

**PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30 P.M. – IN  
PAINSWICK TOWN HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Martin Slinger (Chairman)  
Cllr Andy Cash  
Cllr Ann Daniels  
Cllr Mike Fletcher  
Cllr Ian James  
Cllr Rob Lewis  
Cllr Abigail Smith

**In attendance** 1 Member of the Press  
22 Members of the Public

**Public Questions:**

A Member of the Public, representing the Washwell Fields circulated a comprehensive list of questions, he then verbally asked the Council three questions pertaining to the Emerging Stroud District Council Local:

The Change of Painswick from Tier 3 (an accessible settlement with limited facilities) to Tier 2 (a local service centre open to further development).

Asking the Council to consider supporting a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Objecting to the inclusion of Washwell Fields as a potential development site.

Cllr Rob Lewis advised that the given the amount of research undertaken in the submission that the Council will undertake to provide a written response to the local resident.

**1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Council accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs Dawn Dart, James Cross, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker and County Cllr Keith Rippington.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

Cllr Martin Slinger declared an interest in Agenda Item 9c.

**3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019.**

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

**4. MATTERS OF URGENCY**

- a. Back Edge Lane. The Chairman read out correspondence from a Local Resident regarding the condition of the Back Edge Lane road surface. The Council agreed to ask the Highways Stakeholder to investigate and advise when repair works are to be undertaken.

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

There was no report given.

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

The report was received and circulated to the Members prior to the meeting. In addition, the Clerk asked if Cllr Cooper would investigate the lack of adequate emptying of the dog waste bins in Painswick during the Christmas Holiday period.

## 7. STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN REVIEW – TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE REPORT FROM THE LOCAL PLAN WORKING GROUP, WHICH INCLUDES A RECOMMENDATION ON A PROPOSED GRCC / SDC HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY.

The Council agreed to the following responses:

### **Stroud District Councils Emerging Local Plan:**

“Firstly, please refer to the original response dated 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019, submitted by Painswick Parish Council, which we consider still relevant.

With reference to PS41 Washwell Fields (see page 146): this Council has received considerable correspondences from local residents, expressing their concerns on the inclusion of this site in the Local Plan Review. In particular, the issues regarding access to the site, which you have acknowledged on Page 53 of the Emerging Strategy Consultation Report – Part Two as a ‘physical constraint’ and ‘unresolved.’ Therefore, this Council would like the access constraints addressed to establish whether this issue can be resolved before this location is included in any updated Local Plan.

This Council has also been made aware of a Legal Covenant that affects Washwell Fields, therefore we request that the Legal Department at Stroud District Council, look at the detail of the Covenant, and advise as to whether this site remains feasible.

If Washwell Fields are found to be unsuitable/unviable, then this Council would again refer you to our original response regarding the alternative sites and our specific comments in relation to them.

With reference to the Retail Centre; this Council has requested (and a new map was provided as part of our previous response) that the flawed Town Centre Boundary that defines the town centre is redrawn. We can find no mention of this in the draft plan. This Council considers this imperative for the protection of its remaining retail units, tourism offer and its viability, therefore please ensure that this is now included and the Town Centre Boundary is amended. We consider this request to be in line with the aim of ‘Maintaining and improving the vitality of Painswick Town Centre’, which is described as a key issue and top priority on page 140 of the Local Plan (Draft Plan 2019).

With reference to Sheepscombe; Page 147 “Development Strategy” states that development may be permitted (exceptionally) adjacent to the Settlement Development Limits (subject to policy criteria). Please note, as per the new

Delivery Policy DCH2 (see page 153), point 3, requires the support of the Parish Council. As per our original response, this is unlikely to be forthcoming at the current time.

Finally, Painswick Parish Council wishes to record its support for the new Delivery Policy DHC4 – Community led housing; which could be an appropriate way of providing smaller properties to allow for starter homes, homes for the elderly and for those wishing to downsize.”

### **Housing Needs Survey Response:**

"Painswick Parish Council would respectfully request that you do not carry out a Housing Needs Survey at this time. The Parish Council first wishes to explore the Community led housing opportunities, as per the new Delivery Policy in the draft review of the Local Plan, and is concerned that the results of any survey could undermine the Councils own efforts to find a way forward to providing starter homes and small homes for down-sizing."

### **8. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING A PERMISSIVE RIGHT OF WAY CLOSURE IN SLAD AND AGREE TO DEFER THIS MATTER TO THE RURAL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

The Council received correspondence regarding the closure of the Permissive Right of Way Frith Wood / Elliot Nature Reserve Footpath. It was agreed to pass the correspondence to the Rural Environment Committee to further investigate a potential solution.

### **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 consider and approve a quote for the purchase and installation of a ceiling mounted projection system.

The Council approved the quotation from Audio Visual Direct UK subject to the Cat 5 / HDMI Distribution System being including in project for the sum of £1765.00 (Inc VAT).

Cllr Martin Slinger declared an interest and left the meeting at this point, Cllr Ann Daniels took the Chair:

- c. To consider and approve an application for grant funding from the Hambutts Field Trust.

The Council agreed to a grant of £65.00.

### **10. WARD REPORTS**

- a. Kingsmill / Ticklestone Lane. Cllr Rob Lewis reported that an advertising board has been erected on a fence. It was agreed to ask the Neighbourhood Warden to investigate.

- b. Painswick Mill Footpath. Cllr Rob Lewis reported that grass cuttings have been dumped on the footpath. It was agreed that the Neighbourhood Warden will investigate.
- c. Beech Lane. Cllr Mike Fletcher reported a damaged reflective bollard. It was agreed to report this matter to County Highways.
- d. Steambridge Lane. Cllr Andy Cash updated the Members on the Highway concerns and advised that a site meeting with the Highways Stakeholder is to take place shortly.

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

There were none.

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in the Town Hall Painswick at 7.30 pm.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.31 PM**