

Pawlett Parish Council

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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held Monday 4th March 2024 at 6.30pm At Pawlett Village Hall.

**Present: Chairman W Barnard, Vice Chairman A Warner, Cllr M Sims, Cllr Malpass, Cllr M Turford & Cllr J Kingman.
S Warren Clerk and Village Hall Committee Chairman R Winter.
District Cllr M Healey and 3 members of the public.**

6.30pm Public speaking – A representative was present to answer questions regarding the planning application 41/24/00003. A representative from Pawlett Hams Action group spoke to encourage collaboration with the PC going forward, this will be discussed in item 20.12. A member of the public spoke about concerns of flooding in Vicarage Lane, this is discussed in item 20.12.

20.0 Memorial for ex Councillor Anona Baker – Discussion took place to honour her memory and her years of dedication to the Parish. The Chairman suggested a plaque under the planted Christmas Tree, this was unanimously supported. The Clerk has been approved to spend up to £200 and Cllr Sims kindly offered to compose the text.

Reports from County & District Councillors Cllr Healy gave a verbal report, and the written report is on the website. 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.

20.1 To receive and agree any apologies for non-attendance - Cllr M Smith and Cllr Warner, apologies accepted.

20.2 To receive any declarations of interest- Cllr Kingman 20.5

20.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council from 5th February 2024. Approved

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

The Kings Portrait is on order. Highways have confirmed that the footpath along the A38 between the two village entrances will be cleared this year, and they will also clean all the gulleys on the A38. They have also written to the homeowner with the fence panel on the verge to request it be removed. Clerk has also reported that the Manor Road sign was damaged in a vehicle crash.

20.5 Planning Applications to consider –

[41/24/00003](#)/LE Proposal: Change of use from residential garage to beauty salon (retrospective) and retention of stores and farm toilet.

Location: Lethbridge Farm, Stretcholt Lane, Stretcholt, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4SR

Unanimous vote to support, with the following comments.

The business has already been established for 2 years without any issues. We feel it is a benefit to the community. Making good use of an underused building and an attractive conversion. No major impact on traffic.

20.5.1 Planning Application outcomes – All 3 below Granted permission

Planning application number: [41/23/00012](#)/CM

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

Planning application number: [41/24/00001](#)/CM

Location: Bella Vista, Gaunts Road, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4SS

Planning application number: [41/23/00014](#)/CM

Location: 39A Manor Road, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4SN

20.5.2 Planning breaches to report - None

20.6 Speeding in the village – Locations are now approved by Highways. Next opportunity to apply for funding is April 2024, so the Clerk will prepare to apply.

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20.7 Welcome to Pawlett signs – Installed. *The Clerk relayed that the spoil left by the contractors will be removed.*

20.8 LCN Meeting to be held on Tuesday 5th March 6.30pm, at Moorland Community Hub, Clerk will be attending.

20.9 Payments to approve. *All approved.*

Clerk Salary due 5/03/24	£981.64
Green energy January	£29.25
Town & Country Concrete	£627.26 incl vat
Somerset Council grass cutting	£592.80

Received from Pawlett Village Hall 19th Feb £4159.00

20.10 Community Land Access – Awaiting an update. *Clerk will chase again.*

20.11 Play area issues - Ongoing. 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. (hoping to have this by the meeting) It is metal fencing not timber. We believe we can use CIL funds to cover the cost. Awaiting two further quotes for fencing. *Carried forward.*

20.12 Roads, Footpaths, River – Discuss EDF proposed compulsory purchase of Pawlett Hams, including the possibility of working with The Pawlett Hams Action Group going forward, the Clerk will check with SALC if this is an option. *Unfortunately, that is not an option due to conflicts of interest with Cllr's who are also affected by the EDF proposals. However, the PC have invited the action group to attend meetings with updates, and if they can assist without conflict they will do so, with the affected Cllr's leaving the room. It was also agreed that the EDF proposal will have its own agenda item going forward.*

Discuss flooding issues within the Parish, mainly blocked culverts. *Adj 7.15pm, resume 7.17pm. The Chairman asked the Clerk to go back to Highways as he feels they need to take some responsibility, and to also report that the road surface is degrading due to the surface water from the blocked culvert. And to also contact the SRA for advice/assistance.*

The streetlight ordered last Summer for Chapel Road has still not been installed, Cllr Healey kindly offered to chase.

20.13 Playground equipment at The Pavilion – New grant in the process of being submitted to Valencia Credits. *The Chairman has provided the Clerk with a contact number to try as she is struggling to start an application.*

20.14 Village Hall Committee. – *Chairman Ron Winter reported that the new AV system is due to be installed on the 26th & 27th of March, the Clerk asked to be included in the setup training. He also thanked the Clerk for recommending a new insurance company for the Village Hall as they have saved over £300 by switching to them.*

20.15 Clerks hourly rate – Clerk has further information regarding her pay scale. *Carried forward*

20.16. Hedgehog Highway Project – [Click here for the website](#) *All agreed to share the information on our social media and website.*

20.17 Grass cutting this year – 4 Quotes to review. *The PC voted unanimously to continue with Somerset Council for the coming year as we know we are guaranteed the service required, and we are short on time to discuss further. Next year we will invite quotes again.*

20.18 Repurposing the Phone box – Suggestions, maybe books or seeds, or both. *Clerk to ascertain ownership.*

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

**20.20 Next meeting Tuesday 2nd April at 7.00pm, Annual Parish Meeting.
Meeting closed at 7.45pm**

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