

**PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018 AT 7.30 P.M. – IN  
PAINSWICK TOWN HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Martin Slinger (Chairman)  
Cllr James Cross  
Cllr Edd Crownshaw  
Cllr Ann Daniels  
Cllr Dawn Dart  
Cllr Rob Lewis  
Cllr Rosie Nash

**In attendance:** 2 Members of the Public  
1 Member of the Press  
District Councillor Nigel Cooper

**To observe a period of silence in memory of Mr John Parfitt who previously served as the Clerk to the Council.**

The Council respectively observed a period of silence in the memory of Mr Parfitt.

**To formally receive a cheque from St Michaels Restaurant for funds towards Play Painswick.**

The proprietors of St Michaels restaurant presented a cheque to the Parish Council for funds raised for Play Painswick during a recent charity event. The Chairman, on behalf of the Council extended his thanks to St Michaels Restaurant.

**Presentation from the Painswick Centre**

Trustees from the Painswick Centre gave a very informative presentation on the future plans for the Centre and details of a public consultation which is currently being undertaken.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

A Member of the Public who has recently moved to the Village expressed his concerns in respect to advice given in that there is now a waiting list for the District Councils Green Waste scheme and that he felt that this was discriminatory. Cllr Nigel Cooper explained that the scheme is now over subscribed and that the District Council are exploring ways to expand the scheme, he will also cover this issue under the District Council reports.

**1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Council accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs Ian James, Mike Fletcher, 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 HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018.**

The Minutes were approved and signed.

**4. MATTERS OF URGENCY**

There were none.

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

The Member received the following report:

*A4173 RESURFACING SCHEME - A46 to WHADDON*

This project was effectively completed on Thursday 24th May although there are still some small elements (mainly associated with lining on the road) they need to be corrected.

The general feedback I have been made aware of is that the work carried is considered to be of a good standard.

*THE PITCHCOMBE JUNCTION*

Drawings of the proposal for this junction are due to be issued by the end of this week with the work planned for the autumn of this year

A46 (Salmon Springs - far end of Pitchcombe Parish boundary)

This work has been recently completed and again the feedback I have received is positive.

*A46 PITCHCOMBE PARISH BOUNDARY THROUGH PAINSWICK TO OPPOSITE WASHWELL COTTAGES*

As I believe you are aware Wales and West Utilities using their partner Morrison Utility Services have recently sent out letters to affected residents about upgrading gas pipes which will impact the A46 from the Painswick Rugby Club through to and along Stamages Lane.

Work is scheduled to start on 9th July and to be finished within 2 weeks - the laying of the new gas pipes will involve traffic lights controlled flow of traffic on the A46.

Once their work has been completed it is planned that work will commence on the 7th August through to 15th September where the resurfacing of the A46 will take place. It is planned that the A46 will be closed each weekday night from 19.00 through till 07.00 with the work in the centre of Painswick restricted to 23.00.

*POSSIBLE TRAFFIC ISLAND ON THE CHELTENHAM ROAD (EXACT LOCATION NOT YET FINALISED BUT CLOSE TO THE A46 / PULLENS ROAD JUNCTION)*

The possibility of this traffic calming initiative arose following the recent survey however the current estimated cost is approx £25k and the bringing forward of the work to resurface the A46 in August / September means there are no funds available. To facilitate the work this year.

The potential good news though is that if funding is available in 2019/20 then it may prove possible next year.

The resurfacing of Pullens road will take place this financial year but no confirmed dates just at the moment.

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

District Councillor Nigel Cooper gave the following report:

### *Waste & Recycling.*

At Environment Committee last week we received a report from Ubico and information about the SDC scheme.

There is some good news, and some bad , Headline figures are :-  
Recycling per household in our district are now equal highest in County at 220kgs per annum.

Foodwaste per household has risen from 45kgs 16/17 to 108kgs 17/18 highest by far in County, nearest is Tewksbury at 75kgs

Waste going to landfill (probably the most important number) , has been falling steadily and is now at 230kgs per household, next nearest is Tewksbury on 370kgs.

So in 3 years, since new system has been in place , our % of waste going for Reuse/Recycling/Composting , has gone from 30% to 62%,nearest is Cotswold on 60%

That is all positive, unfortunately the contract is way over budget , for a number of reasons. Measures have been taken to address some of this overspend, for instance it transpires that several vehicles were being rented on a weekly basis rather than being purchased/leased (even though the capital expenditure had been voted through over a year previously). Other measures will follow and this might involve changes in collection frequency.

Garden waste system was supposed to be self financing, but it is losing £10k p.a. There are approx. 10,000 users, although original costings had incorrectly said that break even was 8,500. It has been closed to new subscribers for this year. This is because the vehicle capacity is too small and extra journeys are required to tip waste and then return to finish collection round. Apparently this has resulted in unbudgeted overtime costs of approx. £1k per month. For next year there will be a different arrangement for subscribing to this service. Cost next year will rise from £39 to £45 & to £50 for 19/20.

