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**PAUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**At the meeting of the Pauntley Parish Council, held at Pauntley Village Hall, Brand Green, Gloucestershire, GL19 3JD on Monday 29 November 2021 at 7.00pm**

In attendance were:

Cllr Paul Gray (Chairman)

Cllr Lesley Harding (Deputy Chairman)

Cllr Anne Rawson

Cllr Paul Eastabrook

Cllr Christine Philips

Cllr Nick Fowke

Clerk Jonathan Martin

**The public forum was moved to after item 4.**

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

1.1 Cllr Fowke and Cllr Mosely were late for reasons outside of their control and arrived later.

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

2.2 No declarations made of interest were made or dispensations made.

**Item 3. To approve and sign as a correct record of the minutes of the meetings held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 and 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and to deal with any matters arising.**

3.1 Cllr Fowke's reason for absence last meeting should be corrected to the fact that he has been diagnosed with Covid.

3.2 Proposed: Cllr Philips. Seconded: Cllr Gray.

Resolved: to confirm the minutes of the Meetings of 21<sup>st</sup> June and 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**Item 4. To welcome Mr Rickard, and for him to provide details about the local wildlife corridors project and to resolve on any support that the Parish Council might provide.**

Cllr Fowke arrives and gives his apologies.

4.1 A talk was given by Mr Richards and Mr Blyth. The aim of the nature corridor would be to create a continuous wildlife corridor from Brecon and Gwent to the River Severn. Forestry England and Wales are also involved. £100,000 had been sequestered to research the project in the Laden vale. The program is backed by DyFRA (Dymock Forest Rural Action) and there is an aim to increase the support and awareness of local farmers. These Farms can be paid to participate in the scheme.

Cllr Mosely arrives and give her apologies.

4.2 Further context was given in the form of information on the larger environmental context and the prospect of forest management, industries, and services. After discussion, it was resolved to support the work of DyFRA to promote biodiversity and the creation of wildlife corridors in our region.

4.3 Specifically, the council would promote the development and expansion of wildlife corridors connecting existing high-value nature sites within and across our bordering parishes, along the verges, footpath network and watercourses.

4.4 Furthermore, the Council will endeavor to work in partnership with neighboring parishes, local public and private organisations and our local farming community to improve local ecosystem services, and to protect, promote & enhance biodiversity within the parish

4.5 Proposed: Cllr Philips. Seconded: Cllr Eastabrook.

Resolved: to support the project via the adherence to 4.3 and 4.4.

4.6 It was agreed that an update on this item would be included into the next meeting's agenda.

#### **Public forum:**

Cllr Bulford gave a brief update on local issues and projects. The levelling up fund continued to be organised by the district council. The renovation of the Five Acres site would likely require outside funding. The District council is also revising their local plan as well.

Cllr Mosely informed the Council on the progress of reducing the rural speed limits to 20 mph. A consultation on this is planned to be held at the County Council in January. The 'build back better' scheme is also operational as well as the new tree planting program.

The members of the public leave.

#### **Item 5. To resolve on the commission of tree surgeon work on the Compton green site at a cost of £350.00.**

5.1 Proposed: Cllr Eastabrook. Seconded: Cllr Philips.

Resolved: to authorise the commission of tree surgeon work.

#### **Item 6. Finance.**

##### **Item 6. a. To receive an update from the Clerk on the Parish Council's accounts.**

6 a). 1. The report was given and no points were raised.

##### **Item 6. b. To review and resolve to sign off on the second quarter accounts for July – September 2021.**

##### **Summary of second quarter accounts for 2021-22.**

<b>Opening Balance:</b>	<b>7,226.15</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>	<b>1,143.41</b>

<b>Closing Balance:</b>	<b>6,082.74</b>
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6 b). 1 Proposed: Cllr Eastabrook. Seconded: Cllr Harding.

Resolved: to sign off on the second quarter accounts for July – September 2021

## **Item 7. Payments.**

**To resolve on the following payments.**

<b>Minute</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Description</b>
719/7.a	£231.00	30/09/21	Glos' LGPS	Employer Pension Contribution.
719/7.b	£899.00	25/10/21	UK Tents	Marquee for Village hall.
719/7.c	£35.00	09/11/21	ICO	Data protection license fee.

