

MINUTES OF A PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD REMOTELY ON WEDNESDAY 17 MARCH
2021 AT 7.30 PM

Present: Cllr Martin Slinger Chairman
Cllr Ann Daniels Vice Chairman
Cllr James Cross
Cllr Rob Lewis
Cllr Rosie Nash
Cllr Abigail Smith

In Attendance: District Cllr Nigel Cooper
District Cllr Julie Job
Clerk
Deputy Clerk
1 Member of the Press
2 Members of the Public

PRESENTATION

The Council received a very informative presentation from Stephen Aiano on the potential part funding of community led electric vehicle charging points. The Council supported the concept and it was agreed that the project be further moved forward.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

The Council accepted apologies from Cllrs Andy Cash, Ian James and Roey Parker.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA:

There were none.

3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2021:

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting and will be signed at the next physical meeting of the Council.

4. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

a. **District Councillor:** District Cllr Nigel Cooper gave the following report:

“Council Tax 2021/22

*The precept for Painswick is £109,700 (last year £107,279) , the tax base * is 1800.73 up from 1796.06*

For a Band D property the charge comprises :-

<i>Gloucestershire County Council (Council tax 1.99% Adult Social Care levy 2.76%)</i>	1409.22	(+4.75%)
<i>Gloucestershire Police</i>	270.08	(+4.99%)
<i>Stroud District Council (maximum permitted)</i>	217.52	(+2.35%)
<i>Painswick Parish Council £59.73) (+ 2%)</i>	60.92	(last year
<i>Total</i>	1957.74	

Just for your interest your Parish precept compares quite favourably with other large parishes, for example Bisley 63.33 , Chalford 69.83 , Standish 66.59 .

The average increase across all the towns and parishes was 1.91%

**Tax base number represents the number of properties in the Parish but expressed as Band D equivalent, (there are 9 Council tax bands) so a band D house is 1 , a band H property is 2.*

Local Plan – next stage

The timetable for the new Local Plan has slipped slightly, but is progressing in spite of lockdown which has strained resources at the District Council as several members of the Planning Strategy team were having to deal with home schooling as well as self isolation and other responsibilities. A small group of Councillors has been meeting very regularly to give member input, I am a member of that group and it is pleasing to note that there is a great deal of cross party agreement on the plan content. Certainly everyone agrees that it is vital that a new plan must be agreed and in place to give clarity for future development across the whole District, and also to deter predatory developers. It is hoped that a final draft will be presented to Environment Committee on April 20th, and be presented to full Council on April 29th. If it is approved it will then go to Government Planning Inspectorate for consideration , followed by a Public Inquiry.

Council Meeting 18/3/21

We meet tomorrow to consider the following important matters:-

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy (draft for public consultation), Stroud District 2030 Strategy - Climate Change response, and the exciting proposal regarding the developments around a prototype nuclear fusion plant at Berkeley.”

- b. **Chairman:** The Chairman asked that the Council approve the revised quotation of £6950 for the costs of removing the Ash Trees from the Recreation Ground which have severe ash dieback, the Council approved the revision. Cllr Martin Slinger also reported concerns in regards to the amount of dog waste being discarded around the Parish and the increase in fly tipping.
- c. **Clerk:** The Clerk reported that, if the governmental advice permits, the Parish Office will reopen for essential business on Wednesdays and Fridays 10 am until noon from the 14 April.
- d. **To receive a report from the Painswick Community Support Group:** Cllr Abigail Smith advised that there were no new updates.
- e. **Councillors:**
 - Cllr Abigail Smith reported that she is awaiting County Highways approval before the 20 MPH temporary signage can be deployed in Jacks Green in Sheepscombe.
 - Cllr Abigail Smith also reported the attendance at a recent Painswick Beacon Conservation Group meeting at which they are looking into no fence cattle control methods.

5. TO CONSIDER CARRYING OUT A PUBLIC CONSULTATION IN REGARDS TO THE WAR MEMORIAL AND ITS SURROUNDS:

The Chairman reported that as a result of several recent articles in the Painswick Beacon regarding the War Memorial and its surrounds many email have been received and as a result he felt that a public consultation was needed to ascertain parishioners views. The Council agreed to carry out a consultation via the May Beacon edition.

6. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE DATES FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Council agreed to hold its Annual Parish Meeting via Zoom on Wednesday 28 April and to hold a further physical Parish Meeting later in the year if permitted under Covid 19 governmental guidance.

7. FINANCE:

- a. **To approve the Accounts for payment.** The accounts schedule for payment was presented for payment.
- b. **To consider a request for grant funding from the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens.** The Council agreed to a grant of £250.00.

8. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 21 April 2021 at 7.30pm.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING
CLOSED AT 8.23pm**