

Pawlett Parish Council

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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held Monday 7th October 2024 at 7.00pm At Pawlett Village Hall.

Present: Chairman W Barnard, Cllr M Sims, Cllr Malpass, Cllr M Turford, Cllr M Smith & Cllr J Kingman. S Warren Clerk and 2 representatives from Pawlett Pavilion. Representatives from Environment Agency and Kier. District Cllr M Healey and 2 members of the public.

7.00 pm We received an update from the Environment Agency and Kier regarding the Bridgwater Tidal Barrier works. They informed us that works will be commencing on the Pawlett section very soon. The Village shouldn't be affected as they will be accessing the site from the A38 on the edge of the Village boundary. It was agreed that they will return to update us on the sea wall defence works on The Hams in the next couple of months as the PC feel that is of the utmost importance. We have also linked them up with The Coastal Moors Land Owners Association.

7.34pm Reports from County & District Councillors – The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

26.1 To receive and agree any apologies for non-attendance- Cllr Warner apologies accepted.

26.2 To receive any declarations of interest- NONE

26.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council 2nd September 2024. Approved

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

The Clerk has contacted Property Link regarding the mess opposite the Red Lane junction and is helping to get it cleared. The Clerk has also managed to get the VAT reclaim up to date, this will be reported on the next agenda.

26.5 Planning Applications to consider –

a) [41/24/00010](#) BCA Car Auctions, infill metal cladding to south elevation of open sided canopy – No Comment

b) [41/24/00011](#) 35 Old Main Road, prior approval for ground floor from Class E to domestic. – No Comment

26.5.1 Planning Application outcomes – None

26.5.2 Planning breaches to report – *41/22/00011 Halcyon Yard, Red Lane. Members of the public have reported that the applicant may be using the caravan for residential use contrary to the planning approval for welfare use.*

26.6 Speed Indicator Devices – Our grant application for £5000 has been approved and the Clerk has completed all the paperwork for Highways. We are now awaiting the posts to be installed. The posts will cost £350 each, we need 3 of them. We can either use the grant funding or pay for them ourselves, which would cover the cost Nichols Facilities for a longer period.

It was agreed to pay for the posts separately to prolong the support period. We also received the quote for the SID unit of £2289.99 and was approved.

26.7 Approve Asset list and Finance Regulations. *The asset list and new financial regulation were approved. It was also agreed to appoint Tony Jay as the Internal Auditor for the current financial year at a cost of £120.*

26.8 LCN Meetings – The Clerk attended the last meeting on 24th September and will report to the Cllrs.

The meeting mainly covered Community Health & Wellbeing support from SALC. The Clerk was asked to arrange a presentation at an upcoming meeting and to invite other village organisations that may be able to benefit.

26.9 Payments to approve and check Bank Statement. *Approved*

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Clerk Salary due 5/10/24	£626.23
HMRC PAYE	£21.60
Green energy September	£18.39
Ashcroft Church path August	£15.00
Somerset Council Grass cutting	£669.00
Parish Online	£76.80
Jason Bell hedge cutting A38 December 2023	£420.00
Westcott Accountants	£420.00

26.10 Community Land Access – No further updates unfortunately! *The Clerk will chase Somerset again and if there is no response within a reasonable time Cllr Healey has offered his assistance.*

26.11 EDF Saltmarsh Proposal – This has been put on indefinite pause by EDF, as they are seeking alternative sites.

26.12 Roads, Footpaths, River – The Clerk has repaired the dog bin at the Vicarage Lane / River Road junction. There is a new Highway Maintenance Scheme delivered by Kier. Cllr Sims and the Clerk also attended the Highways group meeting. *The Clerk will circulate the details of the new system to all Cllrs. The damaged grit bin on River Road will be replaced.*

26.13 Playground equipment and Fence at The Pavilion – *The new equipment has been installed and is now open for use. The Clerk has 3 quotes for the new fencing required, these had been circulated to the Cllrs prior to the meeting. The quote from AVA recreation was unanimously approved for the option which is compliant with play area specification BS EN1176 for the sum of £3495.29 + vat.*

26.14 Village Hall Committee. *No updates*

26.15 Large bench on the village in need of repair. The Clerk has requested a quote from a carpenter and Colin Freeman. *Cllr Sims is kindly dealing with Colin Freeman on this matter, he has provided a reasonable quote, and she is hoping to confirm the details and hopefully instruct him to proceed.*

26.16 Finger Posts – Any further thoughts on restoration of them. *Carried forward.*

26.17 Flooding issues to resolve before next winter – The Clerk discussed Vicarage Lane with Highways at the working group meeting, and it was confirmed that they will not contribute towards any repairs. The Clerk has a proposal to share with the Cllrs. *The Clerk proposed we obtain a quotation from Kier to carry out the repairs to the culvert. This was unanimously supported as a large volume of water from the village is directed to the culvert in question.*

26.18 Phone box repurposing – The Clerk has written to 1 Gaunts Road and is awaiting a response.

26.19 Remembrance service – Are we donating a Poppy wreath again? Which Cllr would like to attend the service? *Unanimously agreed to donate a Poppy wreath and Chairman Barnard will attend the service.*

26.20 Dog walking area within Pawlett – Currently there aren't any communal areas for dogs to be off the lead in the Village. Perhaps an area could be created on the Community land behind Springfield? *This was supported by all Cllrs. We currently intend to simply provide an area where it is not a requirement for dogs to be kept on a lead. The PC will fence the end of the land to the large field and install a dog bin. There will also be a sign requesting owners clear up after their dog. The new gateway needs to be installed before this can proceed, and we need to gain ownership of the land.*

26.21 Other matters to report regarding the Parish.

26.22 Next meeting Monday 28th October at 6.30pm.

8.20pm Meeting ended.

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