

# Pawlett Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 6.30pm At St John The Baptist Church, Pawlett.

Present: Vice Chairman A Warner, Cllr M Sims, Cllr Malpass, Cllr Kingman, Cllr M Turford, Cllr M Smith & Cllr J Kingman. S Warren Clerk and Village Hall Committee Chairman R Winter. 1 member of the public.

6.30pm

### 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.

**18.1 To receive and agree any apologies for non attendance-**

**18.2 To receive any declarations of interest- NONE**

**18.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council from 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023. *Approved***

**18.4 Matters arising from the minutes and anything for the clerk to report from last meeting.**

**18.5 Planning Applications to consider – NONE** *May have to arrange an extra ordinary meeting to consider PA 41/23/00014 (which had just come in).*

**18.5.1 Planning Application outcomes - NONE.**

**18.5.2 Planning breaches to report - NONE**

**18.6 Speeding in the village** – Discuss locations approved by Highways. *Unanimous approval to proceed.*

**18.7 Welcome to Pawlett signs** – Discuss additional cost for concrete due to size of footing's requested by Highways. *Additional £500 approx for extra concrete approved. Price confirmed after delivery.*

**18.8 LCN next Meeting Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at Puriton Village Hall** – *Clerk will be attending.*

**18.9 Payments to approve. - *Approved***

Clerk Salary due 5/01/24	£508.30
Ashcroft Gardening – Church Path November	£15.00
Green energy October	£19.97
Green energy November	£31.58
Handyman – Play area sign sort out & swing seat	£230.00

**18.10 Community Land Access – No updates at present. – *Clerk will chase again.***

**18.11 Play area Issues.** *The Fence between the car park and the play area at The Pavilion is very rotten, The Clerk has asked J Thorne for a quote to replace with the same fencing that they have installed along the edge of the same car park. It is metal fencing not timber. It is believed that we can use CIL funds to cover the cost. Awaiting two further quotes for fencing.*

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**18.12 Roads, Footpaths, River – Somerset Rivers Flood Action Plan.** Clerk is attending a presentation from SRA on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, and will then respond to the consultation. Jason Bell has trimmed the hedge on the A38 behind Old Main Road, awaiting invoice. Still waiting for Highways to install the new streetlight on Chapel Road, Clerk will chase again. Possibility of Liam Gill instructing pathway cut A38 from OMR to garage, Clerk will make the request.

Lengthy discussions took place regarding the proposed Saltmarsh creation on Pawlett Hams by EDF, which will involve the compulsory purchase of 850 acres of parishioners' land. The Clerk will attempt to obtain hard copies of the proposal without paying the £50 fee. There is a landowner meeting in The Orchard Pub on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 at 7.30pm, where representatives from EDF and other authorities will be present to answer questions. There is then a drop in session at Pawlett Village Hall on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January from 4pm to 8pm hosted by EDF. We are hoping you will attend our next Parish Council meeting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February in the village hall at 6.30pm for further discussions before responding to the EDF consultation. <https://www.edfenergy.com/energy/nuclear-new-build-projects/hinkley-point-c/hinkley-point-c-habitat-restoration-and-creation>

**18.13 Playground equipment at The Pavilion** –The grant application has been submitted, awaiting response. The grant application has been declined, as they don't feel HPC has much of an impact on Pawlett. The Clerk has disputed this with no response to date. The Clerk will make a new grant application to Valencia Credits.

**18.14 Village Hall Committee.** – Chairman R Winter reported that the village Hall repair works are going well, but have overrun by a few days due to unforeseen issues. The Hall will re-open on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January, following a deep clean.

**18.15 Review budget for next year and set Precept.** The Budget was approved unanimously, and the precept has been increased by 10%, also agreed unanimously.

**18.16. Springfield Footpath trees and maintenance** – Clerk has received a response promising contact soon.

**18.17 Grass cutting this year** – Clerk is awaiting all the quotes to come through. It was to agreed to instruct Ashcroft Gardening to continue trimming the Church Path.

**18.19 Other matters to report regarding the Parish. None**

Meeting ended at 7.35pm

**18.20 Next meeting Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 6.30pm.**

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