

MINUTES OF A PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD REMOTELY ON WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY
2021 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 Rosie Nash
Cllr Abigail Smith

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

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

The Council accepted apologies from Cllr 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 20 JANUARY 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:
“Elections - It has been confirmed that local elections will proceed as scheduled on May 6th. For us this will be for District Council, County Council and the Police & Crime Commissioner. Plans are being made for “Covid secure” polling stations and changed procedures. I am sure even more people will be using postal votes this year.

Council Tax: At Strategy and Resources Committee on February 11th the Administration presented its budget and recommended to Council an increase in Council Tax of the maximum allowed, which is £5 per annum for a Band D property. This applies to the District Council proportion of Council Tax, The County Council were meeting today to consider their budget for 20/21 and CT increase of 4.75% (being 1.99% Council Tax and 2.76% Adult Social Care Levy).

Canal Restoration: Next week Development Control Committee will consider a planning application regarding Brimscombe Port, the demolition of the industrial estate and various infrastructure enabling works, in order to progress the restoration of the canal basin, and associated developments”

- b. Chairman:** The Chairman reported that the Council will give consideration to the War Memorial and its surrounds in future meetings. He advised that the MP will attend the March Council Meeting and finally he updated the Council on the felling of the Ash trees on the Recreation Ground.
- c. Clerk:** The Clerk updated the Council on the Staffs employment during the current lockdown, he report that its Junior Handyman has now been awarded his NVQ and finally he advised that the Government are now permitting face to face Council meetings after the 7th May 2021.
- d. To receive a report from the Painswick Community Support Group:** Cllr Abigail Smith updated the Council on the efforts being undertaken by the Community Support Group.
- e. To receive a report on the recent Land and Buildings Committee Meeting:** Cllr Rosie Nash the Chairman of the Land and Buildings Committee advised that there was nothing to report.
- f. Councillors:**
 - Cllr Martin Slinger reported his concerns about speeding along Whiteshill Road.
 - Cllr Andy Cash asked if the Grit bins in Slad could be replenished, it was agreed that he will ascertain the grit bin numbers in order that a request can be made to County Highways to have tem replenished.
 - Cllr Ian James detailed concerns about speeding in Sheepscombe around the Jacks Green area and asked for an extension of the 20 MPH speed limit. Cllr Abigail Smith advised that this was unlikely to be achievable given the costs involved, however she will investigate short terms temporary signage measures.
 - Cllr Rob Lewis advised that he has received an email from a resident of Gloucester Street in which he was concerned about his property being damaged by the Highway drainage, it was agreed that Cllr Abigail Smith will investigate further.

- Cllr James Cross asked why so many trees have been felled alongside the A46, the Clerk advised that they have been felled by County Highways due to ash dieback and that a replanting scheme is in place.

5. TO DISCUSS THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS AND TO OFFER POTENTIAL COUNCILLORS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND A VIRTUAL Q&A SESSION ON THE ROLE OF BEING A PARISH COUNCILLOR:

The Council agreed that the Clerk and Deputy will run a Zoom Meeting on Wednesday 24th March at 6pm to speak with potential candidates about the role and also offer informal conversations for those that can't make the Zoom meeting.

6. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A PROTOCOL TO UNDERTAKE THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

The Council considered various options and agreed to defer a decision until more clarity is provided by Central Government in regards to Public Meeting protocol.

7. FINANCE:

- a. To approve the Accounts for payment.** The accounts schedule for payment was presented for payment.
- b. To appoint Mr Ian Crowe FCA as the Internal Auditor for the Year Ended 31 March 2021.** The Council agreed to appoint Mr Crowe as its internal auditor.

8. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 17 March 2021 at 7.30pm.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING
CLOSED AT 8.43pm**