

PAWLETT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Pawlett Parish Council Meeting will be held at the Village Hall, Old Main Road, Pawlett on Monday, 16th July 2018, commencing at 7pm.

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

Present:

Cllrs W Barnard, C Clark, A Baker, A Warner, H Smith, M Thomas (after agenda item 3) and M Smith (after agenda item 3)

12 x members of the public

Points raised during public speaking:

- Possibility of the purchase of an A3 printer to enable planning documents to be printed?
- Fencing to which the dog bin is fixed at the Gaunts Road end of the Drain (or Church Lane) is in need of repair
- Seat on the Green still needs the wood treating
- Seat on Gaunts Road is in poor condition
- Planning Application 41/18/00005 - the applicant noted that several changes have been made to the application and the number of properties has been reduced.
- Concerns raised over parking on A38 in regard to Planning Application 41/18/00016

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

None

2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th June 2018 to be presented and signed.

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

3. Co-option of new Members to the Parish Council

Councillors unanimously resolved to co-opt M Thomas and M Smith to the parish council. Both completed and signed the acceptance of office form

4. County and District Councillor Reports

None received

5. Matters Arising from the minutes:

a) Electricity box on the green

The clerk had received confirmation from Western Power that the box belonged to the parish council and that it was free to paint it. AW has undertaken to paint it green and reported that it will be done when weather cools

b) Litter along path to no-where

This has been reported to Stonewater who have confirmed that their contractors will clear up the litter. It was noted that this had not been done by the time of the meeting

c) Tour of Walpole recycling facility

The date of 8th August (morning or afternoon slots) had been offered for a site tour of up to 10 people. It would involve a reasonable amount of walking over rough terrain with Virador to provide steel toe capped boots and PPE. Clerk to liaise with site manager re best time, numbers and shoe sizes

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

Fly tipping on the un-named road owned by Environment Agency down to river. AW reported that he had reported it to the Environment Agency

6. Roads and Footpaths: Any matters relating to roads and footpaths in the Parish

a) Sign posts for the primary school

WB raised a request from the PTA to install signs in the village directing people to the primary school. Councillors noted that there was already one at the Pound Road/ Chapel Road, Old Main Road junction, so it was thought not necessary to install anymore

b) Temporary road closure of Sloway Lane

The parish council has received notification of the temporary closure of Sloway Lane, West Huntspill to enable water main replacement works to be carried out from 11th July and is expected to last for eight weeks. Details have been posted on the Pawlett website

c) Any other matters concerning roads and footpaths

- i. The PC owns the fencing at the end of The Drain that was noted to be failing by a member of the public. WB to inspect and report back
- ii. The seats noted in public speaking. WB to establish what needs to be done to both benches

7. Playground and Outdoor Gym:

a) Annual playground inspection - update regarding children's roundabout on the Green

The clerk reported that she had been in contact with both the Playground Inspection Company (who had carried out the inspection) and GB Sport and Leisure (who installed the roundabout in 2015 to query the inspection findings that the roundabout wasn't compliant with current safety regulations and that the bearings were showing sign of wear. GB Sport and Leisure visited the Green, inspected the roundabout and reported that they could find no symptoms that indicate wear to the bearings and couldn't find anything wrong with it. They also provided a copy of the TuV (safety certificate) for that piece of equipment.

This information was forwarded to the Playground Inspection Company who agreed to issue a revised inspection report deleting the item regarding non-compliance with BS EN 1176:2008 but would not remove reference to the statement regarding bearing wear. CC offered to investigate the cost of signage for both playgrounds with contact details in case of an emergency or issue, with the costings to be circulated amongst councillors

b) Routine playground and outdoor gym inspections

CC reported that the designated 'odd job man' has failed to provide quotes to mend the fencing and gate at the Pavilion playground.

Councillors resolve to delegate authority to CC to spend up to £500 to repair the fence and gate at the Pavilion and the fence at the end of the Drain (item 6ci)

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

Councillors felt that it was restrictive to have to wait from meeting to meeting to authorise spending on repairs and maintenance and suggested that maybe spending should be delegated to a single councillor for smaller amounts (eg up to £300) , with larger amounts (up to £750) gaining consent out of meetings by majority of councillors via email. The clerk advised that she thought that there was already provision for out of

meeting consent for urgent matters, or non-urgent matters up to an agreed limit within the current financial regulations adopted by the council. It was agreed that the clerk would clarify this for the next meeting to investigate for next meeting and, if considered necessary, councillors could consider amending the financial regulations in due course

8. Planning Matters

a) Applications

i. Re-consider Planning Application 41/18/00005 in light of changes to the submitted plans

20 Pound Road, Pawlett, Bridgwater, TA6 4RZ

Outline application with some matters reserved for the erection of 2 No. two bedroom dwellings and 1 No. three bedroom dwelling and parking, alterations to existing access (existing dwelling to be demolished).

Councillors had been invited to reconsider this application in light of a revision for the provision of three dwellings as opposed to four, as originally considered

Councillors noted that it was still overdevelopment of the site.

- The number of dwellings has been reduced but only in fact results in overall reduction in 1 bedroom over the whole development.
- The detached house is still in front of the established building line.
- The area allocated for garden space for one of the semi-detached houses is far too small
- The access path to the detached property is extremely narrow and will not provide practical access
- A shame that the opportunity hadn't been taken to pull back the hedge on the highway to provide safe refuge for pedestrians

Due to the above concerns, councillors resolved to unanimously resolved to oppose this application:

ii. Consider Planning Application 41/18/00011

Fellwood, Downend Road, Puriton, Bridgwater, TA6 4TW

Erection of single storey extension to rear (north west) elevation.

