

MINUTES OF THE PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY
16TH NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.30 PM

Present: Cllr Martin Slinger Chairman
Cllr Adrian Gyde
Cllr Ann Daniels
Cllr James Cross
Cllr Sandra Hunkin
Cllr Ian Massey
Cllr Rosie Nash
Cllr Roey Parker
Cllr Rob Lewis
Cllr Phillip Taylor
Cllr Abigail Smith

Also Present: 2 Member of the Press
3 Members of the Public

To formally accept two paintings donated by John and Pam Bailey.

Mr Alan Fielder advised of the following prior to formally handed over the painting to the Council:

“I have been asked to stand in for Pam Bailey, who now lives in Northampton. Pam would like to donate two interesting pictures of Painswick to the safe keeping of the Parish Council. John and Pam Bailey lived in Kingsmill Lane for over 40 years and were very much involved in the community life of the town. In 2003 Pam Bailey was chosen as Painswickian of the Year for her work at the Ashwell House Day Centre, whilst John, who sadly died in 2020, was a founder member of the Painswick Local History Society. John had many talents and his specialist subject was in the iconography of church stained-glass windows.

The first picture was drawn by John after much research, and is a visionary drawing of how Painswick might have looked in the year 1500, shortly before Painswick Castle was demolished and Castle Hale built on the site. The surrounding coats of arms relate to the families who have served as lords of the Manor of Painswick over the centuries.

The second picture is an original drawing by the stained-glass artist Edward Payne, who was related to the Gere family of Stamages Lane. It is a preliminary drawing, or cartoon, for the left-hand side of the west window in the south aisle of St Mary’s Church, which is dedicated to the memory of Michael Cawthorn who was killed in action in the Korean War in 1951.

Research has shown that Michael was brought up in Painswick during the Second World War whilst his father was serving in the Indian Army.

Both pictures are of considerable local interest, and it is hoped that they could be put on public display in the Town Hall.

Thank you for your time tonight.”

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A local resident raised several Highways concerns all of which have been reported to the County Highways, it was agreed that the concerns raised will be forwarded to the County Cllr.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Andy Cash, County Cllr Sue Williams and District Cllr Julie Job.

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 19TH OCTOBER 2022

The Minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

4. TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION APPLICATIONS.

Details of the candidate was provided to the Members prior to the meeting.

The Council unanimously agreed to Co-Opt Sandra Hunkin for the vacancy in the Sheepscombe Ward.

5. REPORTS

a. County Council.

County Cllr Susan Williams submitted a report prior to the meeting.

<https://www.painswick-pc.gov.uk/uploads/county-cllr-report-oct-22.pdf?v=1668594980>

b. District Council.

Cllr Julie Job has advised the Clerk that EV Charging points for all of the District Council owned Market Towns car parks have been agreed by Council and that the role out will be completed within the next two years.

c. Chairman

The Chairman gave the following report:

“On Friday the 11th we attended the Service at the War Memorial in Painswick for all those who had fallen in the two World Wars. The service was taken by the Vicar, and on behalf of the Parish Council I read a Piece. The names of the fallen was read out. I laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council, followed by the Vicar and other religious groups, the Military ,two young lads from the Croft School and other local persons.

I would like on behalf of the Parish Council to remember those fallen in the 2 world wars from our three other villages of our Parish, that is Slad, Edge , and Sheepscombe.”

Item no 8 will be the more formal signing of the agreement between us.

I am holding a meeting with the head of the Croft School so see about arranging a mini parish council meeting between us in the town hall they making up the agenda it is usually held early one afternoon so they can get back in time for end of day. This meeting has not been held for a few years because of Covid etc.

6. TO CONSIDER AND AGREE TO MAKING FORMAL REPRESENTATION TO STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF THE COUNCILS CONCERNS IN REGARD TO SHORT TERM LETTING IN THE PARISH

Cllr Rob Lewis advised that the Councils agreed resolution to GAPTC AGM on 15th July 2022 was accepted.

The Government White Paper below issued mid July 2022:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/developing-a-tourist-accommodation-registration-scheme-in-england/developing-a-tourist-accommodation-registration-scheme-in-england-call-for-evidence>

The Councils responses to NALC re. White Paper above on 31st August 2022

There are now 45 (and growing) properties in and around Painswick registered for Airbnb/Short Term Lettings. They come in all shapes and sizes including Cardynham House/ARC and The Lamp House (around £850 per night!)

Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and in deed numerous Countries Worldwide all have licensing policies on Short Term Letting. England does not!

A number of County and District Councils in Devon & Cornwall are now implementing such registration policies including Council Tax charges on 2nd and 3rd homes and in deed, paying extra Council Tax to be fed into local CIL.

The Council agreed to ask SDC what records they have (if any) for Long- and Short-Term Private rentals in and around Painswick specifically, and if they would be interested in immediate local registration and licensing along the lines of Alcohol and Taxi Licensing. Revenue for this could be raised in the form of payments and levies in Council Tax on such properties.

7. TO CONSIDER ADOPTING THE DRAFT REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT

The Council agreed to support the draft Code of Conduct.

8. TO NOTE THE FORMAL SIGNING OF A FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN SLAVUTYCH (UKRAINE) AND PAINSWICK AND TO APPOINT A LEAD COUNCILLOR.

The Chairman report that on the 4th of November we had a Zoom meeting with the town of Slavutych and its Town Council for the signing of the Friendship and Cooperation agreement between us. We were limited in time for the meeting and the threat of losing their Electricity supply. I would like to thank those on their side for being able to speak with us and to show each other over the Zoom network the signing of the paperwork. To speak to the mayor of the town Yurii and his team, and to thank so much the Lady who did the translation from my Gloucestershire English into Ukraine and visa verses, and hoping for them to look into the Future for their Country, and wishing them luck in everything they do.

The Council agreed to appoint Cllr Phillip Taylor as its lead Councillor.

9. TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER; TO ACCECP THE OFFER AN ANPR CAMERA FROM GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND PURCHASE TWO FURTHER CAMERAS AT A COST OF £500 EACH (PLUS ANNUAL LICENSING FEES OF £100 PER CAMERA).

The Council agreed to the funding for the ANPR Cameras and licensing fees.

10. ACCOUNTS

a. To Approve the Accounts for Payment.

The Council approved the accounts as presented.

11. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVE ON OTHER BODIES.

a. Painswick Conservation Trust. Cllr Ian Massey updated the Council on the Trusts activities.

12. WARD REPORTS

a. Speed Signage. Cllr Abigail Smith reported that the Children's speed signages are being swapped around.

b. Pullens Road / Cheltenham Road Junction. Cllr Ann Daniels reported concerns that temporary signage is obstructing the visibility splay.

c. Edge Commons. Cllr Martin Slinger reported that consultation is taking place in regard to the commons fencing.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th December 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.46 PM