

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, 18th June 2018, commencing at 7pm.
(in the format to be presented for approval at the next meeting)

Present:

Cllrs W Barnard, H Smith, A Baker, A Warner, C Clark

C Morrison-Jones (clerk)

Mr M Du Pree Thomas (Virador Development Manager)

Members of the public x 4

Public speaking

- Marcus Du Pree Thomas, Development Manager (Technology & Innovation) at Virador, gave a short presentation and answered questions on the technology and its potential involved in regard to planning application 41/18/00006
Cllrs thanked Mr Du Pree Thomas for attending and giving his presentation and asked if it could be possible, at some point in the future, for councillors to receive tour of the facilities at Walpole. Mr du Pree Thomas agreed that it should be possible and would liaise with the clerk

AW left the meeting at this point as a declared interest

- Mrs Warner gave a short presentation to support planning application 41/18/00008 (agenda item 8ii)

AW re-joined the meeting

- Concerns were raised regarding item 8iii, planning application 41/18/00009
- Could villagers be included in any Virador site visit?

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

- i. SCC Cllr M Healey sent his apologies for not being able to attend due to business commitments
- ii. AW declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 8ii, planning application 41/18/00008

2. Minutes of the Annual Pawlett Parish Council Meeting held on 21st May 2018 to be presented and signed.

The word 'explaining' appeared twice in paragraph 1. One 'explaining' was struck through and then Councillors agreed that the minutes be adopted as a true record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

3. County and District Councillor Reports

A briefing had been provided by SCC Cllr M Healey

4. Matters Arising from the minutes:

Any matters arising not covered by agenda items below.

None

5. Casual Vacancies on the parish council

The clerk reported that SDC had confirmed that no call for election had been lodged for either vacancy, and therefore the parish council is free to co-opt two new members. Posters had been placed on the noticeboards and on the website. AB offered to post on the Pawlett Life Facebook page on behalf of the PC

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

a) Pothole outside 26 Gaunts Road – update

The clerk reported that Highways had confirmed that this pothole had been earmarked for repair. It was noted by councillors that the repairs had been carried out last week

b) Any other matters concerning roads and footpaths

- i. A Pilgrims Way resident's complaint had been received of litter and rubbish on path to no-where. Clerk to contact SDC & Stonewater to request that it is cleared up
- ii. AW asked could the electricity box on the green be painted green as the present white colour is visually intrusive. Councillors felt that this suggestion had merit and the clerk was requested to contact Western Power to verify ownership of the box, and if necessary gain permission to paint it.

7. Playground and Outdoor Gym:

a) Annual playground inspections

Copies of annual inspections had been previously circulated amongst councillors. It was noted that most items that had been highlighted were low or very low-risk, with no moderate or high-risk issues

It was noted that two matters regarding the roundabout on the Green had been noted by the inspecting officer. As this is a relatively new piece of equipment (installed summer 2015) the clerk was requested to raise these with the manufacturer.

b) Routine playground and outdoor gym inspections

It was agreed that the clerk would liaise with CC regarding the construction of a weekly inspection sheet

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

CC reported that lots of people are using outdoor gym and it has received much praise

8. Planning Matters

a) Applications:

i. Consider Planning Application 41/18/00006

Change of use of part of the existing Anaerobic Digestion building to house fertiliser production process equipment. Walpole Anaerobic Digestion Plant, Walpole Landfill Site, Bristol Road, Walpole, Bridgwater

Councillors unanimously resolved to support. It was noted that it appeared to be a worthy exercise in waste handling and a well thought out process with little additional impact on the area

AW left the meeting at this point due to a declared interest

ii. Consider Planning Application 41/18/00008

Change of use of land to agricultural and equestrian to carry out educational activities (retrospective application). Land Adjoining Hillside, Gaunts, Pawlett, Bridgwater

Councillors unanimously resolved to support this application as it provides a worthwhile service which offers minimal impact to the area and little change to current usage.

AW re-joined the meeting

iii. Consider Planning Application 41/18/00009

Approval of reserved matters for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling.

Location: Seymour Farm, Sloway Lane, Stretcholt, Bridgwater

It was noted that, although the PC had originally opposed the construction of this dwelling, the outline permission was granted by Sedgemoor DC and therefore did not form part of this application, which was only concerning the construction and design details.

Councillors resolved to support (3 for, 2 against) this application but wished to highlight their concerns regarding the potential future size and occupancy compliance in the future.

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

HS informed councillors that once Sedgemoor DC complete the switch to e-consultation for planning matters she would no longer take part in planning matters where no paper documents were provided

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

None

10. Consider RLT3 Application Received from BASC – Burnham Association of Sports Club (Coastal Cluster) to install a new, purposely-designed internal platform lift for the specific use of wheelchair users, other disabled people and the elderly

Councillors considered that this application was worthy of support as it is a well established venue and wheelchair users cannot currently access any of the facilities on the first floor

11. Financial Matters.

a) Annual Return – update

The clerk reported that the Annual Return, together with the certificate of exemption from a limited assurance review, had been submitted to the auditors on 30th May and the required documents posted to the Pawlett website (www.pawlettparish.org) The period for the public inspection has commenced on 4th June and runs until 13th July

b) Approve payment of creditors.

Clerks Salary, June 2018	£380.70	
HMRC PAYE	£25.20	
Clerk's expenses & reimbursements	£114.33	
Green energy, electricity on the Green	£8.25	(inc VAT of £0.39)
Play Ground Inspection Co	£156.00	(inc VAT of £26.00)
SDC, playingfield lease	£170.00	

3 members of the public, and Mr Du Pree Thomas left the meeting at this point

c) Receipts received

None

d) Any other financial matters notified to the Clerk

None

12. General Data Protection Regulation

The clerk reported that she had attended the SALC briefing on 22nd May, and briefing notes had been circulated to councillors.

Councillors resolved to keep this matter on the agenda on an ongoing basis as this was a process that would take some time to complete. However, it was felt that the PC should not incur any additional costs to implement GDPR and therefore no extra clerk hours would be allocated to the process

In order to start to process it was agreed that the clerk should draw up an aide memoir for paperwork sorting and each councillor would receive one box of PC documents to sort and categorise

13. Circulated Correspondence

- 1) Somerset County Council
 - a) Highways grass cutting
 - b) Silhouettes in Somerset
 - c) Improving Lives Strategy for Somerset
- 2) Sedgemoor DC
 - a) Admiral Blake statue to be cleaned
 - b) Legal advice for Parish Councils
- 3) Taunton and Somerset NHS
 - a) Musgrove Park Hospital opens new CT scanner
 - b) Men across Somerset & North Devon encouraged to get screened
- 4) Somerset Community Foundation - May newsletter
- 5) Somerset Waste Partnership - May briefing
- 6) CAB - Grant request

14. Topics for Future Meetings.

- GDPR
- Include a regular planning agenda item to cover concerns over possible planning breaches in the parish

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.29