

# Pawlett Parish Council

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

Members of the public and press are entitled to be at the following meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960 Section 1 extended by Local Government Act 1972 Section 100 unless precluded by the Parish Council by resolution during the whole or part of the proceedings. Such entitlement does not however include the right to speak on any matter except at the commencement of the meeting given over specifically for that purpose. Although not a requirement to do so, prior notification to the Clerk by noon the previous Friday would enable a full response when appropriate to be given. Members of the public will be able to participate informally from 7.00pm to allow discussion/comment of agenda items. Those wishing to address the Council during the meeting must make the Chairman aware of their intention before the meeting starts. Members of the public wishing to record the meeting are asked to notify the Chairman of their intentions so that the appropriate arrangements can be made.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

To: All members of **Pawlett Parish Council**

Ladies & Gentlemen:

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Pawlett Parish Council to be held at **Pawlett Village Hall** on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 6.30pm** when the following business will be transacted.

Yours faithfully



Sam Warren  
Parish clerk

**6.30pm** Prior to the start of the meeting Questions and comments from members of the public (limited to 20 minutes in total) This provides an opportunity for members of the public (who are not usually permitted to speak during the meeting except by special invitation of the Chair) to participate before the start of the meeting by asking questions, raising concerns, or making comments on matters affecting Pawlett Parish. No decision can be taken during this session, but the Chair may decide to refer any matter for consideration.

### **22.0 To Appoint Chairman and Vice Chairman for municipal year 2024/25**

#### **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.

#### **22.1 To receive and agree any apologies for non-attendance-**

#### **22.2 To receive any declarations of interest-**

#### **22.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council from 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024.**

**22.4 Matters arising from the minutes and anything for the clerk to report from last meeting.** The Clerk has reported the planning breaches from the last meeting at Rose Farm and the land behind A38 tyres. The Clerk and Cllr Sims attended the appeal hearing for application 41/21/00012, there was no outcome on the day but should be within 6 weeks.

#### **22.5 Planning Applications to consider –**

[41/24/00006/FHY](#)

**Proposal:** Installation of a dormer to the rear West elevation and roof extension.

**Location:** 32 Quantock Rise, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4SD

[41/24/00008/SR](#)

**Proposal:** Crown reduce height/spread of 1No. Sycamore (T2) (TPO Ref T2) by 2-3m all round to alleviate loading at base.

**Location:** 4 Manor Park, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4SU

**22.5.1 Planning Application outcomes** – 41/24/00004 15 Monmouth Farm Close, Granted permission.  
41/24/00003 Lethbridge Farm, permission granted.

**21.5.2 Planning breaches to report**

**21.6 Speeding in the village** – Clerk is in the process of applying for funding to the Road Safety Partnership.

**21.7 Review Insurance quotes for the coming year.**

**21.8 LCN Meetings** – Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 6.30pm at Pawlett Pavilion, Clerk will be attending. Cllr Sims kindly attended the last meeting and noted that we are encouraged to use the SC Report It function for all enquiries to ensure each subject receives a Job Number – we can thus follow the action thereafter.

**21.9 Payments to approve.**

Clerk Salary due 5/05/24	£626.43
HMRC PAYE	£21.40
Green energy April	£20.39
ICO data	£40.00
Hockerill engraving plaque	£39.60 (incl vat)
SPFA membership	£15.00
Ashcroft Church path	£15.00

**Monies Received**

Precept payment	£22,000.00
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**21.10 Community Land Access** –Include authority for the Clerk to act within the minutes. No updates at present.

**21.11 EDF Saltmarsh Proposal – Any updates to report.**

**21.12 Roads, Footpaths, River –**

**21.13 Playground equipment and Fence at The Pavilion** – New grant request has been submitted to Valencia Credits. Quotes are being obtained for the fence between the play area and the carpark to be replaced as it is rotten.

