

PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2018 AT 8 P.M. – IN
PAINSWICK TOWN HALL**

Present: Cllr Martin Slinger (Chairman)
Cllr Ann Daniels
Cllr Dawn Dart
Cllr Mike Fletcher
Cllr Rob Lewis
Cllr Rosie Nash
Cllr Abigail Smith

In attendance: 1 Member of the Public
1 Member of the Press
Honorary Freeman Terry Parker
District Councillor Nigel Cooper

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Mr Ross Munro asked the Council if it would consider owning the Christmas Lights that are positioned on the Memorial Ground Yew Trees, the reason for the request is that the previous owners, the business groups do not appear to be operating. The Council agreed to take up the ownership, but stressed that they could only be positioned if there are sufficient volunteers. The Council appointed Cllr Dawn Dart as its Christmas Lights Lead Councillor. Mr Munro thanked the Council for its support.

1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Council accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs Edd Crownshaw, Ian James, Roey Parker, James Cross, Steve Morris and District Cllr Julie Job and County Cllr Keith Rippington.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were none.

**3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 17TH JANUARY 2018.**

The Minutes were approved and signed.

4. MATTERS OF URGENCY

There were none.

5. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A report had been circulated to the Members prior to the meeting. In addition the Clerk reported that the Highways Local Funding was increased from 10k to 20k during the setting of the County Councils budget.

6. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Councillor Nigel Cooper reported upon a Council meeting which is to be held on 22 February 2018, during which it is anticipated that the Merrywalks shopping centre is going to be acquired by a company called Dransfield Properties, who will carry out a regeneration of the centre and the the District Council will provide a 2 million pound loan with interest rates above the current bank rate. He also reported that the Council tax should be increased by 2.99% per band D property.

7. TO CONSIDER THE NEED TO CARRY OUT PUBLIC CONSULTATION TO INSTALL SOME FORM OF PHYSICAL TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN THE 20MPH ALONG THE A46 AND B4073.

Cllr Abigail Smith detailed the following:

In recent months Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) have indicated that if we can demonstrate strong public support for the installation of physical traffic calming measures, they would consider this further.

Towards this, we would like to hold a public consultation to canvass the views of the local community. Whilst the details would not be finalised until public support was determined, we are keen to gauge local support or otherwise of the principle.

To do so, we will put the following question to the Painswick community:

Would you support the installation of physical traffic calming measures (eg speed cushions, speed tables, pedestrian islands) in the 20mph zone along the A46 and B4073? Yes / No

We have been told that we need to get the view of at least 20% of those on the electoral roll. To do this we will set up an electronic survey on the Parish Council website and a hard copy version of the survey. Each vote will require individuals to provide their name and address, so we can ensure, as far as practicable, one vote per person and also that the results reflect the views of local people.

We will advertise and enable participation through the following channels:

- 1) Painswick Parish Council Website (with link to e-survey)
- 2) Facebook page with link to Website /e-survey.
- 3) Hard copies in the Mouse, Falcon, Oak, St Michael's, library and the pharmacy (to be agreed with the premises). All can be return through the Town Hall letter box.
- 4) Door to door along the A46 and B4073 within the 20mph zone (ie those that would be directly affected).
- 5) Inserts in the Beacon (inserted by the printers and funded by the Parish Council) - this is to be confirmed with the Beacon committee.

With the potential for works next financial year (18/19), we need to complete this exercise by the end of March.

If the result is in favour of physical traffic calming measures, GCC will undertake a site study and design. At this stage, a further public exhibition of the details scheme can be arranged.

The Council agreed to proceed with the consultation and formed a Working Group consisting of Cllr Abigail Smith (Lead), Dawn Dart and Rosie Nash.

8. TO CONSIDER PROJECTS WHICH COULD BENEFIT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLORS HIGHWAYS LOCAL FUND AND THE GROWING OUR COMMUNITIES FUND.

The Council agreed to request that a sum of 3.5K be set aside for any possible survey needs as a result of the physical traffic calming measures consultation. The Council also agreed to ask the Beacon if it would publish details of the Growing our Communities Funds so that groups or organisations can request funding if they meet the criteria.

9. 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 appoint Ian Crowe FCA as the Councils Internal Auditor for the Year Ending 31st March 2018.

The Council agreed to appoint Mr Ian Crowe FCA as its internal controller for the Year Ended 31st March 2018.

c. To note the Internal Financial Controller has conducted the internal financial checks.

The Clerk reported that Cllr James Cross conducted his quarterly financial checks in January 2018 and that no observations were raised.

10. WARD REPORTS

a. Stamages Lane Car Park. The Chairman raised his concern that the pay machine was not functioning correctly, the Clerk reported that he has reported this problem on 3 occasions to the District Council, yet despite engineers visits the problems is still ongoing. District Council Nigel Cooper will investigate the matter with the appropriate Council Officers.

b. Pullens Road. Cllr Ann Daniels reported that the footpath along Pullens Road have not been cleaned and that there are large leaf deposits on the pavements.

c. Vicarage Street Sign. Cllr Rosie Nash reported that the Street Sign in Vicarage Street is still missing. The Clerk reported that this matter has previously been reported to the District Council, District Councillor Cooper will investigate.

d. Church Donations Box. Cllr Rosie Nash reported that the Church Donation box which was sited in one of the external pillars has been stolen. The Clerk advised that the PCC were aware and that the matter is now under police investigation.

e. Block Drain. Cllr Rosie Nash reported that the drain outside the Nurses House was blocked, the Clerk advised that this matter has already been reported to County Highways.

f. Grass Verges junction Pullens Road / A46. Cllr Mike Fletcher reported that the verges were being damaged by vehicles driving over them in a rush to turn left at the junction. It was agreed that the Traffic Committee would investigate and seek a solution.

11. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

a. Gyde Trust Meeting. Cllr Ann Daniels reported attending a recent meeting.

b. Stroud District Council Annual Meeting. The Chairman report that the Deputy Clerk and himself attended the recent SDC Annual Meeting.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21ST MARCH 2018, IN THE TOWN HALL.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.50 PM