

**MINUTES OF A PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD**  
**REMOTELY ON**  
**WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.30 PM**

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

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

**1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Council accepted apologies from Cllrs Rosie Nash 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 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020.**

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.** The District Cllr Nigel Cooper gave the following report:

Not a great deal to report since November 18<sup>th</sup>. We continue to have virtual meetings of committees and Council using the Zoom platform.

Since I last reported to the Parish Council the three service committees have met and agreed their draft budgets for 21/22.

(That is Community Services & Licensing, Housing, and Environment committees.)

The main committee, Strategy & Resources will meet on January 28th to agree its budget and consider those other budgets I mentioned, in the light of clarification from government regarding Local Authority funding.

Full Council will meet on February 25th, and I expect the District Council element of Council Tax to be raised by the maximum allowed, 2%

Last meeting of the calendar year

On behalf of myself and Councillors Julie Job and Keith Pearson I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and the very best for 2021, which is going to be quite challenging!

- b. Chairman.** The Chairman extended his thanks to all of the Councils Staff, its Members and the Parishioners for all of their hard work and support during the year, wishing everyone a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.
  - i. New Drive.** The Chairman reported upon recent non sanctioned works undertaken on several trees along New Drive, he reported that this matter was being investigated, but was hopeful that the trees will recover.
  - ii. Parish Office.** The Chairman advised that the Parish Office will remain closed as per current Covid restrictions, however email and telephone calls will be answered and that this service will remain in place throughout the Christmas period.
- c. Clerk.** The Clerk reported that the Councils apprentice Lucas Edney has passed his NVQ practical test and now only needs to complete a theory test in order to complete his apprenticeship. The Clerk also reported upon the work that he is currently undertaking in regards to the Community Support Group.
- d. Councillors.** Cllr Andy Cash updated the Council on several ongoing traffic issues in Slad.

Cllr Abigail Smith reported upon the Highways Communication Hub which has been set up to provide information on the A46 road closure.

Cllr James Cross reported upon a recent Climate Action Group meeting that he recently attended.

## **5. TO AGREE TO RENEW THE LOCAL COUNCILS GOLD ACCREDITATION**

The Council unanimously agreed to renew its Gold Accreditation.

## **6. FINANCE APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS**

- a. To approve the Accounts for payment.** The accounts schedule for payment was presented for payment: and approved by the Council noting and approving the grant to the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group.

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**7. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE WOODLAND TRUST**

The Council discussed the request at length and felt that it needed more detailed information before giving the matter further consideration and accordingly agreed to defer this item until its January 2021 Meeting.

**8. STAFF HOLIDAYS TO DISCUSS AND AGREE OPTIONS**

In accordance with Local Government legislation the Council agreed to allow its staff to carry forward 1 week's holidays over for the next 2 years and agreed to further review this matter.

**9. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**Wednesday 20<sup>TH</sup> January 2021 via Zoom at 7.30pm.**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.53 PM**