

## PAUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Pauntley Parish Council held in Pauntley Village Hall on Tuesday 18 November 2014 at 7.45 pm.

Present: Councillor Mrs B Bainbridge, Chairman; Councillors Mrs A Rawson, Mr P Chapman, Mrs C Philipps. Councillor J Trevail joined the meeting following Item 6.

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs L Harding

Two members of the public were present.

### 1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND ACCEPTABLE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fowke.

### 2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda.

### 3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2014 were approved.

### 4. TO DEAL WITH ANY ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ABOVE MEETING

Councillor Rawson will complete the bank signatory form and return it to the Clerk.

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Items 6 and 7 - guidance from GAPTC is awaited regarding the revised Financial Regulations. When this is received the Clerk will issue these, along with the revised Standing Orders.

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### 5. FINANCE

a) The Clerk reported that the balance at the bank at 31 October 2014 was £5,424.88. All monies have now been paid over to the Village Hall, with the exception of the £250 Pride of the Forest Award. The grant of up to £1,000 allocated to the village hall towards a new shed will be held until the amounts required are known.

b) It was resolved to make payment of the Clerk's salary for the three months of July, August and September 2014, a total of £547.82.

c) It was resolved to pay expenses to the Clerk of the amount of £12.66.

### 6. TO CONSIDER AND RESOLVE ON THE DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2015-2016

The draft budget for 2015-2016 was considered. An amount of £1,291.23 has to be included for a possible election of parish councillors in May 2015. Should this be required, reserves will be considerably depleted and the draft budget will only allow for around £400 in reserves. A grant of up to £1,000 has also been approved towards a new shed at the village hall. It was resolved therefore to request an increase in the precept of 7.5% or £296, from £3,950.00 to £4,246.00.

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### 7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CLERK ON ACTION TAKEN WITH REGARD TO A REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF A SPEED LIMIT THROUGH PARTS OF THE PARISH

The Clerk has written to Gloucestershire Police with regard to the request for a speed limit in the parish to be considered, and a response is awaited.

**8. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE AS FOLLOWS AND AGREE A RESPONSE IF REQUIRED:**

- a) Consultation from Newent Cycling Group on the proposed Newent Loop. The council had no objections to the proposals but suggested that information might be included on Pauntley Church in the proposed route map. The Clerk will respond accordingly.
- b) Information from the Forest of Dean District Council regarding Link Line.
- c) Letter from Gloucestershire County Council notifying of the publication of their Flood Risk Management Strategy. This can be viewed on:  
<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/LFRMS>.

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**9. TO RECEIVE AND RESPOND TO INVITATIONS AS FOLLOWS:**

- a) Invitation from GRCC regarding an In Touch Event in Newent on Thursday 4 December from 10.00 to 13.00.

**10. TO AGREE THE DATES OF MEETINGS OF PAUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL FOR 2015**

The dates of meetings for 2015 were provisionally agreed as follows:

Tuesday 17 February  
Monday 20 April  
Monday 11 May - Annual General Meeting  
Monday 18 May - Annual Parish Meeting  
Tuesday 28 July  
Tuesday 29 September  
Monday 16 November

All will be at 7.45 p.m. at Pauntley Village Hall.

**11. TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER URGENT RELEVANT BUSINESS**

The Clerk reported that several residents in Pool Hill had volunteered to paint the phone box and to make it an information point, including a map of the village to assist visitors looking for particular properties. It was agreed that this would be of benefit. There is an amount in the budget for paint, which has to be purchased from a particular supplier to comply with regulations.

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The Clerk is to write to Gloucestershire Highways regarding flooding on the Newent to Redmarley Road near the post box and will request that the drains near Walden Court are also cleared before the winter, as they have been struggling to drain away the recent rainfall. The sign on the Ketford to Ryton lane, advising that the lane is unsuitable for HGVs, has been stolen and this will also be reported.

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Signed.....

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