

PAWLETT PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the meeting of Pawlett Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Old Main Road, Pawlett on Monday, 19th February 2018 at 7.00 pm

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

Present:

Parish Councillors:

R Winter (Chair), M Neale (Vice-chair), A Baker, C Clark, H Smith and W Barnard (after item 12)

Clerk, C Morrison-Jones, together with 3 members of the public

Public Speaking:

- Repairs to Chapel Road that have been previously marked out- is there any update? Also Gaunts Road is bad – pot holes from Lippits Lane to Ham Lane, worst on corner from Gaunts Lane to Ham Lane
- The car is reported as back parking on Chapel Road, outside Springfield Close, causing an obstruction

1. Welcome by the Chairman.

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

Apologies of absence received from Cllr W Barnard for possible late arrival and from SDC Cllr M Healey

3. Minutes of the Pawlett Parish Council Meeting held on 29th January 2018 to be presented and signed.

The previously circulated minutes were approved by councillors to be true and correct record of the meeting and were signed by the chairman

4. Matters Arising:

a) Outdoor Gym installation

MN that the heras fencing that was protecting the new turf has now been taken down. Sutcliffe Play have advised that there is a three week lead on the entrance sign. SDC will be invited to inspect the equipment and release the RLT2 funds once the entrance sign is in place

During a visit he spoke to two people in the childrens' playground as their children were using the gym equipment pointing out that, as stated on the equipment signage, they were not tall enough.

RW reported that the Facebook post on 'Pawlett Life' had generated a lot of positive feedback: most people had thought that it was the Pavilion that was responsible for the installation. It was agreed that the opening ceremony could possibly be in early April with a definite date to be set at the March PC meeting

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

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5. County and District Councillor Reports

Cllr M Healey had sent a report to the clerk:

- County Council meeting on Wednesday to discuss and to approve the budget for the coming year. This the same as the District Council, so will be an interesting week.
- Plans have been submitted to build a MacDonal'd's on the old Bowering site at the Dunball roundabout. Application is to build a garage, fast food outlet, and starter factory units.

6. Casual Vacancy on the Parish Council

Following the resignation of Cllr M Seabourne, due to ill health, there is a casual vacancy on the council. The statutory notices have been issued and if no call for election has been made to SDC by the 19th February the PC will be free to co-opt a new Member at the March meeting. Any interested parties tare requested to please contact the clerk for further details

7. Planning Matters

Applications:

a) Consider Planning Application 41/18/00001

Land at, Seymour Lakes, Sloway Lane, Stretcholt, Bridgwater

Change of use of a fishing lake to be let as a coarse fishery and the erection of a timber lodge to be used as a key workers dwelling for a fish farming enterprise.

After discussing the proposals, councillors unanimously resolved to object to this application due to the following points

- flood risk
- increased number of vehicles to site
- probability of sewage waste entering the watercourse
- lack of parking provision for visiting vehicles

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

None

8. Consider the PC’s response to Somerset County Council’s Library Services Consultation

The proposed changes will have no impact on mobile library that visits Pawlett, and there is a plan for home delivery service for those that can’t get out.

RW suggested that most people now rely on electronic means to read books. Councillors requested that the clerk sought out the usage figures for the local library before considering a response to the consultation

9. Consider the PC’s response to EIA Scoping Opinion for Bridgwater Tidal Barrier Scheme

CC noted that the line showing the protective banking has been extended upriver in Pawlett from previously circulated documents

Councillors resolved that PC response should cover the following points

- Appears to be not a lot of benefit for a considerable sum of money which could be used in a more effective manner to maintain the correct levels all along in the river.
- Why is the PC being formally asked for an opinion now when decisions have already been made regarding barrier position and the type of barrier to be used?
- Still unsure of the impact of the barrier further down river

10. Roads and Footpaths.

Any matters relating to roads and footpaths in the Parish

- a) Chapel Road surfacing issues as raised in public speaking
- b) Drain outside 10 & 8 Old Main Road is collapsing and very dangerous.
- c) Pot hole still outside 10 Old Main Road
- d) Outside 4 Monmouth Farm Close a drain is collapsing

11. Playground. Any matters relating to the playgrounds

No matters arising. Gate spring repairs still pending (waiting for weather to improve)
 Clerk was requested to book the annual inspection for both playgrounds with the Playground Inspection company

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

MN and RW attended a CIL presentation by SDC on 6th February.
 The CIL levy is double for rural properties than in urban...this was questioned by those present as not being fair to rural communities
 Pawlett has no CIL money available to it at present

Cllr W Barnard joined the meeting at this point

13. Consider grass cutting arrangements for 2018/19

Clerk had approached 3 companies for quotes but only 2 had returned figures – Greenacres (current contractors) and SDC
 Figures were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting
 RW noted that the grass along Old Main Road is sometimes not possible to cut because parked cars -the current contractor revisits to complete the cut if this is the case
 Councillors agreed that Greenacres does a good job currently and is flexible and local.
 Historically SDC service hasn't been to expectation in the past. Value for money is not always just the cheapest price
 Councillors agreed to award the grass cutting contract to Greenacres for 2018 and 2019, with the option to renew for 2020 at the same price. Clerk to inform Greenacres

3 members of public left at this point

14. Financial Matters.

a) Approve payment of creditors

Clerks Salary, February 2018	£384.40
HMRC PAYE	£2.20
Clerk's expenses & reimbursements	£48.60
Green energy electricity on the Green	£9.08

b) Receipts received

None

c) Any other financial matters notified to the Clerk in advance of the Meeting

None

15. Circulated correspondence

- 1) Somerset County Council press releases:
 - a) Young take the lead in fight against waste
 - b) Budget protects neighbourhood policing
 - c) Have your say on how to make Somerset's roads safer
 - d) 'Time to talk' comes to Somerset
 - e) Somerset's Local Access Forum needs you
- 2) Sedgemoor DC

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- a) CIL presentation notes
- b) Grants available to Parish Councils / Village Halls
- 3) Mendip Community Transport, Passenger usage for TA6 area
- 4) Somerset Waste Partnership
 - a) Recycling & refuse collections- bank holiday changes
 - b) Briefing, February 2018
- 5) SALC
 - a) February 2018 newsletter
 - b) NALC – financial assistance to the church advice leaflet
 - c) NALC – reporting personal data breaches leaflet

16. Topics for Future Meetings.

- Consider Mendip community transport grant
- APM

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.06pm