

PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2017 AT 7.45 P.M. – IN
PAINSWICK TOWN HALL**

Present: Cllr Ann Daniels Chairman
Cllr Mike Fletcher
Cllr Ian James
Cllr Rob Lewis
Cllr Rosie Nash
Cllr Abigail Smith

In attendance: 1 Member 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 James Cross, Edd Crownshaw, Roey Parker, Steve Morris, Martin Slinger and District Cllr Julie Job.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were none.

**3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2017.**

The Minutes were approved and signed.

4. MATTERS OF URGENCY

There were none.

5. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Cllr Keith Rippington updated the Council on the following County Council matters: -

- A4173 – work will be carried out to improve the Pitchcombe junction and resurfacing work.
- Air Pollution – on the committee looking into improvements / management.
- Highway Maintenance – on the committee for the new contract.

6. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Councillor Nigel Cooper updated the Council on District Council matters.

- Aware of the Planning Software issues – they are trying to address these issues which are top priority.
- Local Plan Review – the Cotswold Cluster meeting were well attended. Would encourage public participation in the consultation.
- Subscription Rooms, Stroud – a decision is being made early December 2017.

7. TO NOTE THE AWARDING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARD SCHEME GOLD ACCREDITATION.

The Chairman was pleased to confirm that the Council had been awarded the top Gold accreditation. The Award Scheme demonstrates that Painswick Parish Council is at the forefront of best practice regarding governance, community engagement and council improvement. The report highlighted the council's areas of strength, especially its active community engagement. A big thank you was extended to all the Members, staff and the community for making this possible.

The National Association of Local Councils will be forwarding the council a certificate and a celebration will be planned in the New Year to thank all the volunteers and groups in the villages.

8. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE FROM STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL REGARDING THE SCHEDULED TARIFF INCREASE IN THE STAMAGES LANE CAR PARK.

The response was circulated to the Members prior to the meeting. The Council noted their disappointment in the District Council's stance.

9. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST TO FIX A CERAMIC PHOTOGRAPH ONTO A HEADSTONE, IN THE PAINSWICK CEMETERY.

The Members agreed to the request; providing that it was set flush into the headstone and it is no bigger than the sample shown.

It was further agreed that this will not set a precedent and any further photos require prior permission, whether this be for a new or existing headstone.

10. 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.

b. To consider / agree a quote for work to be undertaken in the Cemetery Lodge.

The Council agreed to a quote of £2870 to refurbish the bathroom in the Cemetery Lodge.

11. WARD REPORTS

- a. Speed Watch Week** – Were joined by three new volunteers. Nine sessions were carried out. There were some frustrating issues with the equipment, so a huge thank you to all the volunteers for their perseverance.
- b. Cotswold research into local management** – The Clerk and Cllr Ann Daniels met with Dr Gemma Tully, who is carrying out Post-Doctoral Research for Durham University.

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

- a. Gyde Trust Meeting** – Cllr Ann Daniels attended this.

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

13. TO CONSIDER / AGREE AN INDIVIDUAL TO COMMENCE ON THE APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME.

The Members were issues with appropriate information and a recommendation prior to the meeting.

The Members requested that proof of attendance at college is sought and that appropriate information on any medical conditions is requested, to ensure that we do not put him at risk.

It was agreed to take on Lucas Edney for a trial period and if *considered acceptable; then commence the apprenticeship with effect the 3rd January 2018.

*(The decision on whether he is acceptable should be made by The Clerk, Chairman and one other Member).

14. TO CONSIDER THE NEED TO HOLD A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN DECEMBER.

The Members agreed not to hold a Parish Council meeting in December.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.45 PM