

**PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019 AT 7.30 P.M. – IN  
EDGE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Martin Slinger (Chairman)  
Cllr James Cross  
Cllr Ann Daniels  
Cllr Rob Lewis  
Cllr Roey Parker  
Cllr Abigail Smith

**Also in attendance** 2 Members of the Press  
2 Members of the Public  
District Cllr Nigel Cooper

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Mr David Allott asked the following question:

Please arrange for the redundant ACP Signs to be removed from the village. Cllr Abigail Smith advised that this be reported to County Highways.

Please arrange for the road markings to be refreshed in Bisley Street. Cllr Abigail Smith advised that this will be referred to County Highways.

Please develop ways to support new Painswick in Bloom campaign. It was agreed that Mr Allott would write an article for inclusion in the Painswick Beacon.

Please support the application for water supply installation, at no cost the Council on New Drive. This will be considered at Agenda Item 9.

Please consider using contractors for mowing the Churchyard so the Village Handyman and his apprentice can have time to keep verges, pavement weeded and keep signs free of obstructions by vegetation.

Mr Allott was advised that the Council have not been responsible for cutting the churchyard grass for 2 years, Mr Allott was also advised that the pavements, verges and signage are a County Council responsibility, however the Parish Handyman will clear vegetation from signage, it was reiterated to Mr Allott that he is not to clear any signage vegetation, but if he has areas of concern to advise the Parish Council Officers.

Mr Roger Stewart thanked the Council for infilling the Edge Green with gravel to allow partial off road parking without damaging the green.

**1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Council accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs Edd Crownshaw, Dawn Dart, Mike Fletcher, Ian James and Rosie Nash.

**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 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019.**

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

**4. MATTERS OF URGENCY**

There were none.

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

There was no report received.

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

District Cllr Nigel Cooper gave the following report:

**"Changes at SDC – a summary**

As you are aware David hagg retired last year and Kathy O'Leary started as Chief Executive in November. One of the first things she did was make use of the LGA Corporate Peer Challenge. This involved a team of experienced Councillors and Senior Executives from other local authorities. They came in at the end of March and reviewed everything about the Council, focussing particularly on our vision, priorities, leadership, organisation, financial viability, and capacity to deliver. Staff and councillors were interviewed and at the end of the week the team gave us a verbal a summary of their conclusions. A formal feedback report containing their findings and recommendations was subsequently received and considered by Council in May 16th and earlier this month at Strategy and Resources Committee the Chief Executive presented her action plan, with a timetable, to address all the Peer Challenge recommendations. This was agreed unanimously by the Committee, One of the first steps is to introduce new senior management structure, to better reflect the Councils priorities and organise its service delivery. In due course there will also be a change in the salary structure, moving away from the current system of 12 rigid salary bands , this should address the problem of recruiting the right people, particularly in the Planning & IT areas Further details of the above referenced papers may be found on the SDC website under Council & Democracy/Meetings.

**Brimscombe Port**

Planning application has now been submitted. Its an outline application for 176 dwellings and the restoration of the old port at the end of the canal

**Community Governance report**

We will be considering this at Council tomorrow. There are no changes recommended to any of your parish boundaries.

(In fact in this ward there is only one very minor on, in Cranham)"

**7. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE IN REGARDS TO TRAFFIC CONCERNS IN EDGE DUE TO LARGE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS IN WHADDON AND THE LAND BETWEEN NASS LANE AND GRANGE ROAD.**

The following correspondence was received from Graham Lilley:

“Some Edge residents will be aware of the proposal to develop land at Whaddon to provide an additional two to three thousand dwellings and an industrial/trading estate just behind Whaddon Garage. The land between Grange Road and Naas Lane will be covered in houses and this development will tie in with the already considerable development at Quedgeley.

This proposal may explain the introduction of roundabouts near Fagins on the A4173 (and a new water main), designed it seems to divert traffic away from and around Gloucester, which is already responsible for increased traffic along the main road in Edge and down Edge Lane. Part of that traffic at present goes towards Sneedhams Green but there is to be a housing development there too so more traffic will be pushed out towards Edge.

