

PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL 2019 AT 7.30 P.M. – IN
PAINSWICK TOWN HALL**

- Present:** Cllr Martin Slinger (Chairman)
Cllr Ann Daniels
Cllr James Cross
Cllr Mike Fletcher
Cllr Ian James
Cllr Rob Lewis
Cllr Rosie Nash
Cllr Stephen Tye
- In attendance** 1 Member of the Press
County Councillor Keith Rippington
District Cllr Nigel Cooper

1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Council accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs Dawn Dart, Edd Crownshaw, Abigail Smith, Roey Parker.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were none.

3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH 2019.

The Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS OF URGENCY

- a. **A46 Road Closure.** The Chairman reported the details of the road closure scheduled for the period 23 April until the 3 May 2019 the timings of the closure are from 1900 hours until 0700 hours. The Council expressed its concerns about the late notification of the closure and also asked the County Councillor to amend the closure of the timing to 2000 hours until 0600 hours.

5. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Keith Rippington was in attendance and reported that he will resume his duties on 1st May 2019, he did however update the Council on the drainage works in Sheepscombe, and the turning circle in Canton Acre.

6. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Councillor Nigel Cooper gave the following report:

“Now the financial year has ended SDC are having their accounts audited, preliminary pre-audit figures show a net surplus (i.e. below budget) of £410k.

Strategy & Resources Committee 11/4/19 Agenda item 7, para 4

At a recent meeting it was agreed to address the problem of homelessness by purchasing a property in Stroud, to be converted into 6 units, 2 for families and 4 for single persons. At the moment we have to pay for bread and breakfast for people in this unfortunate situation. The cost of this provision will not change but it will be local rather than provision out of the area. According to papers presented to Strategy & Resources Committee 11/4/19, Agenda item 9, annual net cost to SDC will be £42,000.

We have also agreed to give a grant of £ 50k to Avon Mutual a new local mutual bank, one of 20 being set up. This is in accordance with a Council decision to support local wealth building. Avon intend to raise £20m, obtain a banking licence and set up 9 staffed branches and 21 automated branches. Strategy & Resources Committee 11/4/19 Agenda item 5

The Subscription Rooms in Stroud has finally been transferred to a charitable trust and will no longer be a drain on Council resources.

Parking is now free in SDC Stamages Lane car park.

I recently attended an interesting Councillor Training session on Good Decision Making, which focused on the difference between predetermining and being predisposed, particularly relevant to planning decisions.”

7. TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE LAND & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL 2019.

a. To agree to set aside a sum of up to £6,290 to purchase 5 new wooden benches and a toddler play centrepiece for the Recreation Ground.

The Council agreed to the recommendation.

b. To approve the quotation to replace the carpets in the Cemetery Lodge.

The Council agreed to the recommendation.

c. To agree the quote to repaint the Internal Steps in the Town Hall.

The Council agreed to the recommendation.

d. To approve the installation of a bike rack opposite the Town Hall.

The Council agreed to the recommendation.

- e. To confirm acceptance of a quote to undertake the works to the Cemetery Trees after inspection from the SDC Tree Officer.**

Subject to confirmation in regards to the health of the Lime tree the Council agreed to the recommendation.

- f. To agree to authorise up to £2,000 for the land registration process being undertaken by Cllr Stephen Tye.**

The Council agreed to the recommendation.

8. 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 complete the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19.**

The Council completed the Annual Governance Statement for 2018 /19 and it was duly signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

9. WARD REPORTS

- a. Fireworks.** Cllr Rob Lewis reported that he is finalising the Firework Code of Conduct with a pyrotechnic Officer and will present it to the Council in a future meeting for adoption.

- b. Stroud District Council Tourist Information Grant.** The Council noted that the grant has been approved and extended its thanks to Cllr Dawn Dart

10. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

- a. Sheepscombe Village Hall AGM.** Cllr Ian James confirmed his attendance at the Village Hall AGM.

- b. Painswick Business Breakfast.** Cllr Rosie Nash reported attending the Business Breakfast along with Cllr Dawn Dart, she advised that its was a very successful event.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday 8th May 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.20 PM