

PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL 2017 AT 7.30 P.M. – IN
PAINSWICK TOWN HALL**

Present: Cllr Martin Slinger Chairman
Cllr James Cross
Cllr Ann Daniels
Cllr Ian James
Cllr Rob Lewis
Cllr Abigail Smith

In attendance: 4 Members of the Public
1 Member of the Press
District Cllr Nigel Cooper

Mrs Rita Bishop presented the Toddler Group with a cheque from the Community Lunches.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Q. Mr Allott asked if the Council had received any correspondence from the Cotswold Tracks and Trails group, with regards to the proposals to divert the Bridle Way at the Golf Course on the Painswick Beacon.

A. Yes, the Members of the Rural Environment Committee considered representation from the Cotswold Tracks and Trails and other correspondence regarding this matter.

Volunteers – Mr Allott also called for volunteers to assist him in clearing road signs and pavements.

1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Council accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs Mike Fletcher, Roey Parker, Steve Morris and District Cllr Julie Job.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were none.

3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th MARCH 2017.

The Minutes were approved and signed.

4. MATTERS OF URGENCY

- a. Village of the Year Competition – application to enter the Village of the Year competition, as run by Reef Television/Channel 4.

The Council agreed to register an interest to enter the competition.

5. TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF CLLR JOHN CLIFFORD

The Council received the resignation for Cllr John Clifford. The Council wished to pass on their appreciation onto Mr Clifford for his valued efforts.

It was noted that this resignation creates a vacancy for an Internal Finance Checker.

6. TO CONSIDER ANY APPLICATIONS FOR CO-OPTION.

The Members had been sent an application to be considered for co-option from Matthew Birch, prior to the meeting.

The Council agreed to co-opt Mr M Birch onto the Council.

7. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING ROAD SWEEPING IN GLOUCESTER STREET.

Prior to the meeting the Members were sent correspondence regarding the road sweeping in Gloucester Street, regarding parked cars.

District Councillor Nigel Cooper has thanked Mr Munro and has raised the issue appropriate officer at Stroud District Council. The officer has been in touch with Mr Munro to inform him of a plan of action to try and resolve the issues.

The Council thanked District Cllr Nigel Cooper and the Officer from Stroud District Council for their positive responses.

8. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING POLICE REPORTING.

Members were sent correspondence regarding police attending meetings and submitting reports, prior to the meeting.

The Council discussed the various issues which draw on police time. They agreed to write to District Cllr Keith Pearson, who sits as a Member of the Police Crime Panel, to ask him to raise the issue of police reporting.

CLERK

9. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no report this month.

10. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Cllr Nigel Copper highlighted budget issues arising from the devaluation of recycled goods. The District Council are still investigating the details of the finances but are aware of an overspend in the region of £400,000.

The Garden Waste collection was also supposed to come out as cost neutral but this is not yet the case, so alternative options within the scheme are being considered, to try and make the scheme more efficient.

11. TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE RURAL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, FROM THEIR MEETING HELD ON THE 5TH APRIL 2017.**a. To object to the proposals for a Bridle Path diversion on the Painswick Beacon.**

The Council agreed to the recommendations and thanked the Rural Environment Committee for their excellent response.

12. TO ADOPT THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCY.

The Council agreed to adopt the General Power of Competency.

13. TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY.

The Council agreed to adopt the Health and Safety Policy.

14. TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT THE EQUALITY POLICY.

The Council agreed to adopt the Equality Policy.

15. TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY.

The Council agreed to adopt the Community Engagement Policy.

16. RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER REPORTS**a. To agree payments in accordance with the budget as listed in the attached report.**

The Council agreed to the following payments as listed in the RFO report.

b. To agree and sign the Annual Governance statement.

The Council approved and agreed the Chairman should sign the Annual Governance statement.

17. WARD REPORTS

a. Cllr Rob Lewis congratulated the organisers of the Easter Egg Hunt and said what a great event for Painswick. However, as the event is so popular the Council would like to ensure there are additional stewards in future to assist with the Road Safety and request the attendance of the Neighbourhood Warden and or PCSO.

b. Cllr Abigail Smith – thanked the assistance of the Dog Wardens who have stencilled the pavements with their ‘pick up or pay’ notices, but stated that there is still a considerable issue with dog fouling within the village.

c. Cllr Ann Daniles – highlighted issues with fly tipping (especially with garden waste) on or near the Walkers Car Park upon the Beacon and Holcombe.

d. Cllr Martin Slinger – reported the drains had been cleared in Cudd Lane.

18. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Cllr Ann Daniels attended a recent Alms House meeting.

Confidential Agenda

Pursuant to 1(2) of the Public bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960), it is resolved that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the Public and Press leave the meeting.

19. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE STAFFING GROUPS’ RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Members were sent the details of the staffing groups recommendations prior to the meeting.

The Council discussed the details fully and agreed to all the recommendations.

20. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, to be held on Wednesday 3rd May 2017 at 7.30 pm.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.50 PM