The road repairs in Edge Lane are preparation for a surface dressing which will make it easier for Edge Lane to become a "rat run" for commuters and commercial vehicles anxious to avoid traffic around Gloucester. Severnleaze Lane is already suffering the same fate and the Eastern Avenue in Gloucester which was intended to move traffic away from the centre is of course already considerably congested. Although Edge Lane is signed as a single track road many commercial vehicles who have difficulty reversing still use it and expect cars to reverse out of the way to give them priority. It seems to me that this can only get worse with increased traffic volumes.

Might it be sensible to consider a one way system in these small lanes whereby traffic to Painswick is directed down Jenkins Lane say and from Painswick to Edge down Edge Road/Lane or perhaps even better to direct Painswick traffic along the main road to Pitchcombe (where we are told there is to be a new and improved junction with the A46) ? Since the route will then be A class road all the way it will allow traffic to flow in both directions simultaneously.

No doubt the Parish Council will want to sound out local opinion before taking the matter up with Stroud District Council. The Developments at Quedgeley, Whaddon and Sneedhams Green do of course come under the jurisdiction of Gloucester City Council but the effects are already being felt in the Stroud District area so surely Stroud District residents should have a say?”

Cllr Abigail Smith advised that Mr Lilley raises some very important points and would trust that they should be being considered by the County Highways as part of Strategic Reviews for such large developments, Cllr Smith agreed to ensure that this is taking place and has contacted the Local Area Stakeholder and the County Councillor and is awaiting a response.

## **8. TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED FOOTPATH DEVIATION MPA67 AT OLD GREENHOUSE FARM, PAINSWICK.**

The Council considered the request for a diversion and agreed that all such requests should be considered on their own merits. The Council agreed to Support this application by a majority decision, with the condition that the access from the roadside is easily accessible.

**9. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST TO OBTAIN A QUOTE TO INSTALL MAINS WATER STANDPIPE IN NEW DRIVE.**

The Council agreed that a quote could be obtained subject to there being no costs to the Council.

**10. TO CONSIDER ANY LOCAL CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL IDEAS AS SUGGESTED BY THE MEMBERS.**

The Council agreed to take forward the following suggestions:

- Paperless meetings, in future all papers are to be projected.
- Potential use of Street Lighting for share Electric Car Charing Points.
- To enquire about setting up TerraCycle collection points in the parish.
- To install sensor lights in the Town Hall toilets.
- To explore “turn of engines signage” whilst stationary at the A46 traffic lights.

**11. RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER REPORTS**

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

The Council approved the accounts for payment.

**b. To receive the quarterly Internal Financial Checkers report.**

Cllr James Cross reported that he has undertaken an internal financial checks and was satisfied that the accounts and associated documentation are in order.

**12. WARD REPORTS**

**a. 20 MPH Speed Enforcement.** Cllr Abigail Smith reported that the police have recently commenced speed checks in Painswick in the 20 MPH Zones, many drivers were given verbal warnings for excessive speeds and a penalty ticket has been issued for speeding at 35 mph in the 20 mph zone. This now clearly demonstrates that the 20 mph is enforceable. The Council agreed that Cllr Smith should write an article for the Painswick Beacon and wider publication.

**b. LED Street lighting.** Cllr Ann Daniels raised concerns that some of the streetlights in the Pullens Road vicinity have not been converted, she was asked to give the details to the Clerk.

**c. Road by the Sheepscombe Village Hall.** Cllr Roey Parker reported that despite County Highways undertaking extensive repairs the spring is still compromising the road surface. It was agreed to report the matter to County Highways.

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

**a. Painswick Beacon Conservation Group.** Cllr Abigail Smith reported the details of a recent meeting which she could not attend but had been circulated the minutes of.

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council Meeting – to decide if a Council Meeting is required for August 2019. The Council agreed that unless urgent matters arise it will not hold a meeting in August, therefore the next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.20 PM**