

MINUTES OF THE PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY
20th NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7.45PM

Present: Cllr Adrian Gyde Chairman
Cllr Andy Cash
Cllr James Cross
Cllr Ann Daniels
Cllr Selina Gibb
Cllr Sandra Hunkin
Cllr Ian Massey
Cllr Roey Parker

In Attendance: 1 Member of the Press

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Member of the Press asked why the white markers indicating a disabled parking bay opposite the Town Hall have not been reinstated, the Chairman reported that Gloucestershire Highways have indicated that this will not be undertaken until the next financial year. The Member of the press expressed concern that the Parish Council were not doing enough to get Highways issues resolved sooner. The Chairman explained that the Parish Council do report problems in a timely manner and hasten works, however, they are reliant upon the Gloucestershire Highways as the Council has no jurisdiction on the Highways repairs.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Gary Luff and Rosie Nash and County Cllr Sue Williams

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16th OCTOBER 2024

The Minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

4. TO CONSIDER ANY APPLICATIONS TO BE CO-OPTED TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

There were no applications received.

5. REPORTS

a. County Council.

The report is available by using the link below:

<https://www.painswick-pc.gov.uk/uploads/county-cllr-susan-williams-report-december-2024.pdf?v=1733733945>

Additionally, a further report was received as follows:

“Motor bikes on the bridle paths

I have been liaising with the police regarding the motor bikes who are using the bridle paths in the area and in particular Watery Lane .Police presence has been noted by the horse riders and those who keep their horses nearby .

I have been trying to arrange a meeting with both PCSOs Emily for Upton and Nicky for Painswick ,although shifts are proving difficult. This would be to discuss what can be done . I will update once I get a date .

Speed along the Edge Lane

The speed along the Edge Lane by the back of the school is causing concern to residents .I have met with residents and Yakub Mulla, Highways Manger to explore ways to reduce speed and make drivers aware of the dangers .I believe GCC are going to improve signage but could not agree to bumps in the road which were requested .The rather tall lamp post is still not connected and I have spoken to National grid about this and the height which I believe is too high ,according to residents .This may be an area that the Parish may consider putting the speed camera .

I have written to Highways safety team following the accident but there are no details of the accident at all despite an ambulance and Police .This is currently ongoing .

Lighting in centre

The lack of lighting following removal of the streetlight was reported by a resident who also offered to have it attached to the property if necessary. This is under consideration as to where might be the most appropriate site for the light. Given area of outstanding natural beauty .

Cranham Main Road is currently closed during the day for resurfacing .Residents of Painswick to be aware this will take a few weeks .Dates on the signage open after 7pm and weekends .”

b. District Council.

The District Cllrs report is available via the link below:

<https://www.painswick-pc.gov.uk/uploads/district-cllr-gary-luff-report-november-2024.pdf?v=1734529938>

c. Chairman.

The Chairman reported upon the recent Remembrance Day gathering and was delighted to see so many School Children in attendance. The Chairman also raised his concern about the amount of inappropriate parking in the Village. Finally, he is delighted to note the increased amount of co-operation amongst the various groups within the parish.

6. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE CEMETERY LODGE RESTORATION PROJECT AND POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES.

The Council received a very comprehensive report from Cllr Rosie Nash, they supported the report and idea of working towards an EPC rating of E using the best resources. This can be given further consideration once they have been presented to the Council.

7. TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF MR JOHN LINSELL AS THE PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SLAVUTYCH WORKING GROUP.

The Council confirmed the appointment of Mr Linsell.

8. TO CONFIRM THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MADE DURING ITS MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2024

a. To approve the Town Hall and Youth and Community Pavilion Hire Charges for 2025 / 26.

The Council agreed to the recommended 5% increase in the fees.

b. To approve the Painswick Cemetery Fees for 2025 / 26.

The Council agreed to the recommended 5% increase in fees.

c. To approve the Business Unit Rental Fees.

The Council agreed to increase the rental fees for unit 1 to £150.00 per month and unit 2 to £300.00 or £200.00 per month for a proven start up business fixed for a 3 year period.

d. To approve the Grants for 2025.

The Council approved the following grants:

Stroud Citizens Advice	£400.00
County Air Ambulance	£100.00
Painswick Friday Club	£100.00
Sheepscombe Lunch	£100.00
Painswick Beacon Conservation	£400.00
Painswick Community Support Group (the event)	£600.00 (to be offset by any donations received at the event)
Total	£1700.00

9. ACCOUNTS

- a. To Approve the Accounts for Payment as per the list circulated prior to the meeting.**

The Council approved the accounts for payment.

- b. To approve the budget for 2025 / 26.**

The Council approved the budget as recommended by the Finance and Personnel Committee.

- c. To approve the precept for 2025 / 26.**

The Council agreed to the precept of £146,800 which is an increase of Circa 3% as recommended by the Finance and Personnel Committee.

- d. To approve the Earmarked Reserves for 2025.**

The Council approved the following earmarked reserves as recommended by the Finance and Personnel Committee:

	2025
Vehicle Replacement	11,811
Tools & Equipment	4,500
Cemetery Lodge Emergency Funds	3,000
Town Hall Maintenance	11,208
Office Equipment	1,000
General Parish Emergency Funds	2,000
Recreation Ground Emergency Funds	2,000
Elections (Mid & End of Term)	1,300
Christmas Lights Fund	468
Play Painswick	200
Parish Plan	1,000
Pavilion Maintenance	1,000
Traffic	2,000
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10. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

- a. Painswick Beacon Conservation Group.** Cllr Ian Massey gave an update.

- b. Painswick Educational Foundation Trust.** Cllr Ann Daniels advised that she had recently attended a meeting.

c. **Painswick Library.** Cllr Roey Parker reported that several new Library volunteers have been recruited.

11. WARD REPORTS

a. **Sheepscombe.** Cllr Sandra Hunkin updated the Council on Sheepscombe matters including the potholes and white linage.

b. **Slad.** Cllr Andy Cash updated the Council on Slad matters including the Remembrance Service and a pile of mud along the Slad Road.

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12. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC – PURSUANT TO SECTION 1(2) OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960, TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS FROM THE MEETING TO PROTECT THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

The Council agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting.

13. TO CONFIRM THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE IN REGARD TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF A PARISH HANDYMAN AND THE CEMETERY LODGE TENNANT

The Council agreed offer Mr Lucas Edney appointment as the Parish Handyman on a full time contract, with 6 months probationary period. The Council also agreed that Mr Edney be afford the opportunity to live in the Cemetery Lodge on a *job-related tenancy agreement*, with the rental charges being the same terms as the pervious Handyman, which is linked to percent salary pay rise. This can only take place once the Cemetery Lodge is fit for occupation.

The Council further agreed that the current contractor, Mr Knight is given a rolling one year contract to be employed as a contractor for two days (10 hours) a week to support the Parish Handyman.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 11th December 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Painswick Town Hall.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.25 PM