Councillors were unable to comment as they were unable to access planning drawings on the SDC site

iii. Consider Planning Application 41/18/00012

29 Pound Road, Pawlett, Bridgwater, TA6 4RZ

Erection of 2 No Semi-Detached Dwellinghouses

Councillors raised concerns that these plans represented overdevelopment of the plot

- tandem parking for plot 1. Kerbside parking on Scot Close is already tight so parking needs to be right.
- Plot 2 parking allocation is not usable. The parking manoeuvre required to utilise the proposed space would require vehicles to drive on the pavement so has serious safety implications. It was also noted that Scot Close is an unadopted highway so are there right of way issues involved?

Councillors resolved to unanimously oppose due to concerns regarding overdevelopment, and the particular issues highlighted above.

2 members of public left at this point

iv. Consider Planning Application 41/18/00013

6 Gaunts Road, Pawlett, Bridgwater, TA6 4SF

Formation of vehicular access to form off road parking.

Councillors unanimously resolved to support this application

v. Consider Planning Application 41/18/00015

18 Gaunts Road, Pawlett, Bridgwater, TA6 4SF

Erection of attached garage (North elevation).
Councillors unanimously resolved to support this application

vi. Consider Planning Application 41/18/00016

16 Bristol Road, Pawlett, Bridgwater, TA6 4RT

Retrospective application for change of use of former cafe (Use Class A3) to car sales office and forecourt. Erection of extension to workshop building.

Councillors raised concerns regarding 'site creep' as cars are currently parked on the grass verge adjacent to the garage.

Meeting adjourned to speak to the applicants

Councillors asked the applicants if they own the land that they are currently parking on? The applicants apologised, they don't own that area of land but had been using it for convenience. They committed to stop using it immediately and not to use it in the future. The applicants confirmed that the small extension was being requested to enclose a currently existing ramp undercover to allow for work in poor weather

Meeting re-convened

Councillors resolved to support the application on conditions that

- 1) work is done only on vehicles being prepared for sale at the site
- 2) that the assurances of site creep would be adhered to, both now and in the future, and parking would only take place on land owned by the applicant

6 x members of the public left meeting at that point

b) Any concerns over possible planning breaches in the parish

three concerns had been raised by a resident:

- 1) Parking on driveways in Pound Road. AW advised councillors that this wouldn't require planning permission unless the property was in a conservation area or had a covenant attached preventing parking on the driveway
- 2) Temporary safety barrier on A38 is obstructing the view. MT noted that these have now been removed
- 3) Parking on and changing the layout of a front garden at Springfield Close. Councillors agreed, as for 8b1 (above) this was not a planning issue. The clerk has reported the concerns to Stonewater to investigate if it constitutes a breach of the tenancy agreement

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

None

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

No meetings attended but it was noted by councillors that the Village fete was a great success

3 members of public left at this point

10. Ragwort awareness in the parish

Concerns about ragwort in the parish had been raised with WB by a parishioner. It was noted that it is a notifiable weed that is toxic to livestock when ingested. It has been noticed all around the parish. It can be reported to DEFRA if uncontrolled by a landowner. The best method of disposal is hand-pulling and then burning the plants. The toxins from the plant can be absorbed through the skin so members of the public are advised to wear gloves and adopt suitable protective safety measures before attempting removal

11. Parish Council Remembrance message contribution to the Great Pilgrimage 90

Councillors agreed on a message to be sent on behalf of the PC.

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 30/6/18 was £35,725.19 The accounts were unanimously approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman

b) Consider CAB grant request

Councillors noted that the PC used to give a grant to the CAB in the past but haven't done so recently. It was unanimously agreed to award a grant of £50 to the CAB, Bridgwater

c) Approve payment of creditors.

Clerks Salary, July 2018	£380.70	
HMRC, PAYE-July	£25.20	
Clerk's expenses & reimbursements	£242.19	
Green energy, electricity on the Green-June	£8.01	(inc VAT of £0.38)
Somerset Playing Fields, membership renewal	£15.00	
CAB , grant	£50.00	

Due to the August recess, councillors also approved cheques for:

- Clerk's salary for August and HMRC payments for August. Payroll is to be run in August with the combined total of both cheques to be £405.90
- Cheque for Green Energy, electricity on the Green (July invoice) - invoice expected in early August

d) Receipts received

None

e) Any other financial matters notified to the Clerk

None

13. General Data Protection Regulation

The clerk reported that due to pressure of work, the process of assembling the documents held by the parish council for sorting had not yet been done

14. Circulated Correspondence

1) Somerset County Council

- a) The Civic Service, 23rd September
- b) Join the Somerset Libraries Learning Disabilities conversation
- c) Temporary road closure, Sloway Lane, West Huntspill

2) Sedgemoor DC - North West Parish Cluster meeting, 20th June 2018

3) Somerset Prepared – Safe this Summer

4) Somerset Rivers Authority – end of year report

5) PC P Wills, Burnham Police Station – police reports

6) CPRE – don't allow fast track fracking

7) Correspondence – Bags of Help Collections

8) Somerset Waste Partnership – June briefing

15. Topics for Future Meetings.

None

16. Date and time of the next meeting –17th September 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Old Main Road, Pawlett.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.20