

# PAWLETT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Pawlett Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Old Main Road, Pawlett on Monday, 4th November 2019, commencing at 7pm.

(in the format to be presented to the next meeting for approval)

## **Present:**

Cllrs A Warner(Vice-chair), J Kingman, A Baker, M Thomas and M Smith  
C Morrison-Jones (clerk)  
8 x members of the public

## **Public speaking:**

- The faded road lines from last month was misinformed, it was meant to be the lines at top of Monmouth Farm Close
- Land to the west of Manor Park
  - preparation work has commenced and there are huge bonfires. Concerns for badgers and that the sett are being damaged
  - applications for nine houses are up for consideration tonight. How is district getting away with not providing affordable housing?
- The passing of Roderick Haggett, a regular attendee at Parish Council meetings was noted with sadness

**In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr A Warner (Vice-chair) chaired the meeting**

## **1. To receive any apologies for absence and disclosures of interest**

- a) Apologies of absence were received from Cllr W Barnard.
- b) Cllr J Kingman declared an interest in agenda item 10b with an interest in the surrounding land

## **2. County and District Councillor Reports**

M Healey sent a report which was circulated to councillors and those present at the meeting

## **3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to be presented and signed.**

Councillors resolved that the minutes represented a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the Chair

## **4. Casual Vacancy on the Parish Council**

There is still one vacancy on the council to be filled by co-option.

## **5. Any Matters Arising from the minutes not covered by agenda items below.**

None

## **6. Community Shop - update**

MT reported that the next meeting of the steering committee is scheduled for next Wednesday. They are currently in the process of setting up a website

## **7. Christmas Tree on the Green 2019**

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Chair .....

Date .....

AB reported that all is in hand with the arrangements

## 8. Roads and Footpaths:

### a) Update on previously reported issues

Apologies from clerk, but there was a delay in reporting the previously raised issues to SCC

### b) Access road running alongside the Green

WB was absent from the meeting at very short notice. AW offered to speak to WB for an update on progress. To be continued at the December meeting

### c) New bench on the Green

AB reported that she had spoken to the donor with suggestions of differing types of benches and the need for a concrete plinth. The donor is to get back to AB in due course with how they would like to proceed

### d) 'No cold calling' signs

The clerk reported that she had emailed PCSO S Piers with a request for the signs and window stickers but it appears that she is on leave until further notice, as are all other members of the Area Police Team. The clerk will continue to pursue this

### e) Winter gritting arrangements 2019/20

The salt bins in the parish need checking in order that the clerk can inform SCC Highways if they need refilling. SCC are not supplying small bags of grit to parishes this winter

### f) Notification of temporary road closures

i) Pound Road from the junction with Scot Close, northwards for a distance of 30 metres to enable Wessex Water to carry out new connection works.

The Order becomes effective on 20 November 2019 and the works are expected to last for 7 days.

ii) Pawlett Road from 15m either side of the railway bridge for a total distance of 45 metres. This order will enable Dyer and Butler to undertake substructure repairs to road over rail bridge including injection waterproofing

The Order becomes effective on 30 November 2019 and the works are expected to last for 21 days (07:00-18:00).

### g) Any other matters relating to roads and footpaths in the parish

- White lines at Monmouth Farm Close need repainting
- It was noted that there has been a lot of patching and white line obliteration occurring in the parish, particularly Gaunts Road. The clerk was requested to enquire with Highways what is going on

## 9. Playground and Outdoor Gym:

### a) Routine playground and outdoor gym inspections

AW reported no new issues

At the previous meeting AW noted slight shrinkage of soft tiles at base of some pieces of equipment. As such, AW suggested that GB Sports & Leisure are requested to come and inspect the issue to advise if it required any remedial work. Councillors agreed and requested that AW organise the inspection

### c) Any other matters relating to the playgrounds or outdoor gym

None

## 10. Planning Matters

### a) Previously considered planning applications – updates

41/19/00016

Land To The East Of, Puriton Road, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6  
Erection of a poultry building, feed bin/silo, storage building and formation  
of stone track/turning area. Granted Permission

**b) Consider Planning Application:**

**i) 41/19/00017**

Land To The West Of, Manor Park, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset  
Approval of reserved matters for Appearance and Landscaping for Plot 2.  
Submission of Geotechnical and preliminary contaminated land report.

**ii) 41/19/0018**

Land To The West Of, Manor Park, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset  
Approval of reserved matters for Appearance and Landscaping for Plot 5.  
Submission of Geotechnical and preliminary contaminated land report.

