

PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2015 AT 7.4 0 P.M. – IN
PAINSWICK TOWN HALL**

Present: Cllr Martin Slinger Chairman
Cllr Ann Daniels
Cllr Mike Fletcher
Cllr Ian James
Cllr Roey Parker
Cllr Rob Lewis
Cllr Abigail Smith

In attendance: 1 Member of the Press

1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Council accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs Emma Smith, James Cross and Steve Morris.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were none.

**3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2015.**

The Minutes were accepted and sign as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. MATTERS OF URGENCY

a. Business Units. Cllr Mike Fletcher reported that the contractor was hoping to commence work on the unit soon in order to allow the business to open.

5. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The report was circulated to all Members prior to the meeting.

6. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no report presented.

**7. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM ACP FOR SUPPORT TOWARDS
ACP FESTIVAL 2016.**

The Council considered the ACP requests and agreed to allocate up to £500.00 towards printing costs. It also agreed to arrange and pay for the rental of the road signage and traffic cones, but with the understanding that ACP are to arrange the Traffic Management of the event.

8. GLOUCESTERSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE REVIEW. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE.

The Chairman reported that the Petition to save the fire service was now underway with in excess of 50 e-petition signature and several hundred manual signatures.

9. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER A REPORT ON THE PARISH COUNCIL IT AND AGREE THE RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Council considered the excellent review of the Councils IT procedures as prepared by Cllr James Cross (this was circulated to the Members prior to the meeting). The Council discussed the requirements and agreed to undertake all of the recommendations; with the anticipated cost of £1.1K and the funding to be made available from the Office Equipment Reserve Funds.

10. TO CONSIDER A QUOTATION FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE TOWN HALL KITCHEN.

The Council agreed to the quotations and for the works to be undertaken this FY with the funding being included in next years' budget. The agreed quotation was £2150.75 for the units from Howdens and £1400.00 for the labour works from Mr Ken Greenway.

11. TO AGREE TO TAKE PART IN A SCHEME TO TAKE ON AN APPRENTICE HANDYMAN

The Clerk detailed the information regarding the apprentice scheme and discussion was had into the employment and training of an apprentice, the Council unanimously agreed to employ an apprentice starting in April 2016.

12. RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER REPORTS

a. To agree payments in accordance with the budget as listed in the attached report.

The Council agreed to the payments.

b. To consider the recommendation for th Finance and General Purposes Committee made during its meeting held on the 25th November 2015:-

- i. Town Hall Charges – To remain unchanged. Agreed
- ii. Painswick Youth and Community Pavilion Charges – To remain unchanged. Agreed
- iii. Painswick Cemetery Charges – To remain unchanged. Agreed.
- iv. To agree S.137 grants. Agreed
- v. To agree the Budget for the Financial Year 2016/2017.

The Council agreed to accept the budget as presented by Cllr Ian James.

- vi. To agree the precept for for the Financial Year 2016/2017.

The Council agreed to set its precept at a 5% increase after taking into consideration the band D tax base.

12. WARD REPORTS

- a. A46 Gullies. Cllr Mike Fletcher reported that several gullies along the A46 needed clearing.
- b. Sheepscombe Gullies. Cllr Roey Parker reported a blocked gully opposite the War Memorial in Sheepscombe.
- c. Request for Ward Funding. The Council agreed to a request from Cllr Ian James for £250.00 from Sheepscombe Ward Funds towards the cost of running of a group providing provisions for the elderly.
- d. Ward Funding Slad. Cllr Morris requested that he agreed funding for the Community Orchard Scheme which has been cancelled be used for the following; replacement troughs for the War Memorial, costumes for the Nativity and a Map for the Bus Shelter, the Council agreed to the request.

13. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

There were none.

- 14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** – 20th January 2016 at 7.30 pm.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.45 PM