

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, 18th February 2019,
commencing at 7pm.

(in the format to be presented to the next meeting for approval)

Present:

Cllrs H Smith, A Baker, C Clark, M Thomas and M Smith
C Morrison-Jones (clerk)
8 x members of the public
PCSO M Shaw

The clerk opened the meeting explaining that as apologies of absence had been received by both the Chair and Vice-chair, the first item of business would be to elect a chairman for this meeting.

1. Election of a Chair for the meeting

Councillors resolved to elect H Smith to act as Chair for this meeting

The meeting was then adjourned to allow PCSO M Shaw to address those present and for public speaking to occur

PCSO M Shaw:

- A member of the public raised concerns over speeding in Chapel Road. M Shaw noted this and offered to monitor the situation. Police do take speeding seriously. He also suggested that a community speed watch scheme could be a way forward- interested parishioners were invited to contact PCSO direct contact
- Neighbourhood Watch scheme. M Shaw informed those present that he will be doing a mail drop to houses in Pawlett outlining how to get involved. The leaflet will also be put on the Pawlett website news page
- Parking in Old Main Road, particularly near the Legion. What can be done to get people to park more considerately? If drivers park too close to the junction then parishioners can call 101 if need to report a specific vehicle causing a problem. The legal parking distance away from a junction is 10m from an intersection without lights. M Shaw offered to do what he can to help with this
- M Shaw left leaflets regarding scams for people to help themselves to ...'the little book of big scams' for advice on how to avoid common scams

PCSO M Shaw left the meeting at this point

Public speaking:

- Manor Park planning application. The chair reminded the parishioner that this application had been discussed, and the PC response composed, at the previous meeting
- Thanks were given to the PC for the Christmas Tree & the refreshments at the lighting up of tree
- Over spill at Keward Farm of polystyrene packaging in to the hedge in to ditch. The clerk was asked to pass this onto W Barnard to be cleared up

The meeting was reconvened at this point

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

Apologies of absence were given by Cllrs W Barnard and A Warner

3. County and District Councillor Reports

A report from SCC Cllr M Healey was circulated to those present

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st January 2019 to be presented and signed.

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

5. Matters arising from PCSO Mike Shaw attending the meeting

None

6. Matters Arising from the minutes:

a) Bench on Gaunts Road

Ongoing

b) New salt / grit bin

Ongoing

c) Noticeboards at the junction of Gaunts Road and Old Main Road

The clerk reported that there had been a delay in the manufacture of the boards but the supplying company have promised that the order will be pushed through as a matter of urgency

d) Any other matters arising not covered by agenda items below.

None

7. Roads and Footpaths:

a) Lighting the path from the Village Hall to Old Main Road

The clerk reported that the lead time for works by SCC is currently 8-10 weeks, which leads to an anticipated installation date of late April / early May

b) Access road running alongside the Green

Ongoing

c) Parking by the Church wall

PCSO has identified the owner of the car and will speak with them this week

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

None

8. Playground and Outdoor Gym:

a) Routine playground and outdoor gym inspections

CC reported that all was in good order and the cradle is safe and hasn't deteriorated

b) Annual Playground inspections

The clerk reported that the Playground Inspection Company have quoted £130 + VAT to inspect both playgrounds, skate area and outdoor gym in May / June. Councillors approved the quoted cost and requested that she clerk book these inspections

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

None

9. The Somerset Wood project

Details of the SCC 'Somerset Wood' project had been previously circulated to councillors. It is planned to plant 11,281 trees (one for each Somerset soldier killed in WW1). The cost of maintenance from the initial planting of a metre high 'whip' to a 12 – 15 ft tree is anticipated to be about £25.00 per tree. It was noted that Pawlett lost 11 men during WW1.

Councillors resolved to defer this matter for consideration until the new parish council is elected in May

10. Planning Matters

a) Possible planning breaches in the parish

i) Updates on previously noted concerns

None

ii) Any new concerns

None

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

None

11. SDC survey for Sedgemoor's Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study

Councillors resolved that WB complete the survey on behalf of the PC

12. To Receive Reports from Members of any Meetings attended as representatives of the Parish Council

None

13. Financial Matters.

a) Approve payment of creditors.

Clerks Salary, February 2019	£382.90
HMRC, PAYE February 2019	£23.00
Clerk's expenses & reimbursements	£100.32
Green energy, electricity on the Green (Jan 2019)	£8.94

b) Receipts received

None

c) Any other financial matters notified to the Clerk

None

14. Annual Parish Meeting

The clerk reminded Members that the Annual Parish Meeting is required to be held in March, April or May. Due to the local election at the beginning of May, it was suggested that a March or April date should be considered.

Councillors resolved to set the Annual Parish Meeting 2019 for 7pm, before the 15th April PC meeting, with the format to be a short meeting prior to the formal PC meeting

15. Circulated Correspondence

1) Somerset County Council

Investing to improve Somerset's roads

2) Sedgemoor District Council

a) Becoming a councillor

b) Walk this way

c) Elections, 2nd May – timetable of events & guide to purdah

3) Somerset Waste Partnership - January briefing

4) PCSO Mike Shaw - Local crime report, January 2019

5) NALC

a) Prime Minister backs NALC call to strengthen standards regime

b) Open letter to councillors

6) CPR course enrolment form

16. Topics for Future Meetings.

Consider planning applications 41/19/00001 & 41/19/00002

17. Date and time of the next meeting –18th March 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Old Main Road, Pawlett.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.46pm