

PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 18TH APRIL 2018 AT 8 P.M. – IN
PAINSWICK TOWN HALL**

Present: Cllr Martin Slinger (Chairman)
Cllr Ann Daniels
Cllr Mike Fletcher
Cllr Rob Lewis

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

1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Council accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs Edd Crownshaw, Dawn Dart, Ian James, James Cross and Roey Parker, Rosie Nash, Steve Morris and Abigail Smith, County Councillor Keith Rippington also extended his apologies.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were none.

**3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 21ST MARCH 2018.**

The Minutes were approved and signed.

4. MATTERS OF URGENCY

a. The Chairman updated the Council on the works scheduled for the A46. The Clerk reported that there is an indication that the scheduled works through Painswick may be delayed for at least another year due to the requirement to lay gas pipes. The Council expressed its dissatisfaction at any further delays and asked the Clerk to express its concerns to the County Councillor.

5. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no report given.

6. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Councillor Nigel Cooper updated the Council on the possible disposal of the Stroud Subscription Rooms, Brimscombe Port additional funding and the potential relocation of Rush Skate Park to Strafford Park.

**7. TO RECEIVE THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT TRAFFIC CALMING
CONSULTATION.**

The Chairman read out the following statement:

“Painswick Parish Council would like to thank the local community for their fantastic engagement with the recent traffic calming consultation.

Responses have been validated against the electoral roll and a total of 476 valid votes were received, which represent 25% of the Painswick ward population.

The final results are:

Yes - 246 (52%)

No - 230 (48%)

In light of this very close result, we do not believe there is demonstrable overwhelming public support to pursue a full traffic calming scheme within the 20mph zone at this time.

However, with the strongly felt concerns about speeding through Painswick, we will hold a meeting with Gloucestershire County Council. This will include discussion regarding potential measures as part of the proposed resurfacing scheme through Painswick, so any opportunities relating to this scheme are maximised.

Specifically, the survey identified overwhelming support for measures by residents along the Cheltenham Road, so this 20mph section of the A46 between the traffic lights and the Old Fire Station could have the potential for some traffic calming measures.

We will also be recommencing discussions with the Police and David Drew MP to discuss how we can secure greater support for neighbourhood issues, including speeding enforcement.”

Finally the Council wished to record its thanks to Cllrs Abigail Smith, Dawn Dart and Rosie Nash and the Painswick Beacon for there tremendous efforts in ensuring excellent public particiaption in the local survey.

8. TO REVIEW AND CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL’S POLICIES:

a. Training Policy

The Council confirmed the Training Policy without variation.

b. Risk Management Policy.

The Council confirmed the Risk Management Policy without variation.

c. Grant Awarding Policy.

The Council confirmed the Grant Awarding Policy without variation.

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 payments.

b. To agree and sign the Annual Governance Statement for the Year Ended 31st March 2018.

The Council unanimously agreed, and the Chairman and the Clerk signed the Annual Governance Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2018.

c. To adopt the account for the Year Ended 31st March 2018 and accept the report from the Internal Auditor.

The Chairman reported that the end of year accounts had been fully audited and he read out the Internal Auditors report, he commended the Internal Financial Checker, James Cross, the RFO and the Deputy Clerk for ensuring that the accounts are maintained to an extremely high standard. The RFO then detailed to the Council the accounts and advised that they will be available for public inspection. The Council unanimously agreed to adopt the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018.

10. WARD REPORTS

a. Basket Ball Netting – Recreation Ground. Cllr Ann Daniels reported that the Basket Ball Netting needs replacing.

11. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

a. Gyde Almshouses. Cllr Ann Daniels reported attending a recent meeting.

b. Run to the Tower. The Chairman reported upon a recent meeting with the organisers of the event which is to take place on the 9/10 June 2018.

c. Sealed Knot. The Chairman reported upon a recent meeting with the organisers of the Sealed Knot who wish to hold a reenactment in 2019, he reported that negotiations are underway to find a suitable location within the Parish for such an event.

d. PSALMS. The Chairman reported that he will meet with the Youth Members of PSALMS shortly to discuss parish issues.

e. Painswick Centre AGM. The Chairman reported that he will attend the AGM on 24 April at 7 pm to represent the Council.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Council Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 9th May 2018 at 7.30 pm.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.10 PM