

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, 15th October 2018, commencing at 7pm.

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

Present:

Cllrs W Barnard, C Clark, A Warner, M Smith, M Thomas and A Baker
C Morrison-Jones (clerk)
6 x members of the public

PCSO M Shaw sent apologies for not attending as arranged

Public speaking:

- Agenda items 4a & b – pleased that the dilapidated bench has been removed & that the kissing gates have been repaired by a kind parishioner

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

Apologies of absence received from Cllr H Smith
AW - declared interest in agenda item 9ai

2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th September 2018 to be presented and signed.

Councillors agreed that the minutes be adopted as a true record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

3. County and District Councillor Reports

None received

4. Matters Arising from the minutes:

a) Bench on Gaunts Road

The dilapidated bench has been removed for further investigation to see if repair is possible and therefore the bench could be re-used elsewhere. A quotation was previously circulated amongst councillors for a 3-seater recycled plastic bench with arms, and earth anchors to secure to the grass. Councillors resolved to proceed with purchase of both items, with them to be delivered to the chairman

b) Gates across 'The Drain' footpath

The gates have kindly been repaired by two parishioners. The clerk is to write a thank you from PC, together with a small gift in thanks from the PC. Highways have confirmed that the landowner can claim back 25% of the agreed costs of gates on a public footpath from the local authority if in the future the gates need to be replaced

c) New salt / grit bin

The clerk reported that Highways had approved the design of the bin proposed by councillors and that the order had now been placed with Glaston for the bin and pavement anchors

d) Virador community liaison meeting

The clerk reported that the clerk for Puriton had responded positively to the enquiry regarding the possible reinstating the community liaison meetings. No response has yet been received from Huntspill PC.

Clerk to proceed with arrangements with Virador on basis of Pawlett & Puriton PC's interest

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

None

5. Neighbourhood Watch

Enquiries made by the clerk to the police have confirmed that there are currently schemes running in some areas of the parish. Other areas are not covered. However, due to GDPR, it was not possible for the police to release any more details of the areas to the PC

To find out any further information, parishioners are invited to contact Lindsey Stone, the Watch Scheme Administrator, Somerset Neighbourhood Policing Team

01278-644799 - direct line, or email lindsey.stone@avonandsomerset.police.uk

The clerk was asked to invite PCSO M Shaw to next PC meeting to discuss further

6. Roads and Footpaths: Any matters relating to roads and footpaths in the Parish not covered previously

i) AW-sheep are grazing on a field, after Gaunts Barn, and electric fence has been placed all around field obstructing two footpaths. The sheep's owners had been approached without success, so the clerk was requested to report the obstruction to rights of way

ii) MT- it is dark leaving the hall along the path to road -could a light be installed? Lower branches on 1st horse chestnut tree obstruct light from Old Main Road- could they be trimmed back?

The clerk was requested to ask Highways if lighting is possible – what about a lit bollard to minimise light pollution

7. Playground and Outdoor Gym:

a) Routine playground and outdoor gym inspections

No issues to report. CC reported that the three signs are now on order

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

None

8. Christmas Tree on The Green

CC confirmed that the stand has been taken to Chilcot's for modification to the locking bolts to make assembly easier.

AB agreed to organise the purchase of the tree and Mr Coombes will be approached to see if he will again kindly agree to transport it to the Green

The Christingle Service is on Saturday 1st December at 4.00pm, followed by the Lighting of the Tree which is due to take place at 5.00pm when the village hall is booked. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served

Carols Around the Christmas Tree, a Churches Together event, is to take place at 6.00pm on Saturday 15th December

9. Planning Matters

a) Applications

AW-left meeting at this point

i) Consider Planning Application Number: 41/18/00010

Barn at, Stretcholt Farm, Red Lane, Stretcholt

Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of a barn providing ground floor stables and first floor living accommodation.

AB-previous owners did have planning permission for accommodation above barn and has been aware for several years (at least 10) of people living above the barn

Councillors resolved to inform SDC that as far as can be recollected, there have been people living above the barn for in excess of 10 years

AW - rejoined meeting

ii) Re-consider Planning Application No: 41/18/00019 in light of revisions to the previously considered application

Land At, Seymour Lakes, Sloway Lane, Stretcholt, Bridgwater
Construction of a stock pond and hatchery building.

AB-three consultees on website have raised stipulations on planning portal
Development is very close to a reen (designated as a main river) and needs protecting.
Councillors resolved no comment

b) Any new concerns over possible planning breaches in the parish

AW- A field in Sloway Lane being used as for bike scrambling. Ramps have been created and it is very noisy. Clerk to email map to AW to annotate with the specific field and then inform Sedgemoor Enforcement Team of the PC's concerns

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

The following application was received after the publication of the agenda.
Consider an RLT3 application for funds towards improvements to the esplanade (as part of the wider Burnham Evolution Project). Funds are for the installation of a trim trail along the South Esplanade, parallel to the seawall in 2019
Councillors resolved to support this project

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

None

11. General Data Protection Regulation:

Consider privacy policies to be adopted by the Parish Council

Councillors resolved to adopt the NALC template policies that had been previously circulated to Members

12. 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 31/8/18 was £37,606.94 The accounts were unanimously approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman

b) Approve payment of creditors.

Clerks Salary	October 2018	£380.70
HMRC, PAYE	October 2018	£25.20
Clerk	Expenses & reimbursements	£111.43
Green energy	Electricity on the Green (Sept 2018)	£7.98
Marmax	New bench for Gaunts Road	£412.80
Earth Anchors	Bench grass anchor kit	£65.94
SDC (deducted from precept on 1.9.18)	Dog bin emptying	£487.76

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

c) Receipts received

1.8.18	Pavilion, ground rent	£17.00
1.9.18	SDC, 2 nd half of precept	£ 9750.50
1.9.18	SDC, council tax support grant	£208.50

d) Any other financial matters notified to the Clerk

None

13. Circulated Correspondence

- 1) Sedgemoor DC
Voter Registration Form
- 2) Avon & Somerset Police
Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators required

- 3) Somerset Waste Partnership – September briefing
- 4) Somerset Community Foundation
HPC Community Fund drop in day, Burnham-on-Sea
- 5) Somerset Village & Community Agents press release
- 6) Somerset Prepared, Community Resilience Day
- 7) NHS
 - i) Musgrove Endoscopy Suite upgrade
 - ii) Tell us your views on health care
- 8) 0% Bulk Buy Fuel Loan Scheme
- 9) SALC
 - i) Innovation in Local Council Services
 - ii) All areas meeting

14. Topics for Future Meetings.

Elect a Vice-Chairman

15. Date and time of the next meeting –19th November 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Old Main Road, Pawlett.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 19.51