**21.14 Village Hall Committee. –**

**21.15 Large bench on the village in need of repair, and a date to install Anona's plaque under the Christmas Tree.**

**21.16 Chairman has asked for FTTP on Vicarage Lane and recycling issues to be included.**

**21.17 Flooding issues to resolve before next winter** – Clerk is discussing Vicarage Lane culvert with SRA.

**21.18 Repurposing the Phone box** – Clerk is attempting to discover ownership of the phone box from BT.

**21.19 Other matters to report regarding the Parish.**

**21.20 Next meeting Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7pm.**

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Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, any members of the public are allowed to take photographs, film and audio record the proceedings and report on all public meetings (including on social media). No prior notification is needed, but it would be helpful to let the Clerk know of any plans to film or record so that all necessary arrangements can be made to provide reasonable facilities to report on meetings. This permission does not extend to private meetings or parts of meetings which are not open to the public. All recording and photography equipment should be taken away if a public meeting moves into a session which is not open to the public. If you are recording the meeting, you are asked to act in a reasonable manner and not disrupt the conduct of meetings, for example, by using intrusive lighting, flash photography or asking people to repeat statements for the benefit of the recording. You may not make an oral commentary during the meeting. The Chair has the power to control public recording and/or reporting so it does not disrupt the meeting. Recording must be clearly visible to anyone at the meeting. Please note that members of the public exercising their right to speak during Public Question Time may be recorded.

## PAWLETT PARISH COUNCIL – ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – 2023 – 2024

Since our last Annual Council Meeting in May '23 your Parish Council has met on 12 occasions (including an Extraordinary Meeting last June to consider a Planning Application). There have been 14 Planning Applications during the year. In October, 35 Members of the Public attended the Meeting regarding a Major Planning Application for the possible erection of a new convenience store and six commercial units. The Application is still under consideration with Somerset Council.

Major PA 41/21/00012 – AAH Planning Consultants Appeal Hearing 23 April 24, an outcome is still awaited.

We celebrated the King's Coronation on 7 May '23 with a free Pig Roast for the Village and it was good to see everyone enjoying themselves on the Green whilst being entertained with live music provided by Beat Route Jam. We were grateful to Churches Together in Pawlett for providing funds towards the celebration.

The King's Portrait has been ordered and will be on display in the Village Hall shortly.

Our handyman was very busy during July. On the Green the electricity box was painted, the small bench was repaired, the large bench received a coat of wood preserver, the children's swings were painted and the handrail at the pathway leading to the Village Hall was repaired. A new bench was installed at the bus stop on the corner of Old Main Road/Gaunts Road and a new replacement bench (for the one stolen) was also installed in Gaunts Road. A Smart Meter has been fitted for the electricity supply on the Green.

We regularly check the Trees on the Green and arrange for pruning when necessary.

Councillors attended the Remembrance Service in the Parish Church on 12<sup>th</sup> November and laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

Again, a 14ft Norwegian Spruce Christmas Tree was purchased for the Green and we are grateful to Mike Coombes for transporting it for us. Many enjoyed coming to the Village Hall for a glass of mulled wine or soft drinks with mince pies and gingerbread on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Lighting of the Christmas Tree took place at 5.00pm.

In January we were sadly made aware that a much loved and well-respected lady **Anona Baker** had died. Anona had served the community in many ways and had been a Parish Councillor for several years. A Plaque will be placed on the Village Green shortly to commemorate her service.

In January too we were made aware of EDF's proposals to turn the Hams into a Saltmarsh with the compulsory purchasing of land. Land that has been in some families for several generations. We are acutely aware of the concern by the residents of Stretcholt about the imminent risk of flooding – we are currently trying to communicate with the Environment Agency.

A new Lease Agreement has been drawn up with reference to the **Community Land** – behind Springfield Close. This is still in process.

**Welcome Signs** have been installed at both entrances into the Village and we have received very favourable comments about them.

**Play Area Signs** have been installed at the Children's Play area on the Green and at the Pavilion. We ensure that regular inspections of the Play equipment take place. We are currently seeking to obtain Grants towards some new play equipment (probably a Basket Swing and Roundabout) for the Play Area at the Pavilion.

A new Street Light has been installed in Chapel Road.

The broken bollard on the corner of Old Main Road has been reported.

Investigations are being carried out regarding the re-purposing of the Phone Box in Old Main Road.

The problem of land drainage in Vicarage Lane is being investigated. We try to stay ahead and report problems about blocked culverts, pot holes, fly-tipping, street lighting, etc, in the hope that these matters will be dealt with. However, we are all aware that cutbacks have had to be made by Somerset Council. Recently the trees/hedges overhanging the A38 footpath had become a danger to pedestrians, thus a private contractor was hired by the Parish Council to trim them.

A new Safeguarding Policy has been adopted.

The precept was increased by 10% again this year, as it was the year before.

I wish to thank my fellow-Councillors for their hard work on your behalf. I also wish to thank Somerset County Councillors Mark Healey and Suria Aujla for all the support they give to Pawlett and Stretcholt.

Finally, I am most grateful to our Clerk, who does her best to keep you informed via the Facebook page, website, the Link Magazine and the Village Notice Boards.

**WILLIAM BARNARD**