### *Car Park charges*

Last week at Strategy and Resources Committee it was decided to go out to statutory consultation prior to introducing charges at Dursley, Wotton-Under-Edge, and Nailsworth. I did not support this move as I think that the small market towns need as much support as possible. Nailsworth has lost its banks and nearby Stroud is having two more supermarkets. Also in Stroud there is a £20m scheme to redevelop the Merrywalks shopping centre (and SDC has put £2m into this project)  
Subscription Rooms

Having turned down a cash offer for the Sub Rooms last December, the Council will consider next month, July 19th, whether to give the property , along with a substantial “dowry”, to Stroud Town Council.

## **7. TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR STEVE MORRIS (Slad Ward).**

The Council accepted the resignation of Cllr Steve Morris, the Chairman on behalf of the Council recorded his sincere thanks to Mr Morris for all of his support and productivity during his tenure as a Councillor.

## **8. TO CONSIDER RENEWAL OF THE GAPTC MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019.**

The Chairman reported that the Council are undertaking a review of the subscriptions for the GAPTC as it felt that the fees (circa £870) as far to excessive, he reported that Cllr Rob Lewis, the Clerk and himself met with the CEO and the Chairman of the GAPTC to raise the Councils concerns. It was agreed that GAPTC will conduct a review of the subscription charges. The Council agreed to suspend any decision on its renewal of its subscriptions until the December meeting.

## **9. TO CONSIDER A RESPONSE TO THE PAINSWICK BEACON IN REGARDS TO A LETTER PUBLISHED IN THE JUNE EDITION REGARDING ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS BY ITS MEMBERS.**

The Chairman proposed the following response to the recent article:

“The Parish Council would like to thank Audrey Timpson for her letter which was published in the June edition of the Painswick Beacon.

I can confirm that I have checked the Members attendance at the Parish Council Meeting for the past six months and whilst I agree attendance has been low on several occasions all of the apologies have been for valid reasons.

Painswick Parish Council is blessed in having a crossed section of the Community representing it, of all ages, several are working parents, many have work commitments that mean that they are not always in Painswick on Council meeting dates and there have been a few with short term medical ailments.

Painswick was recently accreted with a Local Council Gold Award, this award is the highest accolade that a Town /Parish Council can be awarded. This level of award was achieved by the amount of work and commitment undertaken by the Council Members, some examples of the numerous tasks and projects include, attending site meetings, being on numerous Council Committees, undertaking formal training, conducting internal financial controls, dealing with Highways Officers to ensure the that traffic concerns are dealt with, ensuring that the Council assets are run to a very high standard including The Town Hall, Cemetery, Pavilion, Recreation Ground and the Tourist Information Office.

In summary, I would like to assure Members of the Public that despite low attendance at some meetings, for valid reasons, the Parish Council prides itself on representing its parishioners and ensuring that its meets the highest standards both in terms of compliance and also representation.

M S Slinger  
Chairman of Painswick Parish Council”

The Council unanimously agreed to ask for this response to be published.

**10. TO RECEIVE A TREE REPORT IN REGARDS TO THE BEECH TREES ON THE RECREATION GROUND AND TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE QUOTATION FOR WORKS.**

The Council received a report commissioned on the Beech Trees on the Recreation Ground, which reported that 4 of the trees needed no remedial works, however it was advised that works were needed on 2 of the trees, including fungi treatment and a reduction in height by 1.5m. The Council agreed to the quotation to undertake the works at a cost of £2k.

**11. TO CONSIDER AND SUPPORT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE GROWING OUR COMMUNITIES FUND.**

The Clerk presented to the Council a bid that he has prepared in consultation with the Parish Archives team to bid for £1k towards the cost of setting up the Archives. The Council formally approved the application.

**12. RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER REPORTS**

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

The accounts were approved for payment.

**b. To receive a report from the Councils' Internal Financial Checker.**

Cllr James Cross reported upon a recent quarterly check that he had conducted, he advised that there were no areas of concern.

**13. WARD REPORTS**

**a. Rec Alley.** Cllr Rosie Nash asked if the dead weeds could be removed from the alley and if a stencils reminding the public to pick up dog mess could be placed on the ground.

**b. Parking.** Cllr Rob Lewis asked if the free parking at weekends in the parking bay opposite the Town Hall could be extended to Bank Holidays.

**c. Slad Signage.** Cllr Edd Crownshaw reported concerns about overgrown foliage obliterating signage in Slad.

**d. Town Hall – Lighting.** The Chairman reported that the lighting in the stairway had been converted to LED, thus giving better illumination and reducing costs.

**e. ACP.** The Chairman extended his congratulations to ACP on there recent award, The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

**f. Cllr Abigail Smith.** The Chairman on behalf of the Council extended its sincere congratulations to Cllr Smith on the recent birth of her son.

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

There were none.

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 18 July 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Edge Village Hall

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.45 PM**