

PAUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Pauntley Parish Council held in Pauntley Village Hall on Tuesday 21 November at 7.45 pm.

Present: Present: Councillor N Fowke, Chairman; Councillors Mrs C Philipps, Mr P Chapman, Mrs A Rawson, 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 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 OF PAUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2017 were approved.

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

Harry Clarke will be replacing the main gates at the village hall sometime during this week, to improve access to the defibrillator in the event of an emergency.

The grit bins at Ketford have still to be checked.

5. FINANCE

a) The financial report was received from the Clerk. The balance at the bank at 31 October was £5,474.04.

b) The draft budget for 2018-2019 was considered and approved. It was resolved to maintain the precept at the current level of £4,236.00. Should there be a parish council election in 2019-2020, an amount of around £1,400 will need to be retained in the budget in the event of a contested election. In addition, ongoing defibrillator costs are still unclear and it was resolved to maintain an amount in the budget towards these. The Clerk will request the precept before 31 January 2018.

c) It was resolved to make payment of expenses for the Clerk of £33.90.

d) It was resolved to accept the quote from Oakey Tree Care for work on the trees at Compton Green, at £380.00 (including VAT). The Clerk will contact them.

e) It was resolved to make payment to Community Heartbeat for the awareness session for VETS volunteers on 30 November at £210.00 (including VAT).

f) It was resolved to purchase a new light for the defibrillator cabinet at Pool Hill. The one provided by Community Heartbeat would be £35.00 plus VAT plus £9.95 delivery, although they also recommend a cheaper one at around £17.00 from B & Q. It was resolved to purchase this one from B & Q. The Chairman will action this.

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- g) The Clerk has been obtaining prices for credit-card size cards for residents with

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the details and telephone number of the VETS scheme. These could be obtained for around £20.00. The Clerk will provide councillors with suggested wording and it was resolved to proceed with the purchase of these.

- h) It was resolved to approve T P Jones & Co LLP as tax agents for the Parish Council. They have taken over the payroll from Thirsk Payroll, although none of the terms and conditions have changed in the current tax year. The Clerk will return the appropriate paperwork.
- i) A request had been received from SARA for a grant. It was agreed that no money had been budgeted this year for a grant, and it was resolved that the Great Western Air Ambulance would be the preferred recipient of any grants in the near future, as most relevant to the local area.

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6. PLANNING

To report on previous applications:

- a. **Compton Green Farm, Compton Green.** Erection of a detached dwelling and detached garage with dependent's accommodation above (part-retrospective). Planning permission has been granted, with the proviso that the accommodation about the garage it only to be used for purposes ancillary to the dwelling and not as an independent unit or residential accommodation.
- b. **The Orchards, Ketford Lane:** Change of use of field from grazing to part-equestrian use and erection of a manege 35m x 20m. Permission has been granted with the proviso that there is no external flood lighting.

To consider new applications:

- a. **The Old Homestead, Pool Hill.:** Erection of a double garage with office space above. There were no objections provided that the office space was only to be used as ancillary to the main dwelling and not as a separate unit.

7. TO RECEIVE A RESPONSE FROM MARK HARPER MP TO THE LETTER FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING THE CLOSURE OF BARCLAYS BANK IN NEWENT

The response from Mr Harper had not been helpful and he has simply repeated Barclays' word regarding falling transactions at the branch and the services available at the post office in Newent.

8. TO NOTE THAT PETER TIMMINS HAS NOW TAKEN OVER AS OUR LOCAL PCSO, AND TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF THE NEW COMMUNITY ALERTS INITIATIVE

The Community Alerts initiative allows residents to receive notification of alerts that are of interest to them. This will be publicised. Councillor Rawson advised that she had experienced difficulty in registering for alerts and the Clerk will investigate.

9. TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE CONSULTATION PERIOD FOR THE ALLOCATIONS PLAN MAIN MODIFICATIONS, RUNNING UNTIL 18 DECEMBER 2017

This consultation was noted, along with the information that the plan is on view at

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10. TO AGREE THE DATES OF PAUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL FOR 2018.

Provisional dates for meetings in 2018 were agreed:

- Monday 5 February
- Tuesday 17 April
- Tuesday 29 May
- July TBA
- Tuesday 18 September
- Monday 26 November

11. TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER URGENT RELEVANT BUSINESS

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The Chairman reported that there had as yet been no further news regarding the proposed boreholes at Ketford.

Councillor Chapman had received a report that the footpath through Pool Hill had been reduced in width. The Clerk will check.

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