

**PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018 AT 7.30 P.M. – IN  
PAINSWICK TOWN HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Martin Slinger (Chairman)  
Cllr Ann Daniels  
Cllr Edd Crownshaw  
Cllr Rob Lewis  
Cllr Rosie Nash  
Cllr Abigail Smith  
Cllr Stephen Tye

**In attendance:** 1 Members of the Press  
County Councillor Keith Rippington  
District Councillor Julie Job  
District Councillor Nigel Cooper

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Mr David Allott asked the Council why the press and public were excluded from two agenda items at the last meeting namely, to consider and agree options in regards to the future use of the Cemetery Chapel and also to consider request for a grant from St Mary's PCC towards the Churchyard maintenance.

The Clerk advised that as the considerations for the Chapel use concerned potential contracts the discussions were of a confidential nature and in regards to the request for a grant due to the fact that the Council had sight of the St Marys PCC accounts and bank statements it was also deemed that this item was to be considered as a confidential item.

**1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Council accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs James Cross, Dawn Dart, Mike Fletcher, Ian James, 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 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2018.**

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

**4. MATTERS OF URGENCY**

There were none.

## **5. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Keith Rippington updated the Council on recent council activities which included concerns about the A&E Department at Cheltenham Hospital, modern day slavery and the fire and rescue services.

## **6. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

District Councillor Nigel Cooper gave the following report:

### **Local Plan Review – update**

We are now half way through the consultation period, and I urge all residents to look at the “Emerging Strategy “ and make their views known by responding to SDC. Personally I feel the proposals in that strategy are a missed opportunity and do not accurately reflect the public responses to the “Issues and Options” consultation in Autumn 2017. The Conservative Group will shortly be publishing a detailed response to the consultation , which we are confident will receive support across the Council chamber. We will be sending copies to all Town and Parish Councils.

For more details see the SDC website -  
<https://stroud.gov.uk/Environment/Planning & Building Control/Planning Strategy/Stroud District Local Plan Review>

### **Waste & recycling**

If you are interested in the garden waste scheme it is time to act. Existing customers must renew their subscriptions soon or there is no guarantee that the service will be available to them next year. If residents want to join the scheme , the sooner they put their name on the list the better. (I said this last month as well) Changes at HRC (household recycling centres) . Pykes Quarry at Horsley is now closed every Wednesday, and Hempstead tip in Gloucester is closing completely from December 3rd to December 21st for improvements

### **Changes at SDC**

After 17 years at the top, David Hagg has retired and the new Chief Executive is Kathy O’Leary, who started on November 26th. Kathy was Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Exec. at Tandridge District Council in Surrey.

### **Tourism**

Tourism is very important to Stroud District, and indeed the whole of Gloucestershire. Currently there is a Tourism Information Centre (TIC) in the Subscription Rooms Stroud, run by SDC. This will close on March 31st 2019 and employees made redundant, because the Sub Rooms are being transferred to new charity and the accommodation will no longer be available. SDC’s Community Services and Licensing Committee received detailed reports on Tourism and the future of TICs at their meeting last week. It was recommended to make a one-off grant of £2,000 to each the remaining TIC’s in the District (all run by volunteers). Further details to follow but it is hoped this grant will encourage collaborative work and, I presume, website developments.

## **7. TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS DETAILS ON FIREWORKS LEGISLATIONS.**

Cllr Rob Lewis expressed his concerns in regards to firework displays which are not associated with Fireworks Night, explaining that they caused distress to residents and animal alike. The Council discussed the concerns and agreed to draft a "Firework Code of Conduct".

## **8. TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF TH FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MADE DURING ITS MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018.**

### **a. Town Hall / Painswick Youth & Community Pavilion Charges Review**

The Council agreed not to increase the Hire charges.

### **b. Painswick Cemetery Charges Review**

The Council agreed to increase the charge by 5% rounded up to the nearest £5.00

### **c. To approve the Grant allocations**

Stroud Citizens Advice Bureau	£500.00
County Air Ambulance	£100.00
Painswick Friday Club	£100.00
Sheepscombe Lunch Club	£100.00
PSALMS	£100.00
Painswick Valley Arts Festival	£500.00
Air in G	£100.00
TOTAL =	£1500.00

The Council also agreed that up to £300.00 is set aside in the 19 / 20 budget for the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group.

### **d. To confirm the Budget requirements for the Financial Year 2019 /20.**

The Council agreed to adopt the Budget as present by the Committee.

### **e. To confirm Precept requirements for the Financial Year 2019 /20.**

The Council agreed to set its precept at £105,740.00 which reflect an increase of 2.85% which in monetary terms is an annual increase of £1.63 per band D household.

## **9. 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.

## **10. WARD REPORTS**

### **a. Dog Fouling.** Cllr Ann Daniels reported her concerns about the amount of dog fouling taken place in the Village.

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

**a. Tennis / Bowls Pavilion Committee Meeting.** Cllr Martin Slinger reported attendance at a recent Tennis / Bowls Pavilion Committee Meeting.

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.05 PM**