

PAWLETT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Pawlett Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Old Main Road, Pawlett on Monday, 15th July 2019, commencing at 7pm.
(in the format to be presented to the next meeting for approval)

Present:

Cllrs W Barnard, A Warner, J Kingman, A Baker, M Thomas and M Smith
C Morrison-Jones (clerk)
4 x members of the public

Public Speaking:

- In April 2013 the PC planted 4 commemorative trees. Suckers on these trees need removing to ensure that the trees continue to thrive, and a parishioner volunteered to do this. Councillors agreed and thanked the parishioner for offering to take on the task.
- Cllr AB reported that she had been approached by a parishioner who wished to donate a memorial bench to go on The Green. They have asked would the PC to arrange this on their behalf, and they will foot the bill. AB offered to investigate further in regard to prices and will report back to the PC at the September meeting

1. To receive any apologies for absence and disclosures of interest

No apologies of absence

WB declared an interest in agenda item 9 b iii, planning application 41/19/00011

2. County and District Councillor Reports

A report from SCC Cllr M Healey was circulated

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th June 2019 to be presented and signed.

Councillors resolved that the minutes represented a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the Chair

4. Casual Vacancies on the Parish Council

There is still one vacancy on the parish council available to be filled immediately and any interested parties are invited to contact the PC chair or the clerk for further information. AB offered to post details of the vacancy on the 'Pawlett Village Life' Facebook page.

5. Any Matters Arising from the minutes not covered by agenda items below.

None

6. Community Shop – update

MT reported that a survey has been circulated to the village. There is to be steering

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committee meeting on Thursday where the results of the survey will be discussed. The Pavilion have offered space in their car park for a porta cabin if the surrounding vegetation is cleared so that the number of cars that can be accommodated isn't compromised. Councillors agreed to keep the shop as a regular agenda item going forward so that progress can be monitored.

7. Roads and Footpaths:

a) Update on previously reported issues

Highways have confirmed that the Post Office sign on the A38 will be removed

b) Access road running alongside the Green

WB reported that he has obtained one additional quote so far for complete resurfacing, at a cost of £4400 (+VAT).

He will attempt to gain the other quote in time for the September meeting

c) Signage request following accident in Chapel Road

After an incident in Chapel Road where a car demolished the gate, post and fence of a private residence (reported to the police) the PC has been approached to see if the existing speed limit of 60mph could be re-visited or if any warning signage could be erected.

Councillors requested that the clerk write to Highways saying that an incident that was recorded by police and requesting that a sign be erected to warn of sharp bend

d) Any other matters relating to roads and footpaths in the parish

i) The PC has received a concerned message from a parishioner regarding the overgrown nature of the pavement/footpath running along the A38 from Old Main Road to Manor Road. Clerk to report to Highways

ii) Parking is still an ongoing issue at the junction of Monmouth Farm Close and Old Main Road, opposite the hairdressers. It was note that this problem is an ongoing issue that the PC has attempted to address previously.

Councillors resolved to raise the issue again with the PCSO and SCC Highways.

Additionally, to ask SCC Cllr Healey if the Small Highways Improvement Scheme funding is available and if he could use it to raise funding to solve the issue.

8. Playground and Outdoor Gym:

a) Routine playground and outdoor gym inspections

AW reported that he had examined the area of matting raised in the annual inspection report and believes that to lift and reseal it would cause more damage. It was agreed to monitor the matting for any further deterioration.

b) Any other matters relating to the playgrounds or outdoor gym

None

9. Planning Matters

a) Previously considered planning applications – updates

i) Application 41/18/00026.

Outline application with some matters reserved for the erection of 9 No. Self Build dwellings. Land to the west of, Manor Park, Pawlett. GRANTED on 14.6.19

ii) Application 41/19/00006

Temporary erection of a timber lodge to be used as a key workers dwelling for a fish farming enterprise. Land At, Seymour Lakes, Sloway Lane, Stretcholt. WITHDRAWN

iii) application 41/19/00008

Approval of reserved matters, for the erection of 3 dwellings, parking and alterations to access (existing dwelling to be demolished). 20 Pound Road, Pawlett GRANTED on 14.6.19

b) Consider Planning Applications:

i) SCC/3627/2019

Variation of condition 3 (waste storage) of planning permission 3/32/16/018 to allow the importation of size-reduced Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) skips from Magnox's Oldbury, Sizewell 'A' and Dungeness 'A' sites to Hinkley Point 'A' for interim storage at the on-site Interim Storage Facility (ISF)

Hinkley Point A - Intermediate Level Waste Storage Facility, Nr Bridgwater, Somerset TA5 1YA GRID REF 320834 146086

AW noted that should this really happen? It should have been taken into account for the other plants at the time of their construction. This application takes up about 5% of Hinkley's storage capacity. Hinkley needs the other 95% itself for its own waste

Councillors resolved to OBJECT to this application because it shouldn't be taken as a precedent for any future imports of other sites waste

ii) SCC/3628/2019

Variation of condition 3 (waste encapsulation) of planning permission 3/32/17/005 to allow the importation of size-reduced Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) skips from Magnox's Oldbury, Sizewell 'A' and Dungeness 'A' sites to Hinkley Point 'A' for encapsulation at the on-site Waste Encapsulation Plant

Hinkley Point A - Encapsulation Plant, Nr Bridgwater, Somerset TA5 1YA GRID REF 320834 146086

Councillors resolved to OBJECT to this application for the same reasons as given to application SCC/3627/2019

*WB left the meeting at this point due to a declared pecuniary interest
AW (Vice-chair) took chair of the meeting in the absence of WB*

iii) 41/19/00011

Retrospective application for the erection of a detached dwelling with a double integrated garage and office/study room above.

