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MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD BETWEEN THE PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL AND THE CROFT SCHOOL COUNCIL – ON WEDNESDAY THE 16th JANUARY 2019 AT 1.30 PM IN PAINSWICK TOWN HALL

In attendance: Wendy Mitchell (Teacher), 14 children from Croft School, Cllr Martin Slinger (Chairman), Cllr Ann Daniels, Honorary Freeman Terry Parker, Irena Litton (Deputy Clerk) and PCSO Debbie Collicott.

1. Highways:

a. Problems crossing the A46 to get to school.

The children reported that they have difficulties crossing the A46 on their way to and from school, especially at The Lychgate and by the traffic lights.

Gloucestershire County Council found the cost of funding a Lollipop Person was too expensive. Painswick Parish Council have also investigated whether there could be a further crossing point added, with the possibility of a crossing point near Pullens Road still being looked into.

From the children present, only a few walk to school and they are normally accompanied by a parent.

b. Fix roads – lots of potholes.

No specific road locations were highlighted as in need of attention. Although, the children did report that the pavements in Upper and Lower Washwell were a bit rough.

The A46 was resurfaced last year and Greenhouse Lane is on the list to be done.

The children were asked to let the Council know if they came across a Pothole, and the Council will then report it to Highways.

c. Traffic lights on the A46 sometimes don't work.

Cllr Martin Slinger said this is often caused by people jumping the red lights, but they are normally fixed quickly when reported.

d. People riding their bikes on the narrow pavements; so, could a cycle lane be created?

The children wanted to know if a cycle lane could be provided; however, as the roads around Painswick are narrow this is unlikely, it would also be very expensive.

There was some confusion as to whether children were allowed to ride their bikes on the pavements.

PCSO Debbie Collicott said that it was illegal for anyone to ride their bikes on the pavements, although the police understand that children are often safer on the pavements and the safety of the children would be their priority. Debbie also said that the law states that children under 10 are not criminally responsible, so the police would take no action.

e. People are still speeding.

The children reported that they see cars going too fast within the village and see cars speed up to get through the traffic lights.

Debbie spoke to the children about the Speed Watch team who help the police target enforcement action (Mobile Speed Units). The children said that when motorists see the high visibility jackets of the Speed Watch volunteers or the police they slow down.

Wendy said that she felt the situation although not perfect had improved since the 20mph zone was introduced.

f. Hedges need trimming on Tibbiwell Lane.

Cllr Martin Slinger said that these hedges weren't trimmed last year and that the Parish Council could speak with the land owners/tenants to ask them to cut them before March. The children also said that the wet leaves make it slippery.

g. White fence at the top of Beech Lane is very sharp.

The children reported that the white highways barrier fence has lost a post and the remaining fence has been left with dangerous pointy edges.

The Clerk will report this to Highways for repair.

2. Play Equipment in the Recreation Ground.

a. Static shocks are still being issued on the slide.

The children said that they are still receiving static shocks from the slide especially as it goes around the bend.

The Council has fitted an earth but will take another look to see if it can make improvements.

b. Would like a shelter in the Recreation Ground for when it is raining.

The children asked for a shelter by the Play Equipment. The Council said they would include this request as an Agenda Item on the Recreation Ground Committee Trust meeting, in February.

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c. Would like a bike rack in the Recreation Ground.

The Children asked for a bike rack in the Recreation Ground. Again, the Council said they would include this request as an Agenda Item on the Recreation Ground Trust meeting, in February.

The children also asked for clarity as to whether they were permitted to ride their bikes in the park. Cllr Ann Daniels said that they weren't supposed to. The Children were asked whether they would like the rules changed – the response was 50/50.

3. Dogs and Litter:

a. Dogs are being let off their leads in the Recreation Ground.

The children asked that bigger signs are erected, to remind dog walkers that their pets should be on a lead.

The Council said that they were considering installing a fence around the Play Equipment, to keep dogs away whilst they play.

b. Dog mess issues in the Recreation Ground and Upper Washwell.

The children reported several areas where dog mess was an issue including having to negotiate around a large pile of dog mess to come to the Town Hall for this meeting.

They requested that dog waste bag dispensers are added to some dog waste bins.

The Council will ask the Dog Warden at Stroud District Council to stencil the problem areas with a 'pick or pay' warning.

c. Not enough dog litter bins on the Beacon.

The children would like more dog waste bins on the Beacon. The Council said that not enough people were aware that they can also use normal litterbins to dispose of dog waste; they will do more to highlight this.

d. Groups of volunteers doing a monthly litter pick up.

PSALMS youth club kindly do regular litter picks on the Recreation Ground.

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group do regular litter picks on The Beacon, which you can volunteer to help with.

The children reported litter issues on the outskirts of the village, so the Clerk will ask the Neighbourhood Warden to do a litter pick.

Debbie said the Police and Neighbourhood Warden do try to find out who is responsible when they find fly tipping (large amounts of rubbish dumped).

4. More public toilets around Painswick.

Cllr Martin Slinger said there are public toilets in St Marys Street, Stamages Lane and the Town Hall when it is open.

The children would like toilet facilities in the Recreation Ground. This is to be added to the Recreation Ground Trust meeting, in February to consider.

5. Wooden benches around Painswick are broken and all the metal benches on the Beacon are bent.

The children reported that the benches on the Beacon are bent and an example was given where a child got their foot stuck. The Council will write to the Manorship Trust to make them aware of the issue.

The wooden benches in Painswick are currently being refurbished.

6. Improve the 'Best One' shop.

The children would like more choice.

7. Any other issues.

a. Edge. The Children said that they would like to stop big trucks on the country lanes.

Wendy thanked the Council for the opportunity for the children to engage and be listened to. The Council responded that they appreciate the children coming to talk with them and find their input very useful.