

PAWLETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Pawlett Parish Council Meeting
Held at the Village Hall, Old Main Road, Pawlett on Monday, 19th November 2018,
commencing at 7pm.

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

Present:

Cllrs W Barnard (chair), A Baker, C Clark, A Warner & M Smith
C Morrison-Jones (clerk)
7 x members of the public

Public speaking:

- The gate is locked across the track that runs from the balloon hanger to the river.
WB noted that the track is owned by the Environment Agency and isn't an official right of way
- An electric fence has been put up across a footpath
AW noted that this had been raised at the last meeting and has been reported to SCC Rights of Way by the clerk

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

Apologies received from Cllrs H Smith and M Thomas, both due to illness.

2. County and District Councillor Reports

None

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th October 2018 to be presented and signed.

Councillors resolved that the minutes represented a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the Chairman

4. Matters Arising from the minutes:

a) Bench on Gaunts Road

The new bench and ground anchors have been delivered to WB. WB and CC offered to install the bench on behalf of the PC

b) New salt / grit bin

The new bin has been delivered to WB. WB and CC offered to install it on behalf of the PC

c) Virador Community Liaison meeting

The first meeting has been arranged for 5th Dec. AW and WB to attend as PPC representatives

d) Lighting the path from the Village Hall to Old Main Road

The clerk reported that she was liaising with the Highways lighting team. If the lighting is installed by the Lighting Team the installation costs would have to be met by the PC but after installation all future liabilities and running costs would be met by the SCC Lighting Team. It is hoped that a quote for installation will have been prepared by SCC in time for consideration at the December PC meeting.

e) Christmas Tree on the Green

The PC has been offered a tree of approx 15' tall by a villager and it has been arranged to fell it on 24th November using a certified and insured contractor.

Volunteers have been arranged to move the tree, erect it on the Green and put up the Christmas lights.

f) Daffodil Bulbs

MS has them at home for storage. Volunteers are needed to plant them around village

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

None

5. Noticeboards at the junction of Gaunts Road and Old Main Road

The parish council and community notice boards were demolished by a car on the afternoon of 28th October. (The small WI board was damaged in the same incident but is not the responsibility of the parish council.) A claim with the parish council's insurance company has been opened. Quotes for repair / replacement have been obtained for both wooden and metal noticeboards. Councillors resolved to proceed with quotation for the metal replacement boards.

6. Roads and Footpaths:

a) Temporary closure of Gaunts Road, 3rd- 5th December

Pawlett Parish Council has been informed by Somerset Highways that, in order to enable Wessex Water to carry out interim to permanent reinstatement works, Gaunts Road from the junction with River Road, eastwards for a distance of 30 metres will be closed to all traffic from the 3rd December 2018. The works are expected to last for 3 days.

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

- i) AW- regarding the locked gate by balloon hanger noted in public speaking - there is a sheep gate for pedestrian access. The track is owned by the environment agency but there is no public right of way, only for the adjacent field owners
- ii) AW – reported that he had notified the Environment Agency of a gas cylinder & plastic tank been dumped on the above track
- iii) AB – the access road down the side of the Green has several potholes and believes that this is the responsibility of the PC as it owns up to the church wall. WB and the clerk to organise a quote to patch holes

7. Playground and Outdoor Gym:

a) Routine playground and outdoor gym inspections

- i) Swing cradle at pavilion play area – 1 leg is loose (right rear pole). CC to get handyman to quote to dig up and re-concrete
- ii) Gate into field isn't remaining closed – handyman to attend

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

CC reported that he has collected the new signs for both playgrounds. Councillors agreed that the looked good and CC offered to put them up

8. Consider the Election of a Vice-Chairman

Councillors unanimously resolved to elect AW as vice chair and duly AW signed the acceptance of office form

9. Planning Matters

a) Consider Planning Application Number: 41/18/00022/STP

Erection of 1 No. Bungalow with Rooms in Roofspace, Detached Garage & Parking.

29 Pound Road, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4RZ

Councillors noted that the application is for a bungalow - it is a 2 storey building, not a bungalow.

Councillors resolved to oppose the application as it still represents over development of the site in terms of the vehicular activity that will result from a three bedroom property.

Additionally, councillors wished to echo the concerns raised by local residents over the

capacity of the foul water sewer to cope with the additional load that would be placed on it by increasing the number of individuals living in the area.

The clerk was also requested to alert Wessex Water to local residents concerns regarding potential foul water capacity issues

b) Possible planning breaches in the parish

i) updates on previously noted concerns

The bike scrambling track in Stretcholt noted at the last meeting has been reported to SDC and is will be investigated by the enforcement officer

ii) any new concerns

None

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

Consider Planning Application: 41/18/00023/DRT

Erection of single storey extension to front (west) elevation partly on site of existing porch to be demolished.

Barton Cottage, Church Lane, Pawlett, Bridgwater, TA6 4RX

Councillors resolved to support the application as the proposed extension would appear to be sympathetic with the existing building

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

AW reported that on 26th October he attended the Hinkley Site Stakeholder Group meeting. Directors at the meeting reported on Hinkley A demolition, B decommissioning & C building. No accidents to report in the last 9 months

There is currently an interim storage facility for 'homemade' nuclear waste. There has been previously the idea of importation of other sites' nuclear waste, but this would require new planning permission - this option has been paused.

There was a suggestion of site visits to Hinkley C, open to councillors and interested parishioners. AW offered to investigate the possibility as to how many numbers Hinkley can accommodate on a tour

6 members of the public left the meeting at this point

11. Hinkley Stakeholders meeting: consider the nominated PC representative and future voting rights

Councillors resolved to make AW and MS the nominated PC representatives and delegated voting rights to AW

12. Financial Matters.

a) Approve payment of creditors.

Clerks Salary	November 2018	£380.70
HMRC	PAYE-November 2018	£25.20
Clerk	Expenses & reimbursements	£65.21
Green energy	Electricity on the Green (Oct 2018)	£9.07
PJ Signs	Play area signs	£114.00
Greenacres	Grass cutting 2018	£2,700.00

b) Receipts received

None

c) Any other financial matters notified to the Clerk

None

13. Circulated Correspondence

1) Somerset County Council

a) Drop-in sessions for GetSet Service Consultation

b) Temporary Closure Gaunts Road

c) Somerset Libraries Service Redesign

d) Parish Paths Consultation

- 2) **Sedgemoor District Council**
 - a) **Wedmore Neighbourhood Plan Consultation**
 - b) **HPC Community Fund Event**
 - c) **Homes in Sedgemoor Autumn Newsletter**
 - d) **Bower Pond Improvements**
 - e) **Northgate Cinema & Leisure Scheme**
 - f) **'Spark' community event**
- 3) **Bridgwater Tidal Barrier Scheme Stakeholder meeting**
- 4) **Somerset Community Foundation**
 - a) **Carols at Wells Cathedral**
 - b) **Surviving Winter -donating your winter fuel payment**
- 5) **SALC, Temporary SID update**
- 6) **Avon & Somerset Police; Would you pay an extra £1?**
- 7) **Somerset Waste Partnership; Christmas & New Year collections**
- 8) **CPRE; Countryside Voice magazine – winter 2018**

14. Topics for Future Meetings.

None

- 15. Date and time of the next meeting –17th December 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Old Main Road, Pawlett.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.05