

# 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, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019,  
commencing at 7pm.

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

## **Present:**

Cllrs W Barnard (Chair), A Warner (Vice-chair), A Baker, C Clark, H Smith and  
M Smith  
C Morrison-Jones (clerk)  
11 x members of the public

## **Public Speaking:**

- Multiple concerns raised regarding the planning application at Manor Park.
  - Road and drains will not cope with the extra traffic (construction & eventual residents) and houses
  - Access into Manor Park is bad. Vehicles are always parked there blocking sight lines ...an accident waiting to happen
  - Self builds will take years to complete, its not like a developer overseeing a complete build
- The break in at the Post Office
- The parking on the verge by Elm Garage appears to have stopped

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

Apologies received from Cllr M Thomas

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

A report from SCC Cllr M Healey was circulated

## **3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018 to be presented and signed.**

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

## **4. Matters Arising from the minutes:**

### **a) Bench on Gaunts Road**

Ongoing

### **b) New salt / grit bin**

Ongoing

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

The Christmas Tree was taken down on the 5<sup>th</sup> January

New bolts have been purchased for the Christmas tree stand, ready for next December  
A new set of lights has been presented to the PC by parishioners. The clerk has written a letter of thanks from the PC. WB will store the lights on behalf of the PC

### **d) Noticeboards at the junction of Gaunts Road and Old Main Road**

The clerk reported that the order has now been placed and the board is being manufactured. An approximate installation time at present is the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> February

**e) PCSO attendance at meetings**

PCSO M Shaw sent his apologies for not attending the December meeting and hopes to attend the February PC meeting

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

**i) Garages at Scot Close, Pawlett.**

SDC have confirmed that the garage site in Scot Close, Pawlett, following a stock-condition survey have been classified as a red site meaning that as the garages become vacant they are not being re-let. However, Sedgemoor District Council have not yet confirmed what they wish to do with this site or the garages. SDC have assured the clerk that as further information becomes available the PC will be kept up to date.

**5. Roads and Footpaths:**

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

SCC have confirmed that the quoted cost of £5048.39 is the total cost and that, once installation is complete, there will be no further ongoing costs for the lights payable by the PC.

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

Ongoing

**c) Parking on the verge adjacent to Elms Garage**

The clerk reported that before Christmas she wrote to Elms Garage as requested by councillors to ask that they confirm in writing that they would abide by the commitment made by them at the July meeting not to park on the grass verge adjoining the garage, stating that if not response were received by the PC by 14<sup>th</sup> January then the PC would take this matter further. No response to the request has been received by the clerk.

However, cars appear to have stopped parking on the verge, so councillors resolved that no further action to be taken unless the parking recommences

**d) Parking by the Church wall**

Car is still parking there but does move sometimes. The registration details are to be sent to PCSO to ask for assistance.

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

- i) Footpaths on Pawlett Hams: – AW reported that the paths don't need any additional maintenance

**6. Playground and Outdoor Gym:**

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

CC reported that the cradle swing is safe.

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

The clerk was requested to book the annual inspections, due May / June 2019

**7. Planning Matters**

**a) Consider Planning Application Number: 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, Bridgwater, Somerset**

Councillors resolved to OBJECT to the application on the following grounds:

- outside village settlement boundary
- concerns over length of access for vehicles
- concerns overload on already stretched (and sometimes already overflowing) sewage system
- contamination of plot. Heavy metal toxicity has not been raised or addressed in this application
- Chemical contaminants- currently agricultural vehicles on site & passing through estate – passing contaminants around the close and the wider village?
- nature of self-build is a protracted time scale which will maximise impact on residents over an extended period of time, compared to a developer led build

- adverse visual impact from A38 coming from Highbridge
- loss of trees & hedgerow.
- inefficacy of mitigation methods that are proposed in the application.
- loss of habitat for many species
- what is the legal definition of self-build in the context of this application?

*The meeting was adjourned briefly to confirm with the members of public present that councillors had considered all the points raised in public speaking when coming to the above resolution, and then re-convened*

*5 members of the public left the meeting at this point*

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

**i) Updates on previously noted concerns**

None

**ii) Any new concerns**

None

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

None

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

Councillors resolved to carry this over to the February meeting

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

None

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

**10. Financial Matters.**

**a) Approve bank reconciliation**

The clerk had previously circulated the parish council accounts that showed that the balance total held by the council as of 31/12/18 was £38,996.62 The accounts were unanimously approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman

**b) Consider grant towards defibrillator consumables**

The PC had previously received a letter requesting a grant towards the cost of defibrillator Consumables.

Councillors resolved to award a grant of £200, paid to the British Legion (Amenities Account) who will be administering the funds.

**c) Approve payment of creditors.**

Clerks Salary, January 2019	£382.90
HMRC, PAYE-January 2019	£23.00
Clerk's expenses & reimbursements	£49.05
Green energy, electricity on the Green (Dec 2018)	£12.82
Somerset County Council, new lights on Green	£5,048.39
CPRE, membership renewal	£36.00
C Clark, Christmas tree stand bolts	£13.92
British Legion, Amenities Account, defibrillator consumables grant	£200.00

**d) Receipts received**

24.9.18	SDC 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of precept	£9750.00
24.9.18	SDC tax base adjustment grant	£208.50
3.12.18	Hiscox, insurance payout re noticeboards	£3706.00

**e) Agree Budget for 2019/20 and set Parish Precept for 2019/20**

Councillors resolved to demand a precept of £18,500 for the 2019/20 financial year.

This will result in an annual precept charge for a band D property of £45.13, a decrease of £2.14 from 2018/19

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

None

**11. Circulated Correspondence**

- 1) Sedgemoor District Council. Don't be fooled by council tax scammers
- 2) Somerset Waste Partnership. Keep in touch with Somerset Waste Partnership
- 3) Cheddon Fitzpaine PC. The Somerset Wood
- 4) Somerset Communities. Village Halls Week
- 5) YMCA, Dulverton. Somerset West Lodging Scheme
- 6) Pawlett PCC. Blenheim Bomber Memorial – memorial in parish churchyard

**12. Topics for Future Meetings.**

The Somerset Wood - Cheddon Fitzpaine PC

Open Space Survey

AW offered his apologies in advance for not being able to attend the February PC meeting.

**13. Date and time of the next meeting –18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Old Main Road, Pawlett.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.16