

# PAWLETT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Pawlett Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Old Main Road

on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019, commencing at 19.08

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

## **Present:**

Cllrs W Barnard (Chair), A Warner (Vice), C Clark, H Smith, A Baker, M Thomas, M Smith  
C Morrison-Jones (clerk)

6 x members of the public

## **Public speaking:**

- In light of the Post Office closing is there any chance of a mobile PO coming to the village.  
MT reported that there is an open meeting organised for 18<sup>th</sup> May for villagers to discuss the options for a community shop / Post Office for the village

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

None

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

A report from SCC Cllr M Healey was circulated

## **3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 to be presented and signed.**

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

## **4. Matters Arising from the minutes:**

### **a) Village Shop**

As discussed in public speaking, MT confirmed that there was an open meeting organised for 10am on 18<sup>th</sup> May at Village Hall

### **b) Hinkley C tour**

MT reported that she went on the Hinkley C tour. At present there isn't very much to see in terms of buildings being constructed. Although in 6 months' time a visit will probably show a lot more. To book a visit an individual only needs to go down to the EDF showroom and you can self-book a tour; there is no need to go as part of an organised group.

### **c) Any other matters arising not covered by agenda items below.**

None

## **5. Roads and Footpaths:**

### **a) Update on previously reported items**

#### **i) Traffic count River Road**

The clerk received the following response from Highways when enquiring about the traffic count equipment that had been seen on River Road

"Thank you for your email regarding traffic count equipment. This is not anything that Somerset County Council have requested and there's been no section 50 application for a third party to put out equipment either.

Would it be possible for someone from the Parish Council to take a look at the box at the end of the loops and note any company name and telephone number and we will contact them and issue the S50 application?"

Unfortunately, as the equipment has now been removed, it wasn't possible for the information requested to be obtained

**ii) Pot hole opposite hairdresser**

This has been inspected by Highways and will be repaired within their 28 day requirement

**b) Access road running alongside the Green**

WB has met with J Cox (contractors) and requested that 2 quotes be prepared for consideration by the PC - 1 for patching & 1 for an entire resurface. WB to forward the quotes to Members for discussion at next meeting

**c) Any other matters relating to roads and footpaths in the parish**

Temporary closure of Chapel Road from the junction with Quantock Rise, northwestwards for a distance of 93 meters to enable BT Openreach to undertake D Pole project work. The Order becomes effective on 18 June 2019. The works are expected to last for 3 days (09.30 - 15.30hrs).

**6. Playground and Outdoor Gym:**

**a) Routine playground and outdoor gym inspections**

Done (today). Playground inspection rota to be organised at May meeting as CC has not stood for re-election to the PC

**b) Any other matters relating to the playgrounds or outdoor gym**

None

**7. Planning Matters**

**a) Updates on previously considered applications**

i) applications 41/19/00001 & 41/19/00002 – prior approval on both has been granted by SDC

ii) application 41/18/00026 – Outline permission subject to amendments of the conditions and S106 agreement to be agreed. Work has commenced on the construction of an alternative badger sett

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

**i) Updates on previously noted concerns**

1) Crematorium lighting

The clerk reported that she had spoken to the crematorium manager. He confirmed that there were no lighting conditions or restrictions placed when any of the planning permissions were granted. The police have had to attend the crematorium during the night and have requested that either the main gates are left unlocked (so that their vehicles can access the area or overnight lighting is in place if officers have to inspect the area on foot). All the lighting is controlled on one circuit, so it is not possible to have some lights on and some off

2) AW spoke with The Elms Garage last Friday in

regard to vehicles again parking on the grass verge. The garage explained that the cars that are parked southward are not the cars that the garage are selling, but are builders' vehicles that are completing the building works that permission was granted for last year. The building work is now complete and the garage assured AW that they understood the issue and wouldn't park their own vehicles on the verge.

**ii) Any new concerns**

• The PC had received a complaint regarding the recent fireworks in the village. Councillors agreed that this is not a PC matter nor does the PC have any powers to act in this matter.

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

None

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

None

**9. Parish Council Elections**

SDC have confirmed that they have received 5 nominations for the Pawlett ward and 1 nomination for the Stretcholt ward, so the election for Pawlett PC will be uncontested. The new parish council, from 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019, will consist of Cllrs W Barnard, A Warner, M Smith, M Thomas, J Kingham and A Baker

This leaves 1 vacancy on the PC which can be filled by co-option. If anyone is interested in becoming a Member of the PC please contact either the clerk or chair for further details

#### **10. PPC meeting dates for 2019/20 municipal year**

Councillors agreed the following meeting dates for the 2019/20 municipal year

Monday 20th May 2019 – Annual Parish Council Meeting

Monday 17th June 2019

Monday 15th July 2019

August – recess

Monday 16th September 2019

Monday 21st October 2019

Monday 18th November 2019

Monday 16th December 2019

Monday 20th January 2020

Monday 17th February 2020

Monday 16th March 2020

Monday 20th April 2020

#### **11. Financial Matters.**

##### **a) Approve payment of creditors**

Clerks Salary, April 2019	£420.30
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Clerk's expenses & reimbursements	£94.10
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Green energy, electricity on the Green (March 2018)	£9.12
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Information commissioner, data protection registration	£40.00
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Village Hall hire	£178.00
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SDC, 6 months dog bin emptying (inc VAT of £97.55) £585.31 (deducted from precept)

##### **b) Receipts received**

10.4.19 SDC, CIL Infrastructure levy. £1484.69 (ref erection of bungalow at 29 Pound Rd)

1.4.19 SDC, 1<sup>st</sup> half of precept. £9250

##### **c) Any other financial matters notified to the Clerk**

None

4 x members of the public left at this point

#### **12. PC IT equipment**

The clerk's other PC employer don't feel that sharing the purchase costs of an individual piece of equipment is practical but have offered to fund the purchase of an A4 laser printer, use to be shared between both PCs, and PPC (as the larger PC) to buy the laptop

Councillors discussed the possible solutions and agreed that an A3 laser printer would be preferable as it would allow for the printing of planning documents

Councillors resolved to give the clerk a budget of £2000 (inc VAT) to purchase a suitable laptop, necessary software, A3 colour laser printer, laptop bag and mouse, and the authority to research and complete the purchases between meetings

#### **13. Circulated Correspondence**

- 1) Somerset County Council  
Temporary closure of Chapel Road, 18th June for 3 days
- 2) Sedgemoor District Council
  - a. Nominations for SDC and Sedgemoor's Town & Parish Councils
  - b. CIL- notification of payment to Pawlett PC
- 3) Somerset Waste Partnership March briefing
- 4) Hinkley Point B April report
- 5) Environment Agency.  
Hinkley Point C cooling water-have your say

- 6) SALC. Councillor training
- 7) Avon & Somerset Police
  - a. Local Crime Report
  - b. Letter from Chief Inspector Lisa Simpson to Parish Councils

**14. Topics for Future Meetings.**

None

Those present were reminded of the local elections to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May and the European elections to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May

**15. Date and time of the next meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting  
20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall, Old Main Road, Pawlett.**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 19.57