7.1 Proposed: Cllr Rawson. Seconded: Cllr Gray.

Resolved: to confirm the above payments.

## **Item 8. To resolve on the authorisation of a direct debit standing order for the yearly payment of the ICO data protection license fee. This imparts a £5.00 saving.**

8.1 Proposed: Cllr Eastabrook. Seconded: Cllr Gray.

Resolved: to authorise the above direct debt to the ICO.

## **Item 9. To resolve on the transfer of £584.00 from the Village hall saving account into the Village hall current account to cover the costs of preparation for renovation work. These being;**

- i. **Environmental study of 6/8/21 to Willder ecology at £325.00**
- ii. **Planning designs drafting of 22/9/21 to Studio 3 design ltd at £259.00**

9.1 Proposed: Cllr Eastabrook. Seconded: Cllr Gray.

Resolved: to authorise the above transfer.

## **Item 10. To acknowledge the successful acquisition of the Marquee at £899.00 to be refunded back to the Parish Council by the 'Welcome back' grant scheme.**

10.1 The Council acknowledged this acquisition.

## **Item 11. To resolve on the Parish Council Budget for the next financial year of 2022-23 and its associated precept amount.**

11.1 The motion was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting. This was done as the conclusion of the third quarter of the financial year would assist in the estimations of this budget.

## **Item 12. To resolve on the adoption of the following policy documents;**

- a. **Standing Orders.**

- b. Financial Regulations.**
- c. Code of Conduct.**

12.1 Proposed: Cllr Eastabrook. Seconded: Cllr Philips.

Resolved: to adopt the above policies.

**Item 13. To receive a report from the Clerk on the progress in updating of the current risk assessment.**

13.1 The draft was presented and suggestions would be added to it for the presentation next meeting.

**Item 14. For the Clerk to present the proposed publication scheme for review by the Parish Council.**

14.1 The draft scheme was presented and would be readied for the presentation at the next meeting.

**Item 15. Planning.**

**To resolve on the following planning applications.**

- a. P1855/21/FUL. Paunt House Cottage, Adjacent to Paunt House Farm, Off B4125, Glos. Creation of a single storey link building between existing Granary building and Paunt House Cottage and associated works.**

15 a) 1. No objections.

- b. P1816/21/FUL. Rose Cottage, Pool Hill Road, Newent, Glos. Creation of a two storey side extension to dwelling with associated works.**

15 b) 1. No objections.

**Item 16. To discuss the issue of overgrowing hedges within the Parish and to resolve on an appropriate recourse.**

16.1 Cllr Rawson reported on several of the local issues with mud and plant overgrowth on the parish roads. This included the land owned by the local school. The Clerk informed the Council that a letter of complaint was ready for send off to the school to address this matter.

**Item 17. To receive updates on Council's VETS scheme recruitment.**

17.1 It was reported that new volunteers had been gathered and their training was underway.

**Item 18. To resolve on payment of £9.21 of expenses to Cllr Harding after inspection of receipts. These expenses were undertaken as part of the general administration of the Village Hall as well as the processing of the application for the recognition of a local footpath by Gloucestershire County Council:**

- i. Jiffy Bags £1.70.**
- ii. Postage Landowner: £2.06**
- iii. Postage to Glos' county council: £3.39**
- iv. Postage to Glos' county council: £2.06**

18.1 Proposed: Cllr Eastabrook. Seconded: Cllr Gray.

Resolved: to resolve on the above payments.

**Item 19. To resolve on payment of £11.50 of expenses to the Clerk, Jonathan Martin after inspection of receipts.**

- i. **Black printer ink for the Pauntley Parish printer £10.21**
- ii. **Postage of MP Mark Harper's contact poster to Cllr Harding for display at the Hall: £1.29**

Item 19.1 Proposed: Cllr Eastabrook. Seconded: Cllr Harding.

Resolved: to resolve on the above payments.

**Item 20. Any other business.**

20.1 Cllr Eastabrook reported on the preparations for the jubilee celebrations. Cllr Bullford and Mosely suggested that the planting of a Jubilee tree can be paid for by the County Council's tree planting fund.

Meeting ended: 8:48pm.

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**Date:**