

PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 19th JULY 2017 AT 7.30 P.M. – IN
EDGE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Martin Slinger Chairman
Cllr Edd Crownshaw
Cllr Ann Daniels
Cllr Ian James
Cllr Rob Lewis
Cllr Abigail Smith

In attendance: 2 Members of the Press
District Cllr Nigel Cooper
County Cllr Keith Rippington

1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Council accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs Mathew Birch, James Cross, Mike Fletcher, Steve Morris, Rosie Nash and Roey Parker .

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 21ST JUNE 2017.

The Minutes were approved and signed.

4. MATTERS OF URGENCY

- a. Footpaths.** The Chairman reported upon recent correspondence between Stroud / Cheltenham Ramblers, the GCC PROW and the Council, in which the Council were praised for having its own dedicated footpath volunteer scheme, concern was raised about the lack of footpath repairs being undertaken by GCC, it was agreed to write to the Head of the PROW expressing the Councils concerns.
- b. Tourist Information Centre.** The Chairman reported upon a prestigious award which has been given to the TIC in recognition of an outstanding use of an old building, namely the grave diggers hut being used as a TIC, the presentation is to take place on Friday 21 July 2017 at noon.
- c. Tombstones Project.** The Chairman reported that the tombstone project has now been completed in the Cemetery whereby all of the fallen tombstone have been reinstated.
- d. Painswick Beacon – Grazing.** The Chairman reported that grazing to commence on the Painswick Beacon shortly.

- e. **Local Council Award Scheme Gold Application.** The Chairman reported that the Gold Application has now been submitted. The Council extended its thanks to the Deputy Clerk for all the hard work and effort in collating the submission.

5. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Councillor Keith Rippington reported:-

- A recent email from David Gurney regarding road conditions in the County. He advised upon improvements and repair schemes that have been put into place and an increase in funding to be made available for rural roads.
- Funding from his traffic budget will be used to support verge grass cutting in Kingsmill Lane (for this Financial Year).
- Details of the Lengthman Scheme.
- An update on Fastershire.
- The recent incident where several County Councillors appeared to fall asleep during an important Council meeting.

6. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Nigel Cooper reported the details of the recent IT issues on the District Council's Planning Portal.

7. TO APPOINT CLLR EDWARD CROWNSHAW TO SERVE ON THE FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE AND THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

The Council agreed to appoint Cllr Edward Crownshaw to serve on the Finance & Personnel and the Traffic Committee.

8. TO APPOINT CLLR MATTHEW BIRCH AS THE INTERNAL FINANCE CHECKER

The Council agreed Cllr Matthew Birch; as its new Internal Finance Checker.

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.

10. WARD REPORTS

- a. **Hedges, Bisley Street.** Cllr Ann Daniels reported that the hedge along Bisley Street still requires cutting.
- b. **Community Speed Watch Team.** Cllr Abigail Smith extended her thanks on behalf of the Council to the Community Speed Watch Volunteers and to the council's apprentice for the support in running a speed watch week.
- c. **Beech Lane, Sheepscombe.** Cllr Ian James reported that Beech Land has still not been swept.
- d. **Loose Drain Cover, New Street.** Cllr Rob Lewis reported that the loose drain cover has not yet been repaired.

11. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

- a. **Sheepscombe Village Hall.** Cllr Ian James reported up the recent Village Hall Annual General Meeting.

Confidential Agenda

Pursuant to 1(2) of the Public bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960), it is resolved that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the Public and Press leave the meeting.

12. TO CONSIDER AND AGREE THE COUNCIL'S OPTIONS IN REGARDS TO ITS APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME.

This Item was discussed.

13. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – to decide whether to hold a meeting in August 2017.

The Council agreed that it would not hold a Council meeting in August.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.55 PM