

**PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.30 P.M. – IN  
PAINSWICK TOWN HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Martin Slinger (Chairman)  
Cllr Andy Cash  
Cllr Mike Fletcher

**In attendance** 1 Member of the Press  
2 Members of the Public  
Districts Cllrs Nigel Cooper and Julie Job

**Public Questions:**

A Member of the Public updated the Council on a recent meeting with the SDC Strategic Planning Officer and in particular his concerns about the Painswick Tier allocation and the importance of being allocated the correct Tier. The Chairman advised that this item would be considered by the Council under Agenda Item 7.

**1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Council accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs James Cross, Ann Daniels, Dawn Dart, Ian James, Rob Lewis, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker, Abigail Smith 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 MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020.**

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

**4. MATTERS OF URGENCY**

- a. **Cemetery Lodge Kitchen Floor Vinyl.** The Council approved a quotation of £522.00 from Stroud Carpets to replace the damaged Vinyl in the Cemetery Lodge.

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

There was no report given.

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

District Cllr Nigel Cooper gave the following report:

**Finance.** The District Council has set its budget for 20/21 at £14.7m, the largest item is Refuse and Recycling £4.24m. The District Council element of Council tax will rise by 2.41% , on a Band D property that is £5 per year to £212.52.

The Police & Crime Commissioner has set its budget and this results in a Band D rate of £257.25 on a Band D property.

The County Council tax increases of 3.99% equate to a Band D rate of £1345.32 AS you know the Parish precept equates to £59.73 on a Band D property, so the total of these 4 precepts is £1874.82. The only other comment I would make is SDC has decided to widen its investment options to increase income. It always has surplus cash and returns in the money market are poor because of low interest rates. It has been decided to invest some funds in multi asset funds and property income funds. Whilst this is being done cautiously it does concern me as I well remember the Icelandic bank debacle.

**The Canal.** The bid to the lottery fund for the second phase of the canal restoration is expected to be submitted in April, and we remain optimistic.”

**7. STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN REVIEW – TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY CLERK REGARDING A RECENT MEETING WITH SDC STRATEGIC PLANNING OFFICERS.**

The Deputy Clerk circulated a report and a draft response to Stroud District Council with regards to the classification of the tiers, prior to the meeting and subject to a few minor amendments the Council agreed to the response.

**8. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD WITH THE CROFT SCHOOL COUNCIL ON 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2020**

The Chairman detailed the minutes of a recent meeting which is held annually, and the action points will now be considered by the various Committees.

**9. RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER REPORTS**

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

The Council approved the payments.

- b. **To receive the Financial Checkers Internal Quarterly Report**

The report was presented to the Council.

- c. **To appoint Mr Ian Crowe as the Internal Auditor for the Financial Year Ending the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.**

The Council agreed to appoint Ian Crowe.

**10. WARD REPORTS**

- a. **Slad Ward Meeting.** Cllr Andy Cash updated the Council on a recent Slad Ward Meeting at which the Footpath across Firth Wood and Steanbridge Lane and parking alongside the Woolpack Inn were discussed.
- b. **Edge Speed Limit.** Cllr Martin Slinger reported that local residents were favouring the introduction of a 30 MPH speed limit in Edge, he advised that he will work with the Chairman of the Traffic Committee to move this forward.

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

There were none.

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in the Town Hall Painswick at 7.30 pm.

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