

Pawlett Parish Council

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MINUTES of meeting held at 7pm Monday 7th November 2022, at Pawlett Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Chairman W Barnard, Cllr Vice Chairman A Warner, Cllr M Sims, Cllr T Malpass and Cllr M Smith. S Warren Clerk, and 2 members of the public.

Start 7pm. Public speaking time – 2 members of the public relayed information about item 8.11 'Pawlett Warm Welcome' being an "outreach to the Community during the cold winter months".

Reports from County & District Councillors

The County & District Councillors are invited to give short oral or written reports on matters affecting Pawlett Parish. Members of the public, as well as Councillors, may ask questions or make comments on matters raised.

The monthly briefing sheet from Cllrs Suria Aujla and Mark Healey had been circulated.

Local Crime Report

8.1 To receive and agree any apologies for non attendance . *Apologies received from Cllrs S Aujla, M Healey, J Kingman and M Turford which were accepted.*

8.2 To receive any declarations of interest *M Sims declared 8.11*

8.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council from 3rd October 2022. *Approved*

8.4 Clerk to report on actions from last meeting – New dog excrement bin has now been installed at Vicarage Lane. Double yellow lines have been placed in Old Main Road into the junction of Monmouth Farm Close although they don't appear sufficient?? Would the PPC also like to discuss double yellow lines around the two entrances to the village?? *All agreed to start process for double yellow lines at both entrances to the village from A38.*

Clerk has reported Grit bin levels to SDC. Clerk collected daffodil bulbs from SDC and delivered to M Sims, who then kindly organised the planting of said bulbs. *PPC would like to thank Cllr's M Sims, M Turford & T Malpass and also Mr Mervyn Sims and Mr & Mrs Sealey for all their efforts in planting the daffodil bulbs.*

8.5 Planning applications to consider - None

8.5.1 Planning application outcomes - None

8.5.2 Any planning breaches to report - None

8.6 Speeding in the village – Clerk is still looking into options to help control the speeding problems, and will continue to do so.

8.7 Welcome to Pawlett signs – As per email circulated to you all, they do not support the two signs as discussed at last meeting. Highways fully support the original proposal. Agree on which new signs to purchase and precise locations. *Agreed unanimously to proceed with Glasdon Gateway signs at both entrances to the village, including the speed limit on them.*

8.8 Proposed new play equipment with funding from Viridor and RLT2 Funds left to claim of £793.14 – Playground inspection was carried out 24/11/22, currently awaiting report.

Cllr's to put forward suggestions for new play equipment and hopefully make a decision. RLT2 funds need to be claimed by 31st December and spent by 31st March 2023. *Clerk is gaining 3 quotes for Jungle gyms, one will be chosen at the next meeting.*

8.9 Payments to approve- All approved

SDC Tree Cutting	£504.00
Green Energy 1 month's supply	£17.34
Clerk Salary due 5/11/22	£508.30
Replacement bench	£454.80
New plaque to mark the passing of the Queen	£50.00
Ashcroft Gardening church path Sept & Oct	£30.00
Received Insurance payment for stolen bench ex vat	£254.00

8.10 Christmas Preparations – Order Tree – And is the PPC happy to cover the cost of Mince Pies & Mulled wine in the Village Hall on 3rd December, after the Christingle at the Church and before the Tree lighting on the Green. If so, suggested amount, Clerk will look into costs prior to meeting.

Clerk to order Tree from Secret Valley, 15ft Norwegian Spruce. M Coombes has kindly offered to collect the tree, and WB kindly offered to erect and attach the lights.

All agreed to support mince pies & mulled wine in the Village Hall before the tree lighting, spend up to £50 plus hire of Village Hall for 1 hour 15mins. SW, M Smith, TM & AW offered to attend and serve, SW will purchase goods from Lidl, Mince pies pack of 12 for £1.99 and Mulled wine 1 litre at £4.99, plus some biscuits, small cakes and squash. M Smith kindly offered to bake some ginger bread men. M Sims to purchase tea, coffee and milk.

Adj 7.44pm to discuss Pawlett warm welcome with a member of the public.

Resume 7.46pm

8.11 Pawlett Warm Welcome at the RBL – Would the PPC like to contribute financial support to this worthy venture. *Unanimous support to contribute £550*

8.12 Community Land Access – Clerk is hoping to speak with Mr & Mrs Parish prior to meeting to confirm they still wish to proceed after the passing of the original land owner, Mrs M Parish. Should that prove successful, we can then confirm if we are happy for the access to be granted by SDC over the leased land as originally proposed.

All happy to proceed. And clerk will speak with Mr & Mrs Parish prior to next meeting.

8.13 Vegetation Matters – Overgrowth by Old Post Office – Highways have trimmed. **Overgrowth behind bench outside 2 Old Main Road –** Land is the responsibility of SCC, they will only trim with tractor and hedge flail once a year, and only if impedes traffic safety, therefore I propose the PPC seek to maintain the area. The owner of 2 Old Main Road is happy to make the initial clearance making it cheaper for the PPC. I suggest we ask for it to be included in future maintenance. **Quotations for next year –** Any suggestions of contractors? I suggest including Ashcroft Gardening who maintain the Church and SDC.

Clerk will discover who West Huntspill use and ask them for a quote. It was also agreed to include the area behind the bench on the boundary of 2 Old Main Road. There is to be a public exhibition regarding the Tidal Barrier Scheme at St Mary's Church, Bridgwater from 2.00pm to 7.00pm on 30th November 2022.

8.14 Roads, Footpaths, River – River bank, JK to explain. Also, overgrowth on The Drain footpath has been reported to Rights of Way officer. *WB reported that the Environment Agency have committed to maintain the existing flood defences.*

8.15 Other matters to report regarding the Parish – Stolen Plaque suggestions of replacement.

Clerk has obtained a quote from Premier Trophies for a Stainless steel lookalike for £38 +vat, all agreed to proceed. Clerk also suggested getting costs for Wi-Fi in the Village Hall, all agreed, and hope to approve at next meeting.

8.16 Next meeting Monday 5th December 7pm.

Meeting concluded at 8pm
