

**PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.30 P.M. – IN  
PAINSWICK TOWN HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Martin Slinger (Chairman)  
Cllr Andy Cash  
Cllr James Cross  
Cllr Ann Daniels  
Cllr Abigail Smith

**In attendance** 1 Member of the Press  
District Councillor Nigel Cooper  
County Councillor Keith Rippington

The Chairman introduced Cllr Andy Cash as the new councillor for the Slad Ward.

**1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Council accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs Edd Crownshaw, Mike Fletcher, Ian James, Rob Lewis, Roey Parker & Rosie Nash.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

There were none.

**3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019.**

The Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

**4. MATTERS OF URGENCY**

- a. Town Hall Flooding. The Chairman reported that the Town Hall had flooded recently due to surface water runoff, the likely cause being that the granite sets were not reset at the correct height when Highways recently resurfaced the A46, the Clerk has reported this matter to County Highways as a matter of urgency.

**5. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

County Councillor Keith Rippington advised that he is no longer an Independent and represents the Liberal Democrats. He further updated the Council on the Pitchcombe Junction works and associated traffic flow issues including motorists ignoring the temporary red lights.

**6. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

District Councillor Nigel Cooper gave the following report:

“Planning – Local Plan update

The current Stroud District Local Plan (LP) started life as very draft back in 2009, after much consultation and discussion, and a public inquiry it was finally adopted

in November 2015. A condition within it was that the plan (running to 2031) should be reviewed within five years, so that work started almost straightaway. In November 2017 there was a public consultation on "Issues and Options", the results of which resulted in the "Emerging Strategy Paper" being issued and consulted upon. The results of that consultation have been collated and later this month SDC Environment Committee will be considering the first draft of the revised LP. (Which I should add will be extended to 2040)

The LP not only sets all the policies applicable to development, it also identifies various strategic sites for building properties within Stroud District. There is a small group of Councillors and Planning Officers called the Planning Review Panel (PRP), they meet monthly and the main considerations revolve around how many houses and where to put them (always a contentious issue). Government figures indicate that during the plan period (to 2040) the district will require 12,800 new dwellings. Over 7,000 have already been granted planning permission, so the number required changes every month. Currently the net requirement is approximately 5,700.

The next stage will be a further public consultation on the draft LP after the Environment Committee have considered it. That will be your last chance to make representations and suggest amendments prior to the Public Inquiry before a Planning Inspector, probably in about twelve months time. I will continue to keep you updated."

**7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON A RECENT MEETING HELD WITH STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICERS REGARDING STAMAGES LAND PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.**

The Chairman reported upon a recent informal meeting held with two officers from SDC who are carrying out a review of the 8 SDC toilet blocks in the District, he advised that it is not the intention of SDC to close the facilities but were looking at ways to improve the facilities and also make them more cost effective. The Chairman asked if members had any suggestions that they advise the Clerk who will in turn notify SDC, there will be a public consultation before any measures are implemented. Finally, the Chairman reported that SDC will look at the Stamages Lane Car Park to assess if additional parking berths could be marked out.

**8. TO REVIEW THE FOLLOWING POLICY DOCUMENTS:**

a. Standing Orders

The Council approved the review.

b. Grant Awarding Policy

The Council approved the review with the suggested amendments incorporated.

**9. TO CONSIDER ANY LOCAL CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL IDEAS AS SUGGESTED BY THE MEMBERS.**

Cllr Abigail Smith reported that she is still investigating the potential for a TerraCycle collection point, further measures will be considered by the Land and Building Committee during the next meeting.

## **10. RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER REPORTS**

a. To agree payments in accordance with the budget as listed in the attached report. As the reported was not appended to the meeting papers on the website the Chairman read out the report and the Council agreed the payments.

b. To receive a quarterly Budget v Expenditure report.

The Council accepted the report noting that expenditure was in line with the Budget.

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

Cllr James Cross reported that he had conducted a recent internal check and detailed the report to the Council.

## **11. WARD REPORTS**

a. Surgery Path. Cllr Ann Daniels reported that a property abutting the surgery path has allowed its trees to cause an obstruction on the footpath, it was agreed that the issue will be reported to the Neighbourhood Warden.

b. LED Street Light Conversion. Cllr Ann Daniels reported upon the LED Street Light conversion, advising that several have not been undertaken, she will advise the Clerk of the exact locations and the number of the street light.

## **12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES**

a. Meeting with the Youth Club Members. The Chairman reported that he will be meeting with the youth club members on the 21 October at 7 pm and invited other members to attend.

b. Painswick Beacon Conservation Group AGM. Cllr Abigail Smith reported that the AGM will take place on the 17 October.

## **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in the Town Hall Painswick.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.25 PM**