

PAWLETT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Pawlett Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Old Main Road, Pawlett on Monday, 2nd September 2019, commencing at 7pm.

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

Present:

Cllrs J Kingman, A Baker, M Thomas and M Smith
C Morrison-Jones (clerk)
8 x members of the public

1. To Elect a Chair for the meeting

Due to the absence of both the Chair and Vice-chair, it was necessary for councillors to elect a chairperson for the meeting. AB was proposed and seconded, and unanimously elected as chair for the 2nd September PC meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned for public speaking

Public Speaking:

- Planning – the applicant for the 25 Old Main Road planning application made known his availability for any questions.
- The red telephone box outside the old post office has no telephone equipment inside it. Could the PC investigate its status?
- The publisher is retiring from the 3 churches (Pawlett, Puriton & Stretcholt) Parish News, which is distributed to 98 households. The last one will be in November. Can PC help with future of the Parish News? It was agreed to add this as agenda item for October
- Could the restoration of the 2 historic fingerposts in the parish be added to the October agenda?

Pawlett PCC:

Margaret Sims reported thanks from the PCC for the burial grant awarded in July. The PCC expenditure from Aug18-July 19 was £4,983. This amount spent doesn't include all the volunteer hours given to help with upkeep. There is more to be done, including the removal of some trees.. The PCC noted that the PC is responsible for the pathway and any physical help in clearing would be much appreciated.

Methodist Chapel:

Robin Hutt reported that he is the Property Steward for the church and thanked the PC for the annual grant; it is a huge help.

Last year's major expenditure was to cut trees along the car park. Additionally, as the car park floods in heavy rain, the drains were rodded.

Currently this year's money is being spent on a major clearance of shrubs & weeds around edge of cemetery which is almost complete. When finished, it will make a great deal of difference to appearance and access.

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The meeting was re-convened

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

Apologies of absence received from Cllrs W Barnard and A Warner.

3. County and District Councillor Reports

A report from SCC Cllr M Healey was circulated

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th July 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.

5. Casual Vacancies on the Parish Council

There is still one vacancy on the parish council available to be filled immediately.

Any interested parties are invited to contact the PC chair or the clerk.

1 x member of the public left the meeting at this point.

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

None

7. Community Shop - update

MT reported that there was a meeting at the end of July. The village survey was very favourable in support for a shop, either with or without a post office. Now the need is to find a viable premises. The next meeting is scheduled for 25th September.

8. Roads and Footpaths:

a) Update on previously reported issues

- Footway along the A38 between Old Main Road and Manor Road: The clerk reported that Highways have confirmed 2nd cut of verges on class A roads is now underway and will also arrange for the growth on the footway surface to be cut back to expose the full constructed footway width.

It was noted by those present that some work has been done but not to a satisfactory standard; the clerk was requested to relay this to Highways and request that the job is revisited.

- Signage request, Chapel road: No response has yet been received from Highways in regard to this request

b) Access road running alongside the Green

As WB is not present it was agreed to defer this matter to the October meeting.

c) New bench on the Green

AB reported that she has not had the opportunity to progress this any further, so this item was deferred to the October meeting.

d) Parking issues Old Main Road / Monmouth Farm Close junction

The clerk reported that she had raised the issue with SCC Cllr M Healey, the police and Highways.

The local police have been in contact and said, when they have twice visited the Parish, could see no problem with the parking in the area. They have suggested that an article in the parish magazine or a village letter drop could prove useful in highlighting the problem if it persists.

Any near misses / collisions need to be recorded with the police to create a log.

The clerk was requested to write an article for the Parish News and website highlighting the problem and also to ask the commercial properties to alert clients.

No response has been received from either Highways or Cllr M Healey

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

During the summer recess Hi-Line (tree surgeons) requested permission (granted) to carry out light pruning work on a tree on the Green that was overhanging power lines. The work would be carried out from the highway using a cherry picker.

9. Playground and Outdoor Gym:

a) Routine playground and outdoor gym inspections

AW had sent note that there was nothing to report.

b) Replacement seat for 'seated row' piece of outdoor gym equipment

A seat is missing from the seated rowing machine. Sutcliffe Play have quoted £118 (+VAT) for a replacement seat and fixings. Councillors resolved to proceed with an order for a new seat.

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

None.

10. Planning Matters

a) Previously considered planning applications – updates

- 41/19/00007. British Car Auctions, Bristol Road, Walpole, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4TN. WITHDRAWN
- 41/19/00011. The House, Keward Farm, River Road, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4SE. GRANTED
- 41/19/00010. 1 Gaunts Road, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4SF. WITHDRAWN

b) Consider Planning Applications:

i) 41/19/00013

25 Old Main Road, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4RY
Erection of single storey extension to east elevation (existing sunroom to be demolished) with bedroom in roof including formation of dormer window
Councillors resolved to support the application as it is a better use of already developed space

ii) 41/19/00015

1 Gaunts Road, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4SF
Application for the Prior Approval of the proposed change of use from Shop (Use Class A1) to Dwelling
Councillors resolved to support this application as they had the previous one considered in July.

c) Possible planning breaches in the parish

None.

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

None.

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

None

12. Re-consider dates for Parish Council meetings for the remainder of the municipal year

Due to the clerk's other employment commitments, it has been necessary to re-consider the previously agreed council meeting dates for the 2019/20 municipal year. Councillors resolved to move the monthly meeting date to the first Monday of the month (to commence at 7pm) from the previously agreed third Monday.

Therefore, the PC meeting dates for the remainder of 2019/20 municipal year will now be as follows: 7th October, 4th November, 2nd December 2019 and 6th January, 3rd February, 2nd March and 6th April 2020.

The clerk thanked councillors for agreeing to move the meetings to accommodate her other commitments.

13. Consider PPC working towards gaining the Power of General Competence

JK reported that the Power of General Competence gives the PC more powers to act as a general person would do. One of the requirements for a PC to adopt this power the clerk must be CiLCA qualified.

It was resolved to continue this agenda item in October to enable JK to circulate further information to councillors for consideration.

14. Consider the adoption of the revised (2018) NALC Code of Conduct

It was agreed to defer this item to the October meeting when more members would be present.

15. Financial Matters.

a) Approve payment of creditors.

Clerk's expenses & reimbursements	£72.49
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Green energy, electricity on the Green (July 2019)	£9.94
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(cheque previously authorised at the July meeting)

Green Energy, Aug invoice (yet to be received)

b) Receipts received

None

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

None

16. Circulated Correspondence

- 1) Avon & Somerset Police: Local Crime Report
- 2) SALC: communication – guide to handling intimidation
- 3) Sedgemoor DC: Going paperless for parking permits
- 4) Somerset Waste Partnership: Recycling Q&A
- 5) Somerset NHS Partnership:
 - a) New Chief Medical Officer
 - b) Musgrove Park's new surgical centre
- 6) SCOPE: Identifying sites for textile recycling banks
- 7) St Margaret's Hospice: Newsletter

17. Topics for Future Meetings.

None other than those noted above.

18. Date and time of the next meeting –7th October 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall, Old Main Road, Pawlett.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 19.50

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