

## PAUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Pauntley Parish Council held in Pauntley Village Hall on Tuesday 27 July 2016 at 7.45 pm.

Present: Present: Councillor N Fowke, Chairman; Councillors Mrs A Rawson, Mrs C Philipps, Mrs L Morris, Mr M Elton

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs L Harding

Four members of the public were also present.

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

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Trevail.

### 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 ELECT A VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR PAUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

No election of a Vice-Chairman was made.

### 4. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 17 MAY 2016

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17 May 2016 were approved.

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

Councillor Fowke has removed the pedestrian gate to ensure access to the defibrillator at all times, and Councillor Elton will look at dividing the main gate into two.

### 6. PLANNING

- a. Walnut Farm Buildings – appeal against refusal of planning permission for the removal of existing timber chalet and former chicken shed (permitted for residential conversion under P1322/11/FUL) and erection of a replacement dwelling. The Clerk contacted the District Council as requested and asked for the parish council's original response to the application to be included in the appeal papers.
- b. Cherrington, Pool Hill - Erection of a replacement dwelling. Demolition of existing dwelling. Neighbours had discussed the plans with the applicants and as a result, the bedroom window overlooking their garden had been removed from the plans. There were therefore now no objections to the application.
- c. Walden Court Carriage House - discharge of conditions. There were no objections.

### 7. FINANCE

- a. The Clerk provided a financial report as attached. The accounts have been internally audited and were sent to external audit for 10 June.
- b. Payment of the Clerk's salary for April to June 2016 of £547.45 and payment of income tax to the Inland Revenue of £12.40 for this period were approved.
- c. It was resolved to approve expenses for the Clerk of £57.33.
- d. It was resolved to approve the payment of expenses for the Annual Parish Meeting of £19.70 for Councillor Trevail and £56.60 for the Clerk, a total of £76.30.

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<p>e. It was resolved to approve payment to Community Heartbeat Trust of £15.60 for defibrillator signs.</p> <p>f. Revised salary scales for clerks had been issued by SLCC. The new hourly rate for Clerks on SCP15 would be £8.717 per hour as from 1 April 2015, an increase of £27.04 p.a. to £2,266.42 p.a. A further increase has been agreed as from 1 April 2017, to £8.873 per hours, equating to an annual salary of £2,306.98 p.a. it was resolved to approve both increases. The Clerk will notify Thirsk Payroll.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>657</b></p>
<p><b>8. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN ON THE FASTERSHIRE PROJECT PRESENTATION.</b></p> <p>The Chairman had attended a presentation on the Fastershire Project, where it had become clear that the area would not receive faster broadband speeds as had originally been promised. If broadband speeds are less than 2mb then a grant of up to £400 could be applied for towards the costs of satellite provision. The alternative was for individuals to pay to obtain better speeds, of anything up to several thousand pounds. Loop Scorpio is used by some residents as an alternative for internet provision and information on this will be obtained.</p>	<p>LH</p> <p>LH</p>
<p><b>9. TO RESPOND TO THE CONSULTATION BY GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ON REVISED BUS ROUTES FOR THE AREA</b></p> <p>Further cuts to rural bus services in the area are being proposed, with one of the alternatives being to cut the service that serves Pauntley from two to one buses per week. The direct service into Gloucester used to be well-used but few residents now use the service that requires a change of bus in Newent.</p>	
<p><b>10. TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM THE FOREST OF DEAN DISTRICT COUNCIL ON COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING</b></p> <p>This item will be carried forward to the next agenda.</p>	<p>LH</p>
<p><b>11. TO CONSIDER PROGRESS WITH THE VETS SCHEME</b></p> <p>There had been several volunteers from the Pool Hill area and one from Welsh House Lane, but volunteers would be helpful from Brand Green. Councillors Morris, Rawson and Philipps volunteered to be part of the scheme, and Councillor Fowke for Ketford. the Clerk will contact Community Heartbeat regarding next steps and to ask if mobile numbers were acceptable, as some residents no longer had landlines due to poor broadband provision.</p>	<p>LH</p>
<p><b>12. TO CONSIDER PROGRESS WITH THE PARISH MAP AND WALKS LEAFLET</b></p> <p>This item will be carried forward to the next agenda.</p>	<p>LH</p>
<p><b>13. TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM FOREST ROUTES REGARDING THEIR FORUM PROGRAMME.</b></p> <p>Dates for these were noted.</p>	
<p><b>13. TO AGREE THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF PAUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL</b></p> <p>The next meeting of Pauntley Parish Council will be changed from Tuesday 20 September to Tuesday 27 September, at 7.45 p.m. at Pauntley Village Hall.</p>	
<p><b>14. TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER URGENT RELEVANT BUSINESS</b></p> <p>Overhanging hedges were again causing concern in the Brand Green area, making the lanes dangerous for horses and high-sided vehicles. The Clerk will write to the owners of the land at</p>	<p>LH LM</p>

the reservoir and Councillor Morris will discuss with the owners of Hollins Court. Other locations would be noted and the issue discussed at the next meeting.

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The Clerk has reported the lane to Ketford, drains at Pool Hill and the damaged road sign at the bottom of Pool Hill. She will also report the blocked drains on the Redmarley road.

Mike Grier was thanked for cutting the verge in Pool Hill by the telephone kiosk.

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