

# 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, 17<sup>th</sup> June 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, M Smith  
C Morrison-Jones (clerk)  
5 x members of the public

## Public speaking

### BCA application

- Location plan doesn't comply with planning legislation – no scale & no adjoining properties shown. Car compound not shown as owned by BCA
- Application shows not visible from public road – it is
- Pond – not belonging to neighbour and they have disregarded crested newt etc that reside in there, even though mentioned in the BCA ecology report
- Already a lot of noise, auctions most days
- Residents don't want them to stop their business, just to be considerate to local residents
- Not sustainable in terms of employment
- 2 other depots have been closed to allow expansion of this one
- Development is creeping up on Pawlett
- Lighting- 40 lux (office standard is 50 lux). Unacceptable impact on neighbours
- Greenfield farmland (medium grazing quality) in current use will be taken out of use for this development. Surfacing land with tarmac reduces the ability of land to absorb water. Flood risk doc with application is incorrect-doesn't report all past flooding events. Rhyme is no longer maintained so unlikely to be able to cope with the run-off
- Destroys not improves biodiversity
- Increase in noise and pollution from engines/exhaust fumes
- Light pollution will be immense
- History of similar applications on site previously

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

None

### 2. County and District Councillor Reports

A report from SCC Cllr M Healey was circulated

AW has tried to contact SDC Cllr J Woodman but has had no response

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**3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 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. Notices advertising the vacancy have been placed on the website and noticeboards. Any interested parties are invited to contact the PC chair or the clerk.

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

None

**6. Roads and Footpaths:**

**a) Access road running alongside the Green**

WB and JK have identified two other companies to contact and will approach them for quotes

**b) Consider part funding request for parish strimmer volunteer**

The PC had received a request from SCC (Rights of Way) to contribute half the cost of training a parish volunteer for the Somerset Strimmer Project. The Somerset Strimmer Project own and lend out machines, some of which are shared between parishes.

Volunteers are trained in strimmer use and maintenance in a partnership between the County and Parish / Town Council. They are covered by the Council's public liability and personal accident insurance through signing a simple registration form.

A volunteer has expressed an interest in receiving training to take on strimming on rights of way within Pawlett and with their local knowledge they have already identified a number of paths that require seasonal vegetation clearance. The cost of this training to the PC would be approx. £65 + VAT

Councillors resolved to support the request to fund half the training costs

**c) Consider signage to school**

The school have approached WB with concerns that the primary school is inadequately signed in the village.

Councillors resolved that the clerk to write to school offering PC support for their request To Highways for better directional signage.

It was also noted that the sign to the Post Office on the A38, adjacent to the Green, needs removing as the PO has now closed. The clerk was requested to contact Highways.

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

None

**7. Playground and Outdoor Gym:**

**a) Consider Annual Inspection Report**

Councillors agreed that WB pass the MUGA report to the Pavilion as the MUGA is not the responsibility of the PC

It was noted that all items were examined as either very low risk (no action required) or low risk, therefore no urgent actions were required.

AW offered to action the re-securing of the rubber tiles at the Green as noted in the report.

**b) Routine playground and outdoor gym inspections**

Done by AW

**c) Any other matters relating to the playgrounds or outdoor gym**

None

**8. Planning Matters****a) Updates on previously considered applications:****i) Application 41/19/00008**

20 Pound Road, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4RZ

Approval of reserved matters, for the erection of 3 dwellings, parking and alterations to access (existing dwelling to be demolished).

Since PPC submitted its response to SDC opposing this application due to the returned proposition of tandem parking, the applicant revised their application to allow for individual parking. PPC has therefore agreed with SDC to withdraw its objection to this application

**b) Consider Planning Application 41/19/00007**

British Car Auctions, Bristol Road, Walpole, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4TN

Change of use of land from agricultural to provide additional vehicle parking and storage, erection of fencing and 21 No. lighting columns. Erection of single storey extension to valet building for vehicle imaging.

The points raised in public speaking were echoed by councillors

- No business case provided for the additional parking
- No additional jobs will be created
- Does not reflect scale or character of the area
- Does not take into advice of environmental report
- Loss of habitat and valuable marshland grazing
- Increased water run off- exceeding recommended rates- will need buffering systems- no details shown in application
- Fails to consider contamination of flooded carpark-no protective bunding shown

Councillors UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to object to this application for the many reasons already stated. Clerk (in consultation with AW in regard to wording) to respond to SDC.

**c) Possible planning breaches in the parish**

None

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

None

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

None

**10. Financial Matters.****a) Annual Return – update**

The clerk reported that the Annual Return has been lodged with the External Auditors, PJK Littlejohn LLP. The notices displaying the dates of the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights, which run from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July, have been displayed on the website and parish noticeboards

**b) Approve payment of creditors.**

Clerks Salary, June 2019	£420.30
Clerk's expenses & reimbursements	£199.67
Green energy, electricity on the Green (May 2019)	£9.94
SDC, Lease of Playing Field	£170.00
SDC, Uncontested Election Fee	£200.00
SPFA, membership renewal	£15.00

**c) Receipts received**

17.6.19 Western Power Distribution, wayleave payment	£4.13
17.6.19 Noticeboards Online, compensation	£200.00

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**d) Any other financial matters notified to the Clerk**

Cllrs MS, MT and AW confirmed that they have submitted their forms to NatWest to enable them to be added as PC bank account signatories

**11. Circulated Correspondence**

- 1) The Blenheim Bomber Memorial Stone Dedication
- 2) CPRE: CPRE Campaigns
- 3) Avon & Somerset Police: Local Crime Report
- 4) Sedgemoor CAB: Funding request
- 5) Sedgemoor DC: Code of Conduct Training

**12. Topics for Future Meetings.**

Community store - update

**13. Date and time of the next meeting –15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall, Old Main Road, Pawlett.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19.48