

# PAWLETT PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting was held at the Village Hall, Old Main Road, Pawlett on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.00 pm.

(in the format to be submitted to the next meeting for approval as a correct record)

## **Present:**

Parish Councillors W Barnard, A Baker, M Neale, M Seabourne, C Clark, H Smith  
C Morrison-Jones (clerk).  
6 members of the public

## **Public Speaking Time:** Topics raised

- Chapel Road, ditch opposite site entrance has been filled in
- Chapel Road, new edging stones appears to have narrowed road width
- Chapel Road, splays at Springfield Close appear to be too small
- Chapel Road, hedge by new development has not yet been re-instated
- Finger Post sign at River Road needs repainting

## **76. Welcome by the Chairman.**

W Barnard (vice-chair) took the chair for this meeting in the absence of R Winter and welcomed all present

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

Apology of absence from Cllr R Winter.

## **78. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

Following an amendment to the presented minutes – item 61 b) the word ‘latches’ was changed to ‘springs’, the Minutes were then confirmed as a correct record and signed.

## **79. Matters Arising:**

### **a) Springfield Close**

The Chairman reported that Chapel road was now open to traffic again and that he would take the comments raised in public speaking regarding the development to the next site meeting.

M Neale remarked that the width of the new footpath seemed excessive and could encourage vehicles to use the path. The erection of bollards / a barrier to prevent this was suggested.

### **b) Playground Maintenance and repairs**

M Neale reported that the repairs to the ‘wet-pour’ surround had been completed and the additional swings outside the enclosed area at the Pavilion had been added to the Adam Barnett’s painting list. M Neale also reported that he will be replacing the gate springs on the enclosed area at the Pavilion shortly.

### **c) Christmas Tree on the Green**

C Clark confirmed a final price of £350 for the tree base. This was more than initially thought but the design had evolved somewhat and included galvanising. Dimensions of the base were 5 individual legs (5’ long & detachable) and a 2’ x 2’ square base. If ordered now it would be ready mid-November. It was agreed that C Clark proceed with the order on behalf of the Parish Council.

A Baker was authorised to proceed with ordering the tree with an anticipated collection date of 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> December. M Sims kindly agreed to ask the same people last year who transported the tree to the Green if they would be able to do it this year.

Carol singing around the tree was planned for 17<sup>th</sup> December

### **d) Any Other Matters arising not covered by agenda items below**

None

## **80. County and District Councillor's Reports.**

No reports provided. The clerk was requested to contact both Councillors and request a more frequent presence at meetings

## **81. Planning Matters**

### **a) Consider Planning Application 41/16/00011**

**Sloway Cottage, Stretcholt Lane, Stretcholt TA6 4SR**

**Erection of a single storey extension to rear elevation, partly on site of existing (to be demolished)**

Councillors noted that the proposed extension was not grossly enlarging the existing extension and was in keeping with surrounding development.

Resolved to support the application. Clerk to respond to Sedgemoor DC

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

None

## **82. To Receive Reports from Members of Meetings attended as representatives of the Parish Council.**

M Neale reported that he had attended the All Parish Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Topics discussed were budget formulation, traffic issues generated by Hinkley Point C and the Tidal Barrage and a reminder that Sedgemoor's legal department were available to assist if parishes suffered illegal camping by travellers.

## **83. Financial Matters.**

### **a) The following payments were approved:-**

- i. Clerk's salary October, chq 924, £298.47
- ii. The Post Office, Clerk's PAYE contributions, chq 925, £74.60
- iii. Clerk's expenses, chq 926, £48.60
- iv. Green Energy Plc, chq 927 (inc £0.27 VAT), £5.67

### **b) Any Other Financial Matters**

None

## **84. Roads and Footpaths**

### **a) Trees on the edge of the Green**

The Clerk reported that Sedgemoor Tree Services had been requested to carry out the tree survey and that it would be carried out in the first week of November, together with the preparation of a quote for work considered necessary.

### **b) Lippitts Lane**

The clerk reported that she had been assured by George Montague, Rights of Way Officer for SCC that the works would be completed by the previous Friday but at this point they had not even commenced. Clerk to chase with Mr Montague

### **c) Daffodils for the Parish**

As last year, daffodil bulbs have been allocated to Pawlett by Sedgemoor DC. They will be distributed as before: 1/3 to the Pavilion, 1/3 to the Village Hall, 1/3 to the British Legion

### **d) Any Other Matters relating to Roads and Footpaths in the Parish**

#### **i. Road narrowing of Chapel Road by Springfield Close**

The new curb stones appear to have narrowed the road substantially. It certainly would not be possible to fit two vehicles side by side. It has been mentioned by Highways that the solution may be to make the lower half of Chapel Road 'one way' to prevent congestion. To be discussed at the next meeting when more information is available

#### **ii. Finger Post at River Road**

W Barnard offered to examine the post to see if the metal was structurally sound and clarify if all that was required was re-painting

#### **iii. Size of splay at Springfield Close**

This would be taken to the next site meeting at the development

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Signed and Dated .....Chairman

**iv. Road markings – Junction of Old Main Road / Manor Road, Pound Road and Chapel Road.**

These markings have now been repainted. Whilst initially they appeared to have some effect, now it is reported that they are being ignored, even to the extent of a car parking in the hatched area. M Neale reported there have been paint marks on the road where a new curb may be installed? Clerk to confirm with Highways

**v. Red Lane and Sloway Lane**

More damage has been reported to the roads due to both road closures and the associated diversions and increase in traffic levels. Clerk reported that Highways had been informed. Clerk to write to Highways to raise concerns that two diversions were implemented at the same time

**85. Sundial on the Green - Update**

W Barnard apologise that he had no further update to report to the meeting

**86. Consider Response to Local Government Finance Settlement 2017/18**

The relevant document had been previously circulated to members and the clerk outlined the four points relevant to parish councils that required a response

- i. Should referendum principles be extended to large parish councils
- ii. Should referendum principles be extended to all parish councils
- iii. If referendum principles were to be extended, should devolved services be exempt from capping
- iv. Does the Parish Council have views on the practical implications if referendum principles were to be extended to all parish councils

After discussion it was agreed that the application of referendum principles to all parish councils was appropriate and fair except where there was an important capital project required. Whilst appreciated that the option of a referendum were possible to allow for this, it was felt that this was a heavy handed and expensive route to take and an alternative mechanism should be explored. Clerk to respond

**87. Correspondence to be circulated**

**1) Somerset County Council:**

- a) Planning application 1/41/16/013 Walpole Landfill Site. The construction and operation of a waste transfer station. To be considered at the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting
- b) Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2016- Vulnerable Children and Young People
- c) Somerset Libraries Service – withdrawing mobile stop at Chapel Road

**2) Sedgemoor District Council**

- a) Street Lighting plan, Springfield Close
- b) Somerset Health – an opportunity to get involved
- c) Correspondence to Parish Councils

**3) P&SRA, September minutes**

**4) CPRE**

Meeting of CRPE – Sedgemoor District

**5) Somerset Waste Partnership**

- a) September Monthly Briefing
- b) Save our Soil

**88. Topics for Future Meetings**

None

**89. Date and Time of next meeting**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 at 7pm

Meeting closed at 7.59pm

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