

**PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7.30 P.M. – IN  
PAINSWICK TOWN HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Ann Daniels (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr Edd Crownshaw  
Cllr Ian James  
Cllr Mike Fletcher  
Cllr Rob Lewis  
Cllr Abigail Smith

**In attendance:** 3 Members of the Public  
1 Member of the Press  
District Councillor Nigel Cooper  
County Councillor Keith Rippington

**Presentation from Peter Tiley – New Neighbourhood Warden**

Due to an unforeseen operational requirement the Neighbourhood Warden was unable to attend the meeting.

**1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Council accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs James Cross, Roey Parker and Martin Slinger.

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

There were none.

**3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018.**

The Minutes were approved and signed.

**4. MATTERS OF URGENCY**

There were none.

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

County Councillor Keith Rippington updated the Council on the recent resurfacing works on the A46, he advised that the incorrect yellow line were used and that this error was that of the County Council and not the contractors, he further advised that given the cost and possible damage to the highways to install the correct linage the Council were not prepared to do so. The Parish Council expressed its dissatisfaction at this and agreed to write asking for a reconsideration of this decision given the negative visual impact in the Village.

Cllr Rippington also updated the Council on the proposed A46 / A4173 safety scheme advising that a large copy of the design plans are available in the Parish Office. Finally, Cllr Rippington updated the Council on a recent County Council meeting that he had attended.

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

District Councillor Nigel Cooper gave the following report:

"There are just two items I wish to draw your attention to this month.

### CHANGES AT SDC

In August SDC Councillors appointed a new Chief Executive , Kathy O'Leary, to replace David Hagg who is retiring in October. Kathy is currently Deputy Chief Executive (Strategic Director of Resources) at Tandridge District Council in Surrey. Kathy original background was in planning.

Which neatly leads onto my second item :-

### PLANNING

As you know SDC was the first Council in Gloucestershire to adopt a Local Plan (LP), that was in November 2016. At that time it was agreed that the LP should be reviewed every 5 years, that process has already started. The Government have made several pronouncements regarding planning and have set a target of 300,000 new homes to be built per year. Current figures vary depending on which statistics you look at , and whether its "starts" or "completions", 150,000-175000 , a considerable increase whichever way. A new national standard method for calculating housing numbers has been announced. This means that our revised plan must make provision for an additional 5698 (minimum) new homes across the district during the new plan period (2020-2040). Our current plan calls for 456 per annum, the new figure equates to 638. There are currently existing permissions for 5761 dwellings, and another 1301 allocated to sites , awaiting planning permission. The net result is that we have to find land to accommodate at least another 5698 homes.

This will be subject of intense debate and consultation about the various options open to us over the next 2 years, our new LP draft must be submitted for examination and public enquiry by the end of 2020.

The "Preferred Options Strategy" was presented to Environment Committee last week and should be going out for public consultation next month. Committee actually delayed process for a month because it was felt that not enough consideration had been given to the "dispersal option" for new development.

The full strategy may be found n the SDC website : Council & Democracy/ Meetings/ Environment Committee September 13th 2018, and its item 8 on the agenda , commencing on P21. There is an overview explaining that the new strategy has come from the "Issues & Options " public consultation in October 2017. The new local plan will run from 2020-2040, but there are many hurdles to get over before it is adopted and approved.

There is also a section on the SDC website dedicated to the Local Plan Review : Environment/Planning & Building Control/ Planning Strategy. This contains the report on the Issues & Options consultation.

The strategy is 89 pages long. I recommend reading P 1-36 , (of the strategy not the meeting papers) then turning to the section that deals with Painswick (the Cotswold Cluster) from P 91. The only site identified in the strategy for Painswick is PA1, Washwell Fields 20 dwellings and open space.

As with the Issues and Options there will be widespread public consultation on the Preferred Strategy. Residents can reply individually and also attend the public consultation meetings to register their views”

Cllr Nigel Cooper also updated the Council on the Waste review advising of a 78k overspend. He advised that the review will also include the collection of the garden waste and the current situation whereby new residents have to go on a waiting list to be in the scheme.

## **7. TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION TO FILL THE VACANCY PAINSWICK (SLAD) WARD.**

The Chairman advised that the Council had received one application for Co-Option from Mr Stephen Tye the members then unanimously agreed to Co-opt Mr Tye to the Council.

## **8. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE DISTRICT COUNCIL CAR PARK REVIEW.**

The Clerk reported that the District Councils parking review has now been suspended, the Clerk advised that he has written to the Council Leader on behalf of the Council expressing its concerns regarding this decision and advised that the Council Leader, Cllr Doina Cornell has been invited to the October Parish Council to discuss the Council's concerns.

## **9. RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER REPORTS**

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

The Council approved the accounts for payment.

### **b. To note the completion of the External Audit.**

The Council took note of the comments made and extended its thanks to the RFO and Deputy Clerk.

## **10. WARD REPORTS**

**a. A46 / A4173 Junction Improvement Scheme.** Cllr Abigail Smith reported upon a recent meeting with County Highways at which the plans were discussed, overall Cllr Smith expressed that it was a very good scheme given the difficulties at this junction, she advised that a few “tweaks” had been suggested and will be considered and that the draft plans will be available in the Parish Office.

**b. LED Street Lighting.** Cllr Mike Fletcher noted that the second rollout of the LED Lights in the Parish is due to commence in October 2018.

**c. Elcombe – The Vatch.** Cllr Ed Crownshaw reported upon a recent meeting with County Highways to discuss speeding concerns, he upon several options, with the preferred option costing 10k, and that if this scheme was to progress it would need at least 50 per cent match funding, the Council agreed to defer this matter to its traffic committee for further consideration.

**d. Firworks.** Cllr Rob Lewis reported upon a recent firework event in the village which has caused distress to animal owners. The Council agreed that the Clerk will investigate the legal position regarding pyrotechnics for further consideration by the Council.

**e. Fibre Optics – Sheepscombe.** Cllr Ian James reported upon the road closures and disruptions being caused in Sheepscombe by the laying of the fibre optic cables.

**f. Plantation.** The Chairman reported that a dead Beech tree in the Plantation needs felling.

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

**a. Gyde Almhouses.**

Cllr Ann Daniels reported attendance at a Gyde Almhouses meeting.

**b. GAPTC AGM.**

Mr Terry Parker reported attendance at the GAPTC AGM.

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018, IN PAINSWICK TOWN HALL.**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2043 PM**