**iii) 41/19/0019**

**Land To The West Of, Manor Park, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset**  
Approval of reserved matters for Appearance and Landscaping for Plot 6.  
Submission of Geotechnical and preliminary contaminated land report.

**iv) 41/19/0020**

Land To The West Of, Manor Park, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset  
Approval of reserved matters for Appearance and Landscaping for Plot 3.  
Submission of Geotechnical and preliminary contaminated land report.

**v) 41/19/0021**

Land To The West Of, Manor Park, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset  
Approval of reserved matters for Appearance and Landscaping for Plot 7.  
Submission of Geotechnical and preliminary contaminated land report.

**vi) 41/19/0022**

Land To The West Of, Manor Park, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset  
Approval of reserved matters for Appearance and Landscaping for Plot 8.  
Submission of Geotechnical and preliminary contaminated land report.

**vii) 41/19/0023**

Land To The West Of, Manor Park, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset  
Approval of reserved matters for Appearance and Landscaping for Plot 9.  
Submission of Geotechnical and preliminary contaminated land report.

**viii) 41/19/0024**

Land To The West Of, Manor Park, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset  
Approval of reserved matters for Appearance and Landscaping for Plot 4.  
Submission of Geotechnical and preliminary contaminated land report.

**ix) 41/19/0025**

Land To The West Of, Manor Park, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset  
Approval of reserved matters for Appearance and Landscaping for Plot 1.  
Submission of Geotechnical and preliminary contaminated land report.

JK restated his interest in the land surrounding the site of all the above planning applications. He informed those present that there are concerns that boundaries of the site do not belong to the developers and he will be meeting with the developers to discuss this. He then played no further part in the discussions on this agenda item

Councillors resolved that all nine applications listed above would be considered simultaneously as they formed part of the same development and any concerns would be shared by all the applications.

AW reminded those present that planning permission has been granted in outline so the development will happen in some form but that he had some concerns in regard to the applications being considered at the meeting

- The local authority cannot properly determine this application until they know the correct boundary. It is allowed to submit an application on land you don't own but if

you don't own it may not be possible to implement the proposed planting and landscaping plans, therefore not complying with any permission granted  
A s106 needs to be agreed. If the developers don't own the land that the s106 includes then that s106 cannot be implemented. If there is a dispute in the ownership of the land a s106 agreement cannot be agreed or implemented.

- The information in the ecology report regarding the badgers has been redacted so it is not possible to see the recommendations of the ecologist and what has been done in terms of relocating the sett
- Concerns if this is truly affordable housing? Do applications really fall with in the 2015/16 definitions of self-build?

It was also noted that acceptable working times and site clearance methods were stated in the grant conditions letter issued by SDC on June 14<sup>th</sup> 2019 (application 41/18/00026) and it is thought that these are not being adhered too, to the detriment of local residents and wildlife.

Councillors resolved to OBJECT to all nine applications on the grounds stated above

**c) Possible planning breaches in the parish**

None

**d) Any other planning related matters notified to Clerk in advance of the meeting.**

It was noted that lorries supplying the new development at the end of Pound Road are causing obstruction. Whilst it is accepted that development inevitably requires access by heavy goods vehicles and workmen, AW reported that he has already spoken to the builders and asked them to be considerate when receiving deliveries

**11. To Receive Reports from Members of any Meetings attended as a representative of the parish council**

AW reported that he had attended a playground inspection training meeting that proved interesting and informative

*8 x public left the meeting at this point*

**12. Financial Matters.**

**a) Approve payment of creditors.**

Clerk's salary	Oct 2019	£420.30
Clerk's expenses & reimbursements	Oct 2019	£23.40
Green energy, electricity on the Green	Oct 2019	£9.94

**b) Receipts received**

19.10.19	SDC, CIL payment in regards to Erection of three dwellings at 20 Pound Road.	£1,297.40
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**c) Any other financial matters notified to the Clerk prior to the meeting**

None

**13. Circulated Correspondence**

- 1) Somerset County Council:
  - a) Temporary Closure of Pawlett Road
  - b) Temporary Closure of Pound Road
  - c) Winter Gritting Service
  - d) Winter Gritting update
- 2) Sedgemoor DC:
  - a) Council Tax scam
  - b) Somerset's Climate Emergency Strategy
- 3) CPRE: Fracking update
- 4) Hinkley Point B: October Report

5) Somerset Prepared: Are you Winter Ready?

**14. Topics for Future Meetings.**  
None

**15. Date and time of the next meeting – Monday 2nd December 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall, Old Main Road, Pawlett**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.14