

# PAWLETT PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the meeting of Pawlett Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Old Main Road, Pawlett on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.00 pm

(in the format to be submitted for approval at the next meeting)

## **Present: Parish Councillors:**

R Winter (Chair), M Neale (Vice-chair), A Baker, C Clark and H Smith  
Clerk, C Morrison-Jones, together with 3 members of the public

## **Public speaking:**

- Bus. Regarding the suggestion to put a bollard by the bus stop – consider it is a bad idea. Thought that it would restrict the bus from turning in off highway properly and would irritate bus driver. Really don't want to lose the buses through the village. RW responded – the bollard idea was from Highways to stop buses cutting in across the junction but it needs some further thought....maybe just re-lining the junction may have a positive effect on bus drivers? Nothing has been decided as yet

## **1. Welcome by the Chairman.**

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

Apologies of absence from Cllr M Seabourne

## **3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 to be presented and signed.**

The previously circulated minutes were approved by councillors to be true and correct record of the 20<sup>th</sup> November meeting and were signed by the chairman

## **4. Matters Arising:**

### **a) & d) 'Path to no-where' / community land**

The clerk had written to Stonewater to ask if the £5,000 was still on offer. Stonewater had confirmed that it is, but only for the construction of a path or investigation towards the construction of a path-no other purpose. Councillors agreed that a meeting with Stonewater was fruitless unless the conditions attached to the offer of money are altered.

Highways are unsure why the path to no-where was extended past the end of the gardens- they weren't aware that it was due to be extended and Highways have no intent to adopt the extended path.

It is villagers taking a short cut, not outsiders, that are damaging the Pavilion's fence boundary with the path to no-where – this needs to be addressed otherwise the damage will continue to go on but it is unclear what would be effective in stopping the vandalism. Councillors again agreed that the PC must not take on an indeterminable liability with this path and land

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

The tree is up and the light turning on ceremony was a success, as were the carols around tree with 'Churches Together'. Thanks were given to councillors CC, WB & Colin Freeman for their help with putting up the tree and lights.

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### **c) Outdoor gym equipment**

MN reported that work had commenced on Tues 12<sup>th</sup>. On the weekend prior to that, MN met with the Pavilion & Sutcliffe Play and agreed on procedures to avoid damage to grass adjacent to the site during construction work.

The Pavilion have cut the hedge back in preparation and the concrete bases and rubber mulch are in place. Sutcliffe Play hope to finish installation by the end of this week. The haras fencing is going to remain in situ over the Christmas holiday period to allow the grass to settle and the permanent fencing (to include an additional gate between car park and gym site) is due to go up w/c 8<sup>th</sup> Jan,

### **e) Any other matters arising not covered by agenda items below.**

Scot Close: To recap-the PC received a letter of complaint from resident regarding a believed employee of SDC, Mr Knight. The PC wrote to CEO of SDC. A response from 'Homes in Sedgemoor' was sent to the resident concerned, not to PC who originally raised the complaint with SDC. Councillors agreed that the letter was unprofessional and a whitewash, which didn't answer the questions raised by the PC.

RW reported that he had visited the resident concerned and they are very upset: the response letter implies that one of the parties is not telling the truth, and they firmly believe that it is not them. The resident wishes PC to pursue this on her behalf and will provide written corroboration of the conversations held with Mr Knight.

The clerk was requested to write again to SDC to ask that the questions raised in the original letter are answered

## **5. County and District Councillor Reports**

None received

## **6. Planning Matters**

### **a) Consider planning application 41/17/00016**

22 Quantock Rise, Pawlett, Bridgwater, TA6 4SD

Erection of a single storey extension to SW elevation to form garage, on site of existing (to be demolished) and installation of dormer windows to SE and NW elevations.

Many houses in that road have already carried out similar work. HS pointed out that there was no flood risk assessment in the application paperwork the PC had received from SDC. Councillors resolved to support the application.

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

None

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

MN reported that he had attended the NW parishes cluster group meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> The meeting was poorly attended – the below issues were amongst those raised:

- Speeding featured prominently – checks through East Brent have not recorded significant speeding but possibly these speed checks are not being carried out at the correct times?
- SPARK – voluntary sector support service is looking for funding.
- Fly tipping was raised by MN. It was noted that it has become an increasing problem in the more rural parishes. Sedgemoor are aware of this problem
- Hinkley C now has over 2,500 workers on site every day.
- No update on tidal barrier.

## 8. Roads and Footpaths. Any matters relating to roads and footpaths in the Parish.

i) CC raised the issue of dog mess increasing. Hot spots are Old Main Road, the grass outside the Legion, Manor Road, the edge of path to no-where, the grass verge approaching the school.

Parishioners should be encouraged to report any fouling either to SDC or to RW who is prepared to report on their behalf. Clerk to talk to environmental team at SDC to enquire about more signage/what more can be done

ii) AB noted that Highways are doing a good job of the repairs on Sloway Lane & Red lane repairing the holes/damage to the verge and the edge of the road, taking the repairs well back from edge of the road.

## 9. Playground. Any matters relating to the playgrounds

MN reported that the responsibility of the gates and fencing of the playground at the Pavilion needs clarification. The Pavilion say it is not defined as their responsibility in the lease. The clerk was requested to forward copy of Pavilion lease to councillors to read through

## 10. Councillor ID cards

RW reported that the necessary software update had still not been released, so the programme to build ID cards still not functioning. To be carried over to a later meeting

*The 3 members of the public left the meeting at this point*

## 11. Financial Matters.

a) Approve payment of creditors.

Clerks Salary, December 2017	£384.40
HMRC	£2.20
Clerk's expenses & reimbursements	£174.93
Green energy, electricity on the Green	£5.67
R Winter - reimbursement for gratuities & Christmas Tree	£100.00

b) Receipts received

None

c) Any other financial matters notified to the Clerk in advance of the Meeting.

None

## 12. Correspondence – Clerk to report.

- 1) Somerset County Council:  
Connect at Christmas
- 2) Sedgemoor DC / Homes in Sedgemoor  
Correspondence regarding Scot Close
- 3) Wessex Regional Flood Group Strategy for 2017-21
- 4) Stonewater: correspondence regarding the path to no where
- 5) Suzanne Nesbit, PPC solicitor in regards to Community Land  
Correspondence regarding Highways stance on path adoption
- 6) Somerset Community Foundation  
Donating your winter fuel payment
- 7) Mendip Community Transport appeal
- 8) NHS
  - i) Healthy Weston
  - ii) Innovative hydration trial at Musgrove
  - iii) Self service kiosks at Musgrove
- 9) Somerset Waste Partnership
  - i) New website launch
  - ii) Briefing, November 2017

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- iii) Christmas waste
- 10) CPRE: Countryside Voice magazine
- 11) Correspondence from Parishioner

**13. Topics for Future Meetings.**

None

**14. Date and time of the next meeting – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Old Main Road, Pawlett.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8pm