

PAUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Pauntley Parish Council held in Pauntley Village Hall on Monday 10 April 2017 at 7.45 pm.

Present: Present: Councillor N Fowke, Chairman; Councillors Mrs A Rawson, Mrs C Philipps, Mr P Chapman, Mrs J Trevail

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs L Harding

One member of the public was present.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND ACCEPTABLE REASONS `FOR ABSENCE

No apologies and acceptable reasons 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 21 FEBRUARY 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2017 were approved.

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

Dividing the main gate at the village hall is still to be considered.

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Councillor Fowke has reported faults on the lane to Ketford to Gloucestershire Highways. Water was left running and drains have been covered over. The lane through Pool Hill has cracked due to heavy traffic at the demolition site of Cherrington but the contractors have agreed to repair this.

5. PLANNING

- a) Compton Green Farmhouse – a retrospective planning application has yet to be received.
- a) Ketford Kennels – the Footpaths Officer has requested that a retrospective application to move the bridle path be submitted.
- b) The Dovecot, Pauntley Court – discharge of conditions – flue details of listed building consent. Approved.
- c) Jasmine Cottage, Pool Hill – erection of detached garage and demolition of existing garage. Under consideration.

6. FINANCE

- a) The Annual Governance Statement for the Annual Return for external audit was considered and completed, and signed by the Clerk and the Chairman.
- b) The accounts for the Parish Council for 2016-2017 were received and approved. The Accounting Statements on the Annual Return for external audit were approved and signed by the Chairman. Internal audit takes place on 5 May and external audit on 9 June. The relevant notices regarding inspection of the accounts will be posted, and a copy of the unaudited accounts will be placed on

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the website. The Clerk will check the insurance level on the bus shelter. The Chairman will check the pads on the Pool Hill defibrillator to see when they need replacing.

- c) It was resolved to make payment to the Clerk of £16.60 for expenses.
- d) It was resolved to make payment of salary to the Clerk for of £566.61 for January to March 2017.
- e) It was resolved to make payment to Thirsk Payroll of £64.00 for payroll services for 2016-2017.
- f) It was resolved to make payment to Pauntley Village Hall of £105.00 for hall hire for meetings for 2017 (7 sessions at £15.00).
- g) It was resolved to retain the agreed grant to Pauntley Village Hall for 2017-2018 of £500.00, to be used towards payment either for repair of the fence or for the work in the kitchen.
- h) It was resolved to make payment of the annual subscription to GAPTC of £87.63.
- i) Receipt of a donation of £254 for Pauntley Village Hall from Unite the Union Messier Bugatti Dowty Branch, was acknowledged. This was paid to the Parish Council on behalf of the hall, and it was resolved to pay this money over to Pauntley Village Hall.

7. TO CONSIDER PROGRESS WITH THE PARISH MAP AND WALKS LEAFLET

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Councillor Rawson is arranging the first walk with the Get Together Club, to check the condition of some of the footpaths and to consider them for inclusion in a walks leaflet.

8. TO DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY-LED PLANNING WORKSHOP HELD ON 24 JANUARY WITH GRCC AND TO CONSIDER AND RESOLVE ON ANY FUTURE ACTIONS

There was discussion of the workshop and the potential routes to take. It was agreed that a Neighbourhood Plan would not at this moment be the best option for the parish, particularly in view of the workload involved and the uncertainty over the ability of the parish council to control any development that might be proposed as a result. The situation will continue to be monitored.

9. TO CONSIDER THE ELECTORAL REVIEW OF THE FOREST OF DEAN DISTRICT

Proposals in this review include reducing the number of district councillors from 48 to 39. Views are being sought by the District Council.

10. TO CONSIDER THE INFORMATION FROM VONEUS BROADBAND AND TO RESOLVE ON WHETHER TO INVESTIGATE THIS FURTHER

Upleadon Annual Parish Meeting takes place on 20 April, with a presentation from Voneus Broadband. Councillors from Pauntley have been invited and Councillor Fowke will attend and provide information to councillors as to whether it could be considered for Pauntley.

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11. TO CONSIDER AND RESOLVE ON TWO GRANT REQUESTS, FROM SARA AND THE FOREST OF DEAN ROAD SAFETY LIAISON GROUP

It was resolved to discuss the matter of donations to charities at the next meeting.

12. TO AGREE THE DATE AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, PROPOSED FOR TUESDAY 16 MAY

The Annual Parish meeting will take place on Tuesday 16 May at 7.30 p.m. The

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Clerk will invite the usual attendees. Councillor Trevail and the Clerk will arrange refreshments. If the presentation from Voneus is of interest, Erica from Voneus will be invited to make a presentation to Pauntley residents.

13. TO AGREE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PAUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL, PROPOSED FOR TUESDAY 23 MAY

The Annual General Meeting of Pauntley Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 23 May at 7.45 p.m. in Pauntley Village Hall.

14. TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER URGENT RELEVANT BUSINESS

Heavy traffic continues to be an issue through Brand Green, presumably since the No HGVs notice was erected on the lane from Newent to Redmarley. The hedge at St Boswells is overgrown and causing problems for high-sided vehicles.

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