

PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

RURAL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ABOVE COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.30PM

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

Also Present: Cllr Abigail Smith, Brad Blaker and Neil Christopher (Cotswold Wardens)

Public Time

Neil from the Cotswold Wardens updated the Committee on the work they have carried out in the area and thanked the Committee for their continued support.

The Chairman then wished to record the Committees sincere thanks to all the work carried out by the Cotswold Wardens as volunteers and pledged to continue to support them where possible.

1. TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Edd Crownshaw and Dawn Dart.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH 2019.

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

4. PLANTATION – TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE

The Chairman reported that the Council were working with Terry Fenton to the Management Plan (which covers from 2013 – 2033 and was last reviewed in 2018) that is in place. Works include thinning out, removal of Sycamore and leaving dead wood to provide habitat.

Cllr Ann Daniels reported that Mark Hemming, the Senior Arborist at Stroud District Council kindly inspected the Plantation and remarked on how well it was being managed. He recommended that some squirrel damaged tree be felled and left in habitat piles; the work can be carried out by the Handyman.

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The Clerk reported that concern has been raised with regards to an increase in cyclist using the Plantation.

5. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE COTSWOLD CONSERVATION BOARD GATEWAY PROJECT.

The Committee Members were sent out correspondence from the Cotswold Conservation Board with proposed Maps/Walks prior to the meeting requesting feedback. Neil updated the Members on the work carried out and a few tasks still to complete.

A few typo's were noted but the Committee were very pleased with the Maps and Noticeboard proposals. The Chairman once again thanked the Cotswold Wardens for undertaking the work for the walks and the Cotswold Conservation Board for making this possible.

6. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE, SUBJECT TO RECREATION GROUND TRUSTEES APPROVAL, THE SETTING UP OF A CONSERVATION AREA ON THE RECREATION GROUND.

A dead area adjacent to the Tennis Courts is proposed to be planted with wildflowers, details on how to achieve this were circulated to the Members prior to the meeting.

The Committee will recommend to Full Council that approval is given to the setting up of a Conservation Area with a budget of up to £250.

(Cllr Rosie Nash departed).

7. TO NOTE ANY NEW ISSUES REQUIRING ATTENTION.

a. Green Infrastructure Information Evening (Stroud District Council) – it was agreed to reserve a place. **CLERK**

b. Paradise – stile needs to be replaced. Cotswold Wardens will seek permission to replace with a kissing gate.

c. Damsells Cross – stile needs to be replaced. Cotswold Wardens will seek permission to replace with a kissing gate.

8. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE FINANCES.

The Clerk reported the Finances for the Plantation Account is £4245.43.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – tba.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.15 pm.