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PAUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting of the of Pauntley Parish Council, held at Pauntley Village Hall, Brand Green, Gloucestershire, GL19 3JD on Monday 27 September 2021 at 7.00pm

In attendance were:

Cllr Paul Gray (Chairman)

Cllr Lesley Harding (Deputy Chairman)

Cllr Anne Rawson

Cllr Paul Eastabrook

Cllr Chris Philips

Clerk Jonathan Martin

There was no public forum.

Item 1. To receive apologies and acceptable reasons for absences.

1.1 Apologies received from Cllr Fowke and District Cllr Bulford. Cllr Fowke had been diagnosed with COVID-19 and Cllr Bulford was on his annual vacation.

Item 2. To receive any declarations of personal or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda.

2.1 No declarations of interest were received or dispensations made.

Item 3. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26th July 2021.

3.1 Proposed: Cllr Eastabrook. Seconded: Cllr Harding.

Resolved: to confirm the minutes of the Meeting of 26th July 2021.

Item 4. To receive an update on the developments of the closure of a local footpath.

4.1 It was reported that many concerned residents had signed the relevant forms to attest the existence of the footpath as a public right of way. Notice of this matter had been communicated to the landowner and the formal application for the consideration of the county council was ready.

4.2 It was unanimously agreed by Cllrs to support the submission of this application for the protection of this public right of way.

4.3 County Cllr Mosely was informed on this situation.

Item 5. To discuss the issue of overgrowing hedges within the Parish and to resolve on an appropriate recourse.

5.1 Cllr Mosely informed the Council as to the developments on the local roads. Pauntley's application has yet to be costed and details are still being determined. Regarding the problems of overgrowing hedges by the parish roads. It was suggested that the Council write to the landowners and remind them of their legal obligations. The Clerk was advised to use a template letter for this and would

investigate what the options are for this. The progress of obtaining a 20-hour speed limit in the local parish roads was also moving slowly.

5.2 This issue of a collapsed sign would need to be reported.

Item 6. To discuss and resolve on the following issues with the Council's VETS scheme.

Item 6. a. The recruitment of more volunteers.

6 a). 1. Eight volunteers are counted at present and requests would be made for more.

Item 6. b. The inclusion of further training for the current volunteers.

6 b). 1. Provisions for this should be included into next year's budget. Enquiries would have to be made on the general costs of this.

Cllr Mosely leaves.

Item 7. To discuss the grant application to the Welcome Back Fund, for a marquee for the village hall grounds, and to resolve on signing the conjoined legal participation agreement for this grant to be received.

7.1 The application for £899.00 marquis tent is ready for submission.

7.2 Proposed: Cllr Harding. Seconded: Rawson.

Resolved: To agree to the legal participation agreement for the grant.

Item 8. Finance:

Item 8. a. To receive a brief report from the Clerk on the Parish Council's accounts.

8 a). 1. Report given.

Item 8. b. To resolve on the transfer of the control of the Village Hall's Saving's Account to Pauntley Parish Council.

8 b). 1. Proposed: Cllr Harding. Seconded: Philips.

Resolved: To transfer control of village hall's saving account to Pauntley Parish Council.

Item 9. Planning:

To resolve on the following planning applications.

Item 9 a. The Orchards, Pool Hill, Newent, Gloucestershire. Construction of home gym, (Part Retrospective), summer house, swimming pool, sauna, plantroom.

9 a). 1. No objections.

Item 10. Payments:

To resolve on the following payments.

Minute	Amount	Date	Recipient	Description
718/10.a	180.62	20/09/21	Glos' LGPS	Employer Pension Contribution.

718/10.b	611.79	20/09/21	Parish Clerk	Clerk's wages
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10.1 Proposed: Cllr Eastabrook. Seconded: Cllr Philips.

Resolved: To confirm the above payments.

Item 11. To discuss the review of the following policy documents in regard of what improvements need to be made. The Clerk to undertake these changes for review next meeting.

Item 11. a. Standing Orders.

Item 11. b. Financial Regulations.

Item 11. c. Code of Conduct.

11.1 In regard of the above 3 items, checks needed to be made over names and dates.

Item 12. To receive a report on the Status Determination Statement for Council contractors and resolve on its adoption if necessary.

12. 1 Proposed: Cllr Rawson. Seconded: Cllr Philips.

Resolved: To adopt the Status Determination Statement for Council contractors.

Item 13. To resolve on the adoption of the following policies.

Item 13. a. S.137 Grant Policy.

Item 13 .b. Reserves Policy.

Item 13 c. Transparency Policy.

13.1 Additions to be made to the Reserves policy regarding earmarked reserves. Words to the effect of: 'In exceptional circumstances and after resolution, the Council may allocate funds from earmarked reserves for other purposes'.

13.2 Proposed: Cllr Harding. Seconded: Philips.

Resolved: To adopt the above 3 policies.

Item 14. To discuss the requirements of the budget for the next financial year of 2022-23 and instruct the Clerk to prepare a draft of this for the next meeting.

14.1 Ideas for the next year's budget were discussed. Points of note were continued training for the VETs scheme. Training for Councilors and the Clerk was also stressed. The Clerk's salary would need an assessment in due course. Increased Grant money for local projects would also need to be included.

Item 15. Any other business.

15.1 The Clerk informed the Council that the new risk assessment for the Council would be presented soon.

15.2 It was suggested that, due to the difficulties of scheduling, that only one or two Cllrs receive the free training over the use of the Council's website and then pass this on to others.

The meeting ended at 8.00 p.m.

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