

# Pawlett Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 at 7.00pm at Pawlett Village Hall.

**Present:** Vice Chairman A Warner, Cllr M Sims, Cllr T Malpass, Cllr J Kingman, S Warren Clerk and Village Hall Chairman R Winter. And 1 member of the public.

**7.00pm** Member of public highlighted concerns around the footpath access on the A38 to the 41 house development that has had outline planning approved. He also mentioned that the path to no-where alongside Springfield Close is very overgrown.

**Reports from County & District Councillors** – This was circulated via email.

**7.07pm 25.1 To receive and agree any apologies for non-attendance** – *Apologies received from Chair WB and Cllr M Smith. Cllr M Turford didn't attend. Apologies also received from Cllr's Mark Healey and Suria Aujla.*

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

**25.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024.** *Approved*

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

*It is agreed that Anona's plaque under the Christmas Tree be installed at the Tree Lighting, we will also invite her family to switch on the lights. The Clerk has made a book of contacts and logins for the PC. She also suggested a Cllr be emailed every time she makes a payment online, it was agreed that VC A Warner will receive them.*

**25.5 Planning Applications to consider** – NONE

**25.5.1 Planning Application outcomes** –

- a) 41/23/00010, Land At, Bristol Road, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset. AW and SW attending the Committee meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> August, where AW spoke to the panel. Please see the wording attached. The committee agreed to carry out a site visit as they have concerns over road safety. They also raised concerns as the development will exceed the 1000 sqr mtr permissible development rule. AW has subsequently requested they also consider the impact it will have on the view from the Village Green whilst they are there. The minutes have not yet been made available.  
*The Clerk has been asked to enquire as to when the Committee will be making their site visit.*
- b) 41/21/00012 Land West Of, Pawlett Road, Pawlett, Highbridge, Somerset, erection of up to 41 houses. Appeal granted for outline planning permission. Appeal decision document attached.

**25.5.2 Planning breaches to report** - *The Clerk is going to email Property Link regarding the rubbish dumping at the entrance to the Old Crooked Chimney, opposite Red Lane, and copy in the Head Planning Officer.*

**25.6 Speeding Indicator Devices** – Clerk has submitted the application for funding to the Road Safety Partnership. *The Clerk has chased this, and we should hear very soon.*

**25.7 Approve Asset list and review Standing Orders and possibly adopt new Finance Regulations, please see SALC** <https://somer-set-alc.org.uk/knowledge-hub/council-finance/>. See attached for documents.

*Asset list approved, Standing Orders do not require amending. The new Finance documents advised have been carried forward to allow further time for review.*

**25.8 LCN Meetings** – Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at The Princess Hall, Burnham on Sea, The Clerk will be attending, along with any Cllr's who wish to attend. The minutes from the AGM held in July have been forwarded to all Cllr's.

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Signed by Vice Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2024

**25.9 Payments to approve and check Bank Statement. All approved and checked.**

Clerk Salary due 5/08/24	£626.23 paid
HMRC PAYE	£21.60 paid
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Green energy July & August	£39.32
Ashcroft Church path July & August	£30.00
Somerset Council Grass cutting June	£669.00
Somerset Council grass cutting July	£842.02
SALC Annual membership	£326.49
Currys printer ink	£80.48

**25.10 Community Land Access** – Clerk has emailed on 27/08/24 requesting an update as no communication since July. Response received: The draft Transfer was sent to the Seller’s solicitor on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – we have not yet received any response, but Chubb Bullied are chasing the Council.

**25.11 EDF Saltmarsh Proposal – Any updates to report. None**

**25.12 Roads, Footpaths, River** – Please find a leaflet attached regarding overgrowth blocking footways, which has been approved by Highways, this can now be used to inform homeowners before taking formal action. Cllr’s have kindly noted the salt levels in the grit bins for The Clerk, she will now inform the Council of our requirements. The next Highways working group meeting will be attended by Highways on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September, The Clerk plans to discuss how they schedule road surfacing works, and decide which roads are treated and why. The minutes from the last meeting have been circulated. We also reopened talks about restoring the Finger Posts, which will be continued. The Clerk was also asked to report the damaged road surface outside 2B Old Main Road.

**25.13 Playground equipment and Fence at The Pavilion** – The new equipment is due to be installed in October, The Pavilion have paid the 10% to Valencia Credits. Please find 3 quotes to replace the fencing along the car park attached, which can be paid with CIL funds. I am also awaiting a date for the Play area inspections to be carried out. The Clerk was asked to acquire a second quote from a play company for the same style of fencing as one already acquired from Dragon Play.

**25.14 Village Hall Committee.** – The Party on Green has been postponed for this year. It is hoped it will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in July 2025. The Clerk applied for a grant on behalf on the Village Hall which was successful. This was for £2500.00, which is split between The Party on the Green, Warm Welcome and starting movie nights this Autumn in the hall. The Clerk is now also a member of the committee. The Hall is also having some structural movement which is being investigated. We are also very sad to report that long standing Committee member Dave Ridgway has passed away, he will be sorely missed by the whole Village, and The Parish Council wishes to send their condolences to his loved ones. The funeral is being held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 12pm at Taunton Crematorium. However, it will be streamed live to The Pawlett Legion for local people to attend.

**25.15 Large bench on the village in need of repair.** Clerk has requested a quote from a carpenter and Colin Freeman. Still no response from either. Can anyone suggest a person who would carry out the repairs? The Clerk will make a last effort to find someone to repair the broken slats.

**25.16 Dog friendly enclosed seating at Pawlett Pavilion.** Awaiting update from Pavilion Committee.

**25.17 Flooding issues to resolve before next winter – Vicarage Lane Culvert.**

The Clerk will make a site visit and take current photos prior to the next Highways Working group meeting and discuss it with the Highways team attending.

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**25.18 Phone box repurposing** – BT have confirmed that the landowners have already adopted the phone box. Is everyone happy for The Clerk to contact them in regard to the proposed repurposing? *The Clerk will write to the owners of the Phone Box.*

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

Email received from a resident of Pawlett who wishes to remain anonymous.

“I’m hoping this matter can be addressed by the Parish Council.

We have passed the Village on many occasions during the last couple months and there has been a man who is breaking the by-law of “not allowing dogs on the Green”. He just sits on one of the seats and throws a ball for his dog to retrieve.

We recently hired the Village Hall for a family function. We advised everyone that dogs are not allowed, and they all understood and left the dogs at home (a few actually paid for kennels). Then this guy turns up and blatantly flouted the rules. We haven’t approached him as he doesn’t look very approachable and didn’t want an argument.”

*This matter was discussed, and the PC will look into it further.*

**25.20 Next meeting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.**

**8.15pm Meeting closed.**

**Please note that stated attachments are available to view on the Parish Council website.**