

PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

RURAL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ABOVE COMMITTEE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.45PM**

Present: Cllr Ann Daniels (Chairman)
Cllr Roey Parker
Cllr Martin Slinger
Honorary Freeman Mr Terry Parker

Also Present: Terry Fenton
Richard Watson
Cllr Rob Lewis

Presentation: From Richard Watson of the Cotswold Conservation Board on the Cotswold Gateway project.

Mr Watson gave a comprehensive outline of the proposals for an application from the European Growth Fund; to encourage tourism.

Summary:

- To support local tourism businesses, especially encourage greater use out of season.
- To create several new walking and/or cycling routes
- To provide maps and an interpretation board with the new routes
- Will assist with the initial servicing of new routes

The Parish Council will be expected to adopt the Interpretation Board and only limited resources will be provided for on-going footpath maintenance.

1. TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs James Cross, Steve Morris and Abigail Smith.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL 2017.

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED BY THE AGENDA

a. Kissing Gates – work undertaken/planned by the Cotswold Wardens

The wardens have installed two gates at Dorey's Mill and plan to install more at Highfold Farm and Skinners Mill. They have also been asked to consider installing gates between Brookhouse Mill and Loveday Mill. The Cotswold Wardens have requested that Painswick Parish Council commit to funding at least one of the gates; The Clerk has confirmed that this is acceptable as approval for installing at least two kissing gates per annum has already been agreed.

5. TO CONSIDER ANY ACTIONS RESULTING FROM THE PRESENTATION ON THE COTSWOLD GATEWAY PROJECT.

The Committee agreed to recommend to full Council; to write a letter to the Cotswold Conservation Board, in support of the application for funding.

A working group to be set up to identify 3 or 4 possible new walking or cycling routes. Group to include Cllr Ann Daniels, Cllr Roey Parker and Honorary Freeman Mr Terry Parker and to also invite Alan Fielder, Margaret Radway and Roydon Hales.

To then liaise with the Cotswold Wardens to walk the routes identified and access any works required.

Finally, consult with local businesses and request they also write letters of support to the Cotswold Conservation Board.

6. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FOR WORK IN THE PLANTATION.

Terry Fenton gave an update on the Management Plan for the Plantation and the requirements for the new grant funding (the application has already been submitted).

Work required includes, a thinning of trees, felling of non-native trees and pest control management. Evidence including photos must be recorded to prove that the plan is being adhered to.

7. TO NOTE ANY NEW ISSUES REQUIRING ATTENTION / UPDATES.

- a.** Cotswold Way at Jenkins Farm. Middle step requires attention.
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- b.** Jacks Green. Cotswold Warden are going to see whether it is feasible for them to cut the green.
- c.** Hayes Green to Doreys (MPA 28 – 17). Footpath sign has been erased and turned around. Requires reporting to the Public Rights of Way Officer. **CLERK**
- d.** MPA 135 on the golf course/Beacon. Proposal to divert the Bridleway – objection was submitted but no further details have been received.
- e.** Catbrain Quarry. Clearance work is required but has not yet been carried out.
- f.** Cattle on Painswick Beacon. There are currently 5 Gloucester Cattle in the Paddock behind the cemetery.
- g.** Boxing Day Walk. Will be led by Margaret Radway.

8. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE FINANCES.

The Clerk reported the Finances from the Plantation Account is £4,015.82.

A further £500 will continue to be added to the Plantation Account each year and £500 for Footpath Improvements (to provide new kissing gates).

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TBA.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.50pm.