

PAWLETT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Pawlett Parish Council will be held at the Village Hall, Old Main Road, Pawlett on Monday, 2nd December 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), J Kingman, A Baker, M Thomas and M Smith
C Morrison-Jones (clerk)
5 x members of the public

Public speaking:

- The Parish Church requested if the PC would allow a small notice board (2 x A4, with a single wooden stake) to be placed in front of church wall on PC land.
- Roderick Hagget's funeral is on 16th December. 1pm at Stretcholt Crematorium
- Thank you to the Parish Council for the lovely Christmas tree, lights & refreshments.
- A street-light on Chapel Road, to the west of the turning to Quantock rise is not working.
- VE 75 celebrations.
- Could consideration be given to planting a Christmas tree on the Green, rather than buying a tree each year?

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

None

2. County and District Councillor Reports

M Healey sent a report which was circulated to councillors and those present at the meeting

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th November 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 Vacancy on the Parish Council

There is still one vacancy on the council to be filled by co-option.

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

- Xmas Tree updates – The Parish Council gave its thanks to Anona Baker, Jon & Adam of Stretcholt Builders, Colin Freeman, Mike Coombes and Will

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Chair Date

Barnard for all their hard work with organising the tree. It looked lovely and was much appreciated in the village.

6. Community Shop - update

MS reported that it was still ongoing. There are still decisions to be made but are considering the possibility of a monthly pop-up shop in the Village Hall to assess the potential support of villagers.

7. Roads and Footpaths:

a) Update on previously reported issues

No feedback from Highways

b) Access road running alongside the Green

WB reported that he met with the engineer on site. £4408.19 (+VAT) is cost of complete resurfacing, £7300 (+VAT) for resurfacing and one side of kerb stones, £8900 (+VAT) for resurfacing and both sides of kerb stones.

SDC have confirmed that the CIL money held by the PC (£2,782.09) can be used for this purpose.

Councillors resolved to proceed with the resurfacing only option, for £4408.19 (+VAT).

WB to liaise with those who need access over the road and to book the contractor to carry out the work

c) New bench on the Green

AB still not heard back from potential donor.

d) 'No cold calling' signs

MS had obtained 9 small window stickers and 4 large street signs. MS offered to print and laminate some more street signs. The smaller stickers were distributed to older residents in the village. It is hoped that more stickers would be available next year.

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

i) A loose paving stone on Manor Road has been reported by MT and been repaired by Highways.

ii) Hare Coursing.

WB declared an interest as he manages land on the Hams

AW reported that there have been a lot of reports of hare coursing and lamping on the Hams. A farmer who has cows on the bank of Parrott going westwards has had 4 padlocks & chains cut in the last month. He has also lost several sheep and had a bullock running into a fence. AW also reported that he has found a coursing dog at his property. JK reported that it has been occurring on his land as well.

Councillors resolved that the clerk should write to the police outlining the PC's concerns over lamping and hare coursing occurring on the Hams and surrounding land and to request a greater police presence in the area at night.

8. Playground and Outdoor Gym:

a) Routine playground and outdoor gym inspections

Nothing to report.

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

Rubber safety surfaces - AW has spoken with GB Sport and Leisure and they have agreed to come out and inspect the surface edges in the New Year.

9. Planning Matters

a) Previously considered planning applications – updates

Following the November PC meeting, the Parish Council resolution to oppose the developments off Manor Park was submitted to SDC. After correspondence between SDC and the Parish Council, when all the concerns

that were raised by the Council in its initial objection were addressed, the Parish Council agreed to withdraw its original objection.

b) Consider:

**Transport and Works (Application and Objections Procedure)
(England and Wales) Rules 2006
Proposed Bridgwater Tidal Barrier Order**

*WB left meeting as a pecuniary interest (plans bisect family land)
AW took the chair for this agenda item*

Bridgwater needs to be protected. Accepting that a barrier is needed and the chosen site is the correct one, downstream needs to be protected by proposed bank raising and reinforcement. None of the proposed works extends as far as the Gaunts Lane access to the Hams.

JK raised concerns for Stretcholt as it is so low lying. Should the banks be made higher than proposed? More protection is needed for houses on the Hams that are at potential risk. Is there any provision for future works if what is proposed fails or isn't sufficient?

AB thinks that there are possibly plans to create a salt area in the future
Councillors resolved to respond as follows:

There is concern in the parish that the works only extend to a limited extent downstream and the worry is that there could be overtopping further downstream which forms a substantial part of the parish. There needs to be provision to protect peoples' businesses and houses.

WB re-joined meeting and retook the chair

c) Possible planning breaches in the parish

None

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

None

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

None

11. Status of Pawlett as a Tier 3 settlement

A request has been received by the PC to ask for a review of the status of Pawlett now that the village shop has closed.

Councillors expressed mixed views from wanting to downgrade to protect the village from development to wanting the village to move forward and progress in order to be more sustainable and resilient in the future.

It was acknowledged that the tier status of a settlement is more a reflection of the current state rather than a dictation of future status & development.

Councillors resolved to write to SDC to request a re-evaluation of the tier status to gauge a clearer understanding of how the village is currently rated.

5 members of the public left at this point

12. Financial Matters.

a) Approve payment of creditors.

Clerk's salary	(Nov 2019)	£420.30
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Clerk's expenses & reimbursements	£153.05
Green energy, electricity on the Green (Nov 2019) (invoice not yet received)	
Greenacres grass cutting 2019 season	£2,700.00
A Baker Christmas tree & switch on refreshments	£113.00

b) Receipts received

None

c) Any other financial matters notified to the Clerk prior to the meeting

AW and MT to attend the 'Re-Imagining the Levels' event

13. Circulated Correspondence

- 1) Sedgemoor DC:
 - a) Superfast Broadband Consultation Launch
 - b) Pilot Scheme puts Social Care in A&E
 - c) Sedgemoor Conversation Feedback
- 2) SCF: Surviving Winter Campaign
- 3) Reimagining the Levels: tree planting conference
- 4) SWP: November Report and Christmas & New Year collection information
- 5) St Margaret's Hospice: Winter Roundup
- 6) Mendip Community Transport: grant request
- 7) Scope: textile bin siting
- 8) Correspondence received: various

14. Topics for Future Meetings.

- Consider planting a live Christmas Tree on the Green Plant
- Tree planting in Sedgemoor
- VE 75 celebrations
- Consider Mendip Community Transport grant request
- Wooden benches on the Green
- State of the riverbanks
- Church request to erect a noticeboard

15. Date and time of the next meeting – Monday 6th January 2020 at 7pm in the Village Hall, Old Main Road, Pawlett

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.07