

**PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7.30 P.M. – IN  
PAINSWICK TOWN HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Martin Slinger (Chairman)  
Cllr Ann Daniels  
Cllr James Cross  
Cllr Mike Fletcher  
Cllr Rob Lewis  
Cllr Abigail Smith

**In attendance:** 1 Member of the Press  
District Councillor Nigel Cooper  
1 Member of the Public

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Mr David Allott raised his concerns in that in his opinion the Parish Council has not given due consideration to the future housing needs for Painswick. The Council rebutted this assertion stating that it had given fair and due consideration to the future housing needs in its response to the Stroud District Council Emerging Local Plan.

**1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Council accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs Dawn Dart, Roey Parker, Ed Crownshaw, Ian James and Stephen Tye.

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

Cllr Martin Slinger declared an interest in Agenda Item 8a.

**3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018.**

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

**4. MATTERS OF URGENCY**

There were none.

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

The Clerk reported that Councillor Keith Rippington is currently unable to undertake his duties but is expected to resume them again in March.

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

Councillor Nigel Cooper gave the following report:

### **“Council Tax**

Stroud District Council meets tomorrow to formally set the tax rates for next financial year. We have to wait until all the other precepting bodies have agreed their budgets. Gloucestershire County Council agreed its budget 13/2/19 at just over £57m, increasing the band D rate by 4.99% (that's 2.99% council tax and 2% Adult Social Care levy). Police & Crime Commissioner's budget results in an increase from last year of 10.6%, and the District Council precept will result in a 2.99% increase. The Parish & Town Councils precept increases vary from place to place, but the average across the district is 5.93%. (Painswick Parish Council precept rose from £102,662 to £105,740 an increase of 2.98%).

The overall result is that a Band D property in Painswick will pay a total Council Tax of £1810.27 (last year £1717.13), 5.4% increase

### **Local Plan**

Public consultation has now finished, and we await feedback. However, it is not too late for residents to make representations, particularly if that involves proposals for additional sites.

### **Waste & recycling – quite an achievement**

Stroud District is the best recycler in England. The recycling rate has 2017/18 rose to 61.2%, (it was 31% in 15/16 before new system was introduced). Even more importantly the amount of residual waste going to landfill was just 259kgs per household, the smallest of any Local Authority in England. Why are we so good? No single reason, a combination of factors such as allowing plastic bags for kitchen waste (collected weekly), wheelie bins for residual waste much smaller than for recycling (140 litres as opposed to 240), and of course a very committed population.

The only negative is a financial one, with the whole scheme costing over £500k more than budget.”

## **7. TO CONSIDER A GRANT REQUEST FROM SHEEPSCOMBE SCHOOL TOWARDS A PHOTO VOLTAIC ARRAY FOR THE SCHOOL.**

The Council agreed in principle to a grant of £1,000.00 towards cost of the photovoltaic array but agreed to further consider the budget allocation during its next meeting when hopefully the Ward Councillors will be present.

## **8. RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER REPORTS**

### **a. To agree payments in accordance with the budget as listed in the attached report.**

Cllr Martin Slinger declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussions. The Council approved the accounts for payment.

**b. To appoint Mr Ian Crowe FCA as the Councils Internal Auditor for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.**

The Council agreed to appoint Mr Crowe as its Internal Auditor for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

**9. WARD REPORTS**

**a. Catswood Lane.** Cllr Abigail Smith reported upon the details of correspondence received from Mr Nick Berry from Elcome in respect to the sought reduction to 20mph on Catswood Lane, Elcome, and specifically the Parish Councils support for GCC policies, it is the Councils understanding that there are (at least) two sorts of policies - technical and funding. Implementation of any works will only ever be permitted if the technical case is made, which ensures consistent application across the county. Where the technical case is made but it is not considered high priority by GCC then seek alternative funding mechanisms (policies) can be applied such as 50:50 local community: GCC. The Parish Council supports all GCC policies but are not clear if the technical case to reduce the speed to 20mph on Catswood Lane has been proven and the Traffic Committee will investigate this aspect.

**10. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES**

**a. Edge Ward Meeting.** The Chairman reported the details of a recent Edge Ward Meeting which he attended along with Cllr Abigail Smith and the Clerk.

**b. Inaugural Business Breakfast Meeting.** Cllr James Cross reported upon the Inaugural Business Breakfast Meeting which he attended along with Cllrs Dawn Dart and Rosie Nash.

**c. Tennis / Bowls Meeting.** The Chairman reported attending a recent meeting.

**d. Annual Meeting with SDC.** The Chairman reported attending the Annual Meeting with Cllr Ann Daniels.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.20 PM**