

PAUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Pauntley Parish Council held in Pauntley Village Hall on Monday 16 November 2015 at 7.45 pm.

Present: Present: Councillor N Fowke, Chairman; Councillors Mrs A Rawson, Mrs Chris Philipps, Mrs Linda Morris, Mrs Jeanette Trevail

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs L Harding

Two members of the public were also present.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND ACCEPTABLE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence had been received.

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 29 SEPTEMBER 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2015 were approved.

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

No response has again been received to emails regarding the speed limit and the Clerk will contact the Road Safety Partnership to ascertain whether any signs can be erected.

5. FINANCE

- a) The Clerk presented the financial report. The balance at the bank at 31 October was £4,028.83, with the £160.00 donation towards the defibrillator from Unite the Union Messier Bugatti Dowty branch now having been paid in, bringing the balance to £4,188.83. All payments for the Pool Hill defibrillator have now been made and the income and expenditure for this project accounted for separately. Unspent election monies total £1,155.90.
- b) It was resolved to make payment of approve expenses for the Clerk of £24.82.
The purchase of a new noticeboard was discussed. The Chairman will talk to Wilf Heath to see if the doors can be repaired or replaced before any further action is taken.
- c) Notification has been received from the District Council of the amount of CTSG for 2016-2017, which has reduced further to £10.00. The second draft of the budget for 2016-2017 was considered. Since the unspent elections monies are no longer required for the defibrillator at Brand Green, £1,100 of these will be allocated to the maintenance of parish properties. The notice board may need repair or replacement, and the trees at the telephone kiosk in Brand Green will required cutting back if the defibrillator is to be housed here. It was resolved to maintain the income requirement request in total as for 2015-2016, at £4,246.00, made up of £10.00 CTSG and precept of £4,236.00. It was resolved to approve the budget. The Clerk will request the precept before the final date of 31 January 2016.

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6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE DEFIBRILLATOR IN POOL HILL AND TO CONSIDER AND RESOLVE ON INSTALLING A PLAQUE TO ACKNOWLEDGE DONATIONS AND GRANTS TOWARDS THE PROJECT AND ARRANGING PUBLICITY

The Chairman reported that the defibrillator in Pool Hill was now fully operational and that he was carrying out weekly, monthly and annual checks to ensure it was properly functioning at all times. It was possible to put these on-line but it was felt that residents would trust for these to be carried out according to requirements. Councillor Trevail proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for taking on this responsibility.

A plaque will be purchased acknowledging the donations and grants towards the defibrillator, following which publicity will be arranged and a press release issued.

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7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE DEFIBRILLATOR AWARENESS SESSION HELD ON MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER

It was disappointing that the awareness session arranged for 9 November had to be cancelled at short notice due to the trainer's illness. It was agreed that this now should be re-arranged for the New Year.

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8. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CLERK ON THE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION FOR A DEFIBRILLATOR FOR BRAND GREEN

The Clerk reported that the original application to the BHF was some time in being approved by South West Ambulance Trust and meanwhile, they had introduced a new grant scheme whereby the defibrillator, cabinet and training resources would be fully funded. The original application had therefore been withdrawn and re-submitted under the new scheme. Notification has just been received that this application has been successful. BT report that the electricity to the kiosk is not working and that they are awaiting repairs by Central Networks, which may take some weeks as yet. The kiosk will also need painting and the Clerk will see whether there is sufficient paint left from that used for the Pool Hill kiosk. The trees may also need cutting back and this will be investigated. Any books in the kiosk in a good condition will be donated to one of the charity shops in Newent.

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9. PLANNING

a) To report on previous applications:

Walnut Farm Buildings - erection of a dwelling and demolition on existing timber chalet and chicken shed. This application has been refused.

10. TO CONSIDER DRAWING UP A COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN FOR THE PARISH

The possibility of drawing up a Community Emergency Plan for the parish was discussed and templates considered. It was felt that considerable community support would be required. It was resolved to defer further consideration of this until the Annual Parish Meeting next May, which was normally attended by more residents.

11. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR TREVAIL ON THE COUNCILLOR TRAINING SESSION HELD ON 27 OCTOBER

Councillor Trevail reported that this had been a useful session and volunteered to bring an item from this to each meeting for discussion.

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12. TO CONSIDER DRAWING UP A PARISH MAP AND WALKS LEAFLET

Councillor Trevail still has information from the school's input to this topic a few years ago and will consider this again and make it an agenda item for a future meeting. Councillor Rawson suggested a treasure hunt to get people involved, which could use the village hall as the starting and finishing point. It was agreed that some of the footpaths and stiles need an assessment of their condition.

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13. TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION FROM THE FOREST OF DEAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE, RUNNING FROM 20.11.15 TO 5.2.16

This was received and noted

14. TO AGREE THE DATES OF THE MEETINGS OF PAUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL FOR 2016

Dates for the meetings for 2016 were agreed as follows:

Tuesday 16 February
Tuesday 19 April
Tuesday 17 May - **Annual General Meeting**
Tuesday 24 May - **Annual Parish Meeting**
Tuesday 19 July
Tuesday 20 September
Tuesday 22 November

All meetings will begin at 7.45 p.m.

15. TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER URGENT RELEVANT BUSINESS

An invitation had been received from Gloucestershire Archives for parish councillors to attend an evening of talks and presentation of documents to celebration the anniversary of Magna Carta, on Tuesday 24 November. Councillors will let her know if any of them is able to attend.

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