The House, Keward Farm, River Road, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4SE

Councillors noted that 'The House' had been built too large for the planning permission that had been granted, but it is now there. As there had originally been planning permission granted that is the 'fall back position' that could be reverted to if this application fails as it falls within the 10 year 'breach of conditions' rules.

Councillors resolved to unanimously support this application: it is unfortunate that there has been allowed to be a clear breach of planning permission but in the circumstance the PC feels it has no other option but to agree to this application

WB returned to the meeting and re-took the chair

iv) 41/19/00010

Application for the Prior Approval of the proposed change of use from Shop (Use Class A1) to Dwelling

1 Gaunts Road, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4SF

Councillors resolved to support. The owners have tried to make a living from the shop but have failed due to lack of support/income. They have also tried to sell the property as a shop but couldn't. Councillors therefore felt that the applicants have tried their best to make a shop financially viable before this application.

c) Possible planning breaches in the parish

None

d) Any other planning related matters notified to Clerk in advance of the meeting.

It was observed that SDC had breached data protection regulations by publishing un-redacted planning documents on their planning portal. The PC had notified SDC of the data breach and the relevant documents have been removed. SDC have launched an investigation as to how this data breach occurred and will inform the PC of the results of their investigation in due course

10. Consider the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue 'Safer Together' Consultation

Even though the PC specifically request someone to attend the meeting (as offered to PC in the consultation documents) to answer questions, councillors were disappointed that no attendance was forthcoming to explain to the parish the proposed reductions and their potential impact. Councillors resolved to comment that any reduction is not good for and they have concerns about any cuts.

11. Consider the consultation into the proposed dredging of the River Parrett between Stathe and Burrowbridge.

WB informed councillors that it will have no impact on Pawlett (positive or negative). Councillors agreed to support the dredging, even if not directly impacting Pawlett. Somerset levels and moors are a man-made system and needs maintaining in a method that preserves property and life

12. To Receive Reports from Members of any Meetings attended as a representative of the parish council

MS and JK attended SALC councillor training last Monday

4 members of public left the meeting at this point

13. Financial Matters.

a) Bank reconciliation for approval

Councillors resolved to approve the bank reconciliation, dated 31.5.19, of £45,421.95. £1,484.69 of this balance is held in reserved funds

b) Consider CAB grant request

The CAB offers a valuable service to many Pawlett parishioners. Councillors resolved to grant £50

c) Consider awarding of Burial Grants for 2019/20

AB declared an interest in this matter (Methodist Chapel)

The remaining councillors resolved to award a grant of £310 to the Methodist Chapel and £620 to the PCC (St Johns'). Councillors requested feedback from both organisations on the use of these grants and hoped that a representative from each organisation might be able to attend the September PC meeting to talk to the PC

d) Approve payment of creditors.

Clerks Salary, July 2019	£420.30
Clerk's expenses & reimbursements	£148.79
Green energy, electricity on the Green (June 2019)	£9.63
SALC, training x 2	£50.00
CAB Bridgwater, Grant	£50.00
Pawlett Methodist Chapel, Grant	£310.00

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PCC, Grant	£620.00
As there is no PC meeting scheduled for August, the following payments were also authorised for August	
Clerk's Salary, Aug 2019	£420.30
Green Energy, electricity on the Green (July 2019)	unknown as yet

e) Receipts received

None

f) Any other financial matters notified to the Clerk

The clerk reported that NatWest have confirmed that the bank mandate submitted in June has now been actioned; removing C Clark & H Smith and adding M Smith, A Warner and M Thomas as signatories to the PC account

14. Circulated Correspondence

- 1) CPRE: CPRE Campaign Update
- 2) Avon & Somerset Police: Local Crime Report
- 3) SALC: Sedgemoor Standards Committee Vacancy
- 4) Sedgemoor DC:
 - a) Rural Housing Week
 - b) The Sedgemoor Conversation
- 5) Hinkley Point B: June 2019 Report
- 6) Hinkley Point C: June Update
- 7) Somerset Waste Partnership: June 2019 Briefing

15. Topics for Future Meetings.

New bench on green
Consider CiLCA training for clerk and the benefits of the Power of General Competence to PPC

16. Date and time of the next meeting –16th September 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall, Old Main Road, Pawlett.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.12