

**MINUTES OF A PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD REMOTELY ON WEDNESDAY 21 APRIL**  
**2021 AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Cllr Martin Slinger Chairman  
Cllr Ann Daniels Vice Chairman  
Cllr Andy Cash  
Cllr James Cross  
Cllr Rob Lewis  
Cllr Rosie Nash  
Cllr Abigail Smith

In Attendance: Siobhan Baillie MP  
District Cllr Nigel Cooper  
Clerk  
Deputy Clerk  
1 Member of the Press

The Chairman welcomed Siobhan Baillie MP to the Meeting. The MP introduced herself and updated the Council on matters affecting the Council including remote meeting legislation, the importance of Town and Parish Councils, business recovery and Article 4 Planning legislation. The Chairman thanked the MP for her attendance.

**1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

The Council accepted apologies from Cllrs Ian James and Roey Parker.

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

There were none.

**3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 MARCH 2021:**

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting and will be signed at the next physical meeting of the Council.

**4. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:**

**a. District Councillor:** District Cllr Nigel Cooper gave the following report:

*"I am here to represent SDC and my fellow ward members Julie Job & Keith Pearson, who send their apologies .*

*As you know we share out the responsibility of reporting to the five parishes across the whole ward between us.*

*Update on Covid related Council activity.*

*The Council has continued to operate under challenging conditions and adapting as required. In particular the Revenue and Benefit Section was tasked with distributing the various grants from central Government. At the latest count SDC has distributed £38.1m in grants to support local businesses, £99k in isolation payments to individuals, and almost £70k to Community groups*

#### *Local Plan progress*

*I advised at last months meeting concerning the Local Plan review. I can now report that Environment Committee met yesterday and recommended the draft revised local plan to Council , meeting on April 29th, to approve before further public consultation and submission to the Planning Inspectorate , hopefully by September 2020. An appointed Inspector will then examine the plan to see if it is sound, this will likely involve a number of public hearings (when objectors can voice their opposition and propose changes . If the report from the Inspector is favourable the Council will have to incorporate any recommendations before eventually adopting the “new” Local plan by end of 2022.*

*The Government expects all Local Authorities to have a Local Plan and update it every 5 years. Our current plan was adopted in November 2015, so it is not up to date. This does increase the risk of planning by appeal, so this review is important.*

*The revised plan will run to 2040 and we use the current Government figures for population growth and housing numbers. These stipulate we must plan for 630 new dwellings per year, that’s a total of 12600 in the plan period. There are already almost 5,000 outstanding permissions. The revised plan sets out the various strategic sites for housing which can accommodate over 8000 dwellings and also some smaller sites and an allowance for “windfall” sites. Public focus tends to be on where development is planned to take place, but of course there is much more in the plan as it sets all our rules and policies regarding all development. These rules are similar to the existing plan and have been modified in the light of experience and very importantly to reflect Council’s approved Carbon Neutral 2030 strategy.*

#### *Farewell*

*This is the last Painswick Parish Council meeting I will be attending as I am not standing for re-election next month. For 9 years I represented Rodborough and from 2012 I have represented this ward. I must say that I have thoroughly enjoyed being a Councillor and being involved with local communities, and I have learnt a lot.*

*It has been a privilege to serve this ward , in which I live, as your elected representative, and I wish you all the very best for the future.”*

- b. Chairman:** The Chairman updated the Council on the felling of the Ash Trees on the Recreation Ground which had Stage 2/3 Ash Dieback. He also reported upon the increase in Fly Tipping in the Parish and that 2 Edge residents have volunteered to be Footpath Wardens.

- c. **Clerk:** The Clerk reported that the Parish Office is open to the Public on Wednesday and Friday between 10 am and 12 Noon.
- d. **Councillors:**
  - Cllr Abigail Smith updated the Council on the progress being made the Community Vehicle Electric Charging Point Group.
  - Cllr Andy Cash advised that he has had a request from a resident in Elcombe for Ward fund support towards the costs of drainage, he explained that the County Council had put in place a concrete path but the drainage appears to be inadequate, Cllr Cash has advised the resident to speak with the new County Councillor after the elections as he felt that this was not an appropriate use of Ward Funds and has made a recommendation to spend the fund on a Community Bench.

## 5. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Clerks advised of the following:

Painswick Ward 8 nomination for 7 seats – Elections to be held.

Edge 1 nomination for 1 seat – Elected non contested.

Sheepscombe 2 nominations for 2 seats – Elected non contested.

Slad 1 nomination for 2 seats - 1 Elected uncontested and 1 casual vacancy.

## 6. FINANCE:

- a. **To approve the Accounts for payment.** The accounts schedule for payment was presented for payment, and approved by the Council.
- b. **To consider and approve the quote for the redecoration of the Town Hall, Lower Meeting Room.** The Council approved the quotation from Ken Ticehurst for the redecoration of £1962.54 with the funding coming from the Business Support Grant.
- c. **To consider the purchase of a Community Defibrillator for the adopted telephone Kiosk in Edge.** The Council approved the quotation from The Community Heartbeat Trust for a defibrillator and housing box costing £1375.00 with the funding coming from budgeted funds.
- d. **To consider the purchase of a community bench for Slad.** The Council agreed to approve the purchase of a new Larbreek hardwood bench from Glasdons UK costing circa £1000.00 with funding coming from Ward Funds.
- e. **To consider purchasing a new Town Hall Notice Board.** The Council accepted the quotation from Greenbarnes Ltd to purchase a new oak noticeboard for the front of the Town Hall, with the funding coming from the Business Support Grant.

- f. **To consider a request for grant funding from “Handmade in Painswick”.** The Council considered the grant application and agreed to make up to £500.00 available towards advertising costs.

**Finally the Chairman extended his sincere thanks to all of the Councillors and Staff as this is the final meeting of the current Council and its Members.**

7. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.30pm.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING  
CLOSED AT 8.33pm**