Pawlett Parish Council

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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 6.30pm At Pawlett Village Hall.

Present: Chairman W Barnard, Vice Chairman A Warner, Cllr M Sims, Cllr Malpass, Cllr Kingman, Cllr M Turford,

S Warren Clerk and Village Hall Committee Chairman R Winter. 2 members of the public.

6.30pm It was reported to the PPC that No 32 Springfield Close has cleared trees outside of their garden curtilage, the Clerk will report this to Stonewater, and remind them to trim the path.

6.37pm Reports from County & District Councillors - NONE

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.

- 17.1 To receive and agree any apologies for non attendance- Apologies accepted from Cllr Smith.
- 17.2 To receive any declarations of interest- NONE
- 17.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council from 2nd October 2023. *Approved* 17.4 Matters arising from the minutes and anything for the Clerk to report from last meeting.

The Clerk and Cllr Turford met with a Highways representative a few weeks ago, this was very productive. Exact locations were agreed for the gateway signs, we can go ahead and install as soon as we are ready. They also suggested suitable locations for the SID's, which the Clerk has emailed through on a plan and is currently awaiting a response.

17.5 Planning Applications to consider – 41/23/00012/CM

Proposal: Erection of a two storey detached garage and annex.

Location: 8C Bristol Road, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4RT

Unanimous support – although PPC commented as follows – The PC supports the application on the basis there is a condition that restricts from becoming a separate dwelling.

- **17.5.1 Planning Application outcomes** 41/23/00008 Rose Farm, withdrawn. *Clerk has been asked to request the enforcement officer check that no works have been carried out without planning consent.* **17.5.2 Planning breaches to report NONE**
- **17.6 Speeding in the village** Waiting for Highways to approve locations so we can apply for the grant.
- **17.7 Welcome to Pawlett signs** Clerk has quotes for signs from local companies. *Still waiting for quotes to come through, carried forward.*
- **17.8 LCN Meeting 31**st **October** No one was able to attend, next meeting is on 10th January at 7.30pm in Puriton Village Hall.

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17.9 Payments to approve. All approved

Clerk Salary due 5/11/23	£508.30
Ashcroft Gardening – Church Path September	£15.00
L Saunders Handyman	£200.00

Somerset Council grass cutting 15th & 28th September £296.40 incl vat

Green energy (still in credit by £13.17) £19.97

Play Inspection Company £198.00 incl vat

SALC Annual membership fee £319.98

- **17.10 Community Land Access Review email outlining proposed costs and suggestions.** *Unanimous agreement to proceed.*
- **17.11 Play area Inspections to be reviewed.** Nothing of major concern, Clerk is looking at rotten fencing around the Pavilion play area.
- **17.12 Roads, Footpaths, River** *EDF land purchase was discussed, although this was mainly speculative. We are awaiting EDF to hold a village meeting in due course.*
- 17.13 Playground equipment at The Pavilion The grant application has been submitted, awaiting response.
- **17.14 Village Hall Committee.** Discuss finance options for Hall repairs. *It was unanimously agreed for the Parish Council to be invoiced for the works complete for VAT purposes. The Village Hall Committee will contribute £6000.00.* The total cost of repairs is an estimate of £8500.00 + vat.
- 17.15 Review budget for next year Carried forward.
- **17.16 Graveyard capacity WB requested inclusion of this item.** Cllr Sims assured the PC that there is plenty of vacant ground available for many years to come.
- **17.17** Christmas Preparations (Christingle Service in the Parish Church + Village Hall Booked 4.30pm 6.00pm **Saturday 2nd December '23** for PPC to provide comfort stop/mince pies/mulled wine etc., before **Lighting of the Christmas Tree** at 5.00pm). Clerk to order 14ft Norwegian Spruce from Secret Valley/MC to collect Tree (tba), Wm to liaise with Mike and Wm to check lights. MAS has prepared a Poster for the NBs and will ensure that the event is advertised in the Link Magazine.

Clerk was authorised a budget of up to £50 for mulled wine & mince pies. As many Cllr's as possible to meet at the Village Hall at 4.30pm to prepare and serve.

- **17.18** Remembrance Service 12th November '23 at 10.45am a PC attends the Service and lays a wreath on behalf of PPC. Will be either Cllr Sims or Cllr Turford, and the PPC will contribute £50 towards the wreath.
- **17.19 Other matters to report regarding the Parish.** A smart meter has been fitted to electricity supply on the Village Green.
- 17.20 Next meeting Monday 4th December 2023 6.30pm.

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