

PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL
The Town Hall Victoria Square Painswick Glos GL6 6QA

MINUTES OF A RURAL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD VIA ZOOM
on Wednesday 28th October 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr James Cross Chairman
 Cllr Ann Daniels
 Cllr Roey Parker
 Cllr Martin Slinger
 Mr Terry Parker

AGENDA

1. To note apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Rosie Nash and Abigail Smith.

2. Declaration of interests in items on the agenda.

There were none.

3. To confirm the Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 4th September 2019.

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Plantation – To receive an update; including information on Ash Tree Dieback.

The Chairman reported that Cllr Martin Slinger and himself had a site visit to the Plantation 17 October and noted large numbers of dead or dying ash trees. Cllr Cross advised that they need to be felled by chainsaw, there were too many to count but estimate 200. None of them was too large for the ground staff to fell, but the number of them may mean we need outside help. The Committee agreed that the ground staff should undertake the task and that external contract support should be provided if necessary.

5. To receive an update on the Cotswold Conservation Board Gateway Project.

The Chairman advised that the Gateways project is ready to be completed and that the Committee asked to review the final draft before production. The Committee agreed to the draft subject to the revised Parish Council logo being incorporated.

6. To receive a report on the path across Juniper Hill.

The Chairman and Cllr Martin Slinger met the landowner in the spring and he agreed to a path across his land, subject to a cross-gate to allow his livestock to move between fields. The Committee discussed this proposal and agreed a course of action that needed to be undertaken before further progression is made.

7. To consider signage with Natural England.

It was advised that the signage has now been erected on the Beacon.

8. To consider leaving grass cutting to late in the season, where possible to aid bio-diversity.

The Committee discussed this point and agreed that the Chairman and Apprentice Groundsman will produce a report considering all of the parish land for further consideration by the Committee.

9. To consider replacing the posts by the Walkers Car Park.

It was reported that the posts have been replaced recently.

10. To consider locations where we can or can encourage more trees to be planted.

The Committee discussed this point and agreed that the Chairman and Apprentice Groundsman will produce a report considering all of the parish land for further consideration by the Committee.

11. To note any new issues requiring attention.

MPA 66/5. Cllr Ann Daniels reported that a gate has been installed along this footpath and asked for further advice upon its legitimacy from the PROW Officer.

12. To receive an update on the Finances.

The Chairman reported that the accounts reflect a balance of £4,475.43.

13. Date of next meeting

To be arranged.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.43 pm