROCEED WITH THE LEASING OF THE FORMER LLOYDS BANK, BISLEY STREET, FOR USE AS A TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE/LIBRARY FACILITIES SUBJECT TO FINAL LEGAL ACTIONS.**

The Clerk presented to the members a Financial Plan and also a report produced by Ann Smith, and also updated the Council on the recommendations of the Working Group.

The Council discussed this at great length and concerns were raised about the Parish Council Finances, the lack of a long term plan, and the fact that the Library Services

Consultation would not be known until September 2010. However, the Council viewed this project as being a positive step by the Parish Council to provide a Tourist Information Centre and limited library services.

It was proposed by Cllr Jason Bullingham and seconded by Cllr Ann Burges Watson

That the Council proceed to lease the former Lloyds Bank, Bisley Street, for use as a Tourist Information Centre/Library facilities, subject to final legal actions, with members of the Working Group overseeing the Project.

Vote for 10

Vote against 1

Carried by a majority.

## **7. CHRIST CHURCH PAINSWICK.**

The Chairman read out correspondence received from Christ Church Painswick in which details were given of the closure of the church as a place of worship. The last service would be held on Sunday 26th September 2010. Members expressed their sadness at the news.

The Council agreed to write to Christ Church to thank them for their contribution to the community over some 350 years.

**TP**

## **8 TO CONSIDER CORRESPONCE REQUESTING A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING POINT AT THE LYCHGATE.**

The Chairman detailed correspondence received from Mr Ralph Drew, asking the Council to pursue a pedestrian crossing point at the Lychgate. The Council agreed to conduct a site visit with the Gloucestershire Highways Stakeholder and also invite Mr Drew to be present at the site meeting.

**ABW**

## **9. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

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

## **10. TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE LAND AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2nd JUNE 2010**

Cllr Martin Slinger detailed the recommendations which were duly confirmed by the Council.

## **11. 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.

**12. WARD REPORTS**

- a. Town Hall flowers. The Council agreed to write a letter of thanks to the Croft School for the help they provided in planting the flowers in the front of the Town Hall.

**TP**

- b. Coopers Hill Works. Cllr Ann Burges Watson read out Works Bulletin Number 1.
- c. Vibrant Village Competition. Cllr Martin Slinger reported that the meeting with the judges had taken place.

**14. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES**

- a. GAPTC. Cllr Terry Parker reported his attendance at a recent GAPTC meeting.

**15. THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.**

Wednesday 21st July 2010 at 7.30 p.m in the Edge Village Hall.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.25 PM.**