

PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2018 AT 7.30 P.M. – IN
PAINSWICK TOWN HALL**

Present: Cllr Martin Slinger (Chairman)
Cllr Ann Daniels
Cllr Dawn Dart
Cllr Ian James
Cllr Mike Fletcher
Cllr Rob Lewis
Cllr Rosie Nash
Cllr Abigail Smith
Cllr Stephen Tye

In attendance: 1 Member of the Press
District Councillor Doina Cornell
District Councillor Nigel Cooper
District Councillor Julie Job
District Councillor Mattie Ross
County Councillor Keith Rippington

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Stephen Tye to the meeting.

To receive an introduction from the new Neighbourhood Warden, Peter Tiley and an update on Parish Police matters from PCSO Debbie Collicott.

The Neighbourhood Warden, Peter Tiley introduced himself and gave a very informative brief on his roles and responsibilities.

PCSO Debbie Collicott gave an update on Parish Policing matters and also gave the details on the Gloucestershire Community Alerts Scheme.

To hold a question and answer sessions with Cllr Diona Cornell Leader of Stroud District Council.

District Cllr Diona Cornell held a very constructive questions and answers session with the Council in which the Members expressed their concern in regards to the car parking charges, and the way the recent Parking Review had been conducted. The Council asked District Councillor Nigel Cooper to proposed that Stamages Lane Car parking charges be suspended until the Market Towns review has been completed, he agreed to the request.

The Members also asked questions regarding the Waste Scheme and Fireworks.

At the end of question and answers the Chairman on behalf of the Council thanked Cllr Cornell for coming to the meeting and answering the Councils questions.

1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Council accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs James Cross, Edd Crownshaw and Roey Parker.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were none.

3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2018.

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 reported that the County Council are in the process of setting the budget for the next financial year, he explained the difficulties currently in regards to recruiting and retaining social workers. He updated the Council on the A46 / A4173 Junction scheme.

Cllr Ian James raised his concerns about the current blanket road closures in Sheepscombe and the complete disregard to access by the contractors. Concern was also raised in regards to the works scheduled by the Village Hall, the works have already been deferred due to costings and were scheduled to take place next week, it is now understood, but not yet made official that the works will be again delayed until 2019, Cllr James expressed his dissatisfaction as the delay will have a direct financial impact on the Village Hall. Cllr Rippington agreed to investigate.

6. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Cllr Nigel Cooper gave the following report:

“Last month I reported on the Local Plan review. There is a need to identify additional land for housing within Stroud District to accommodate just under 6,000 homes during the plan period (2020-2040). This is in addition to the 5761 permissions yet to be built out and in addition to strategic sites for 1301 already allocated but permission not granted yet. The annual build rate must go up from 456 to 638. At Environment Committee the public consultation document was approved, with amendments. It is now more appropriately called the Emerging Strategy rather than Preferred Strategy. The public consultation will start on November 16th and run for seven weeks to January 18th (the delay is because there is a by election in Dursley on November 15th)

All the potential development sites contained in the consultation document have been promoted by owners or their agents and have been initially assessed by the planners at SDC on various sustainability criteria. The committee chairman reiterated that they were not making decision on which sites to allocate, but which sites to go out to consultation on. the title “Emerging strategy” does not contain the inference that “Preferred strategy” might have.

Dates and venues of public consultations will be announced in due course.

Car Parking charges

At SDC Council meeting tomorrow 18/10/18 we will officially consider the consultation proposing imposition of parking charges in Dursley, Wotton-u-Edge, Stratford Park, and Nailsworth. You may recall that Leader of Council suddenly announced on August 16th that they were stopping these proposals. This announcement was made without reference to the Council or the Committee that set up the consultation. Your Clerk later established that other proposals within the original document would go ahead, namely "free after three" in Painswick. Unfortunately at Strategy & Resources Committee 4/10/18 the Councillors from Stonehouse, backed by the Administration added an amendment removing all parking charges from Stonehouse. This came as a complete surprise as there had been no mention of Stonehouse in the original consultation. This amended resolution will be decided finally tomorrow."

7. TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS DETAILS ON FIREWORKS LEGISLATIONS.

This item was deferred to enable further consultation with the District Council.

8. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LAND & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE MADE DURING ITS MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 3rd OCTOBER 2018:-

To include funding in the forthcoming budget for overtime for the Clerk / Deputy Clerk to undertake land registration. The Council agreed in principle to setting a budget towards overtime for the Clerk / Deputy Clerk to undertake the additional works to register the Councils Land. Cllr Stephen Tye reported that he considered that the land registration process was simple as it was merely a case of taking the documents to the Land Registry who would undertake the registration process. The Clerk advised that having taken advice and indeed had visits from Officers from the Land Registry a scrutiny of the documentation / registration process from the Council Solicitor that it was not that a simple process.

Clerks note: In light of Cllr Tye's comments the Clerk / Deputy Clerk withdraws their offer of completing the registration on an overtime basis and hopes that it can be undertaken by other means.

Cllr Mike Fletcher also advised the Council that the potential use of the Cemetery Chapel will be discussed during the November Council meeting and that a paper report will be circulated to the members shortly.

9. RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER REPORTS

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

The Council approved the accounts for payment.

b. To receive the quarterly budget review.

The RFO presented the quarterly review, which the Council accepted and a copy of which is available on the Councils' website.

c. To receive a report from the Internal Financial Checker.

In the absence of Cllr James Cross this item was deferred.

10. WARD REPORTS

- a. **Painswick Mill.** The Chairman updated the Council on the works to the Mill Pond.
- b. **Edge Village Green.** The Chairman updated the Council on the drainage issues on Edge Green.

11. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

- a. **Painswick Beacon Conservation Group.** Cllr Abigail Smith reported that she had recently attended the Conservation Groups AGM and she was extremely impressed by the works carried out by the group.
- b. **Sheepscombe Village Hall.** Cllr Ian James reported his attendance at a recent Village Hall meeting.
- c. **Fair Trade.** Cllrs Rosie Nash and Dawn Dart updated the Council on new businesses / groups that have agreed to stock Fair Trade products.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2018, IN PAINSWICK TOWN HALL.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.25 PM