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PAULTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting of Pauntley Parish Council. Held at Pauntley Village Hall, Brand Green road, Brand Green, Gloucestershire, GL19 3JD. On Monday 23rd September 2019 at 7.30 pm.

In attendance were:

Cllr Paul Gray (Chairman)

Cllr David Melville (Deputy Chairman)

Cllr Lesley Harding

Cllr Anne Rawson

Cllr Christine Philipps

Cllr Nick Fowke

Cllr Paul Chapman

Clerk Jonathan Martin

Before the meeting convenes, the Chairman asked the public for any comments. A member of the public commented on their concern of over the recent bonfires' effect on people with respiratory difficulty, such as asthma.

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

1.1 No apologies received.

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

2.1 No declarations of interests were received, or dispensations made.

Item 3. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22 July 2019.

3.1 Proposed: Cllr, Second: Cllr Melville. To approve the Pauntley Parish Council minutes of 22nd July 2019.

It was resolved: To approve the Pauntley Parish Council minutes of 22nd July 2019.

Item 4. Finance.

Item 4 a). To consider and resolve a draft budget for 2020-2021.

4 a). 1 Discussion was held over several projects and that the future Council budget would need to accommodate these. This included: the potential cost for new fencing at the Village hall, dependant on who owns the relevant land, grants to the Village hall, costs of an election, inspection fees for the trees on Compton green either next year or later (2022), payroll and pension contributions to the Clerk, including pension set up charges. The Chairman made the point that expenses anticipated for 3 or 5 years in the future should have their funds built up slowly in the approaching years to avoid sudden financial demands.

Item 4 b). To consider and resolve the submission for the new precept for January 2020.

4 b). 1 It was agreed to defer this matter.

Item 4 c). To receive a report from the Clerk on the current situation of the change of bank signatories.

4 c). 1 The Clerk informed the Council that the change of signatories for all the Council's accounts had been completed.

Item 4 d). To resolve on payment to the Pauntley village hall of rent of £144.00

4 d). 1 Proposed: Cllr Fowke, Second: Chairman. To approve the payment of £144.00 to the Pauntley village hall.

It was resolved: To approve the payment to the Pauntley village hall.

Item 4 e). To resolve on payment to the Chairman Paul Grey of maintenance expenses.

4 e). 1 It was agreed to defer this matter.

Item 4 f). To resolve on payment to the Clerk of expenses of £81.88

4 f). 1 Proposed: Cllr Harding, Second: Chairman. To approve the payment to the Clerk of expenses of £81.88.

It was resolved: To approve payment to the Clerk of expenses.

Item 4 g). To resolve on payment to the Clerk of his salary of 597.60 for the 28th September 2019.

4 g). 1 Proposed: Cllr Harding, Second: Deputy Chairman Cllr Melville. To approve the payment to the Clerk of salary of 597.60

It was resolved: To approve payment to the Clerk of salary.

Item 5. Planning.

To report on the following planning applications.

Item 5 a). Walnut Farm:

5 a). 1 No comments were made over the Walnut Farm application P0064/19/DISCON.

Item 5 b). Ketford Boreholes:

5 b). 1 Cllr Fowkes gave the council updates on the Ketford Boreholes. P1444/18/FUL. Attention was made to the busy construction activities at the site. The Clerk would be forwarded the contact email of developer for necessity.

5 b). 2 No comments were made over the Ketford Boreholes. P1444/18/FUL.

Item 5 c). Hazelwood:

5 c). 1 No objections were raised over the Hazelwood application. P1379/19/FUL.

Item 5 d). Orchards:

5 d). 1 No objections were raised over the Orchards application. P1191/19/FUL.

Item 6. To consider and resolve on action to be taken in regard to nuisance caused from local bonfires.

6. 1 A brief covering of the nature of the recent bonfire activity was given by Councillors effected. The health problems of local residents made worse by the smoke was reiterated.

6. 2 The Clerk advised the Council and the members of the public that it was the responsibility of the District Council to respond to complaints of noxious fumes and then to take the appropriate measures.

6.3 Further discussion was held, and it was determined that the local Parish magazine could be requested to publish a notice of this problem and a request for consideration of other residents by those planning to run large fires.

Action point: The Clerk would make this request for the above notice to the Parish magazine.

Item 7. To consider and resolve on action to be taken in regard of the disruption caused by the recent road closures within the Parish due to a rally car race.

7.1 The problems of the rally race were discussed. These including, the failure of the County Council to communicate accurate information on the event to the residents effected. It was reported that there was no accessible information of the whole route of the race.

7.2 A Mr Tritton was invited to speak by the Chairman. He described the contents of a letter of complaint he had sent to the County Council over this matter. These were identical to the problems other residents experienced. He also raised the issue that the Parish received no profit or compensation for this event. There was also the question that the rally might be repeated along with all of the above-mentioned problems.

7.3 District Councillor Burford was invited to speak by the Chairman. He stated that the power to close roads was in fact the province of the County Council, and that he was aware of incorrect information being disseminated by local media. He also stressed that there was a risk of overreacting to the rally event in that it was a rare occurrence.

7.4 Action point: That the Clerk would write a formal letter of complaint to the Gloucestershire county council highways agency.

Item 8. To consider and resolve on action to be taken in regard of damage caused to the parish roads by the recent works.

8.1 Cllr Rawson informed the Council of the damage done to the verges of the roads within the Parish by recent roadworks. Cllr Rawson reported that she had gained no response to this matter from the relevant company, Gigaclear.

8.2 Discussion confirmed that this damage may be within the purview of the highways authority to correct. This is also linked with the ongoing issue of the

maintenance of the hedges in the Parish. The point was made that each County Councillor has a discretionary budget that could be used to fund the maintenance of the hedges.

Item 9. CPR Machines:

Item 9 a). To receive a report from Cllr Fowke on the progress of obtaining a donation in regard of replacing the Pool hill defibrillators.

9 a). 1 Cllr Fowke reported that he had received a donation and a cheque for this to be paid into the Council accounts.

Item 9 b). To consider and resolve on the need for training on how to use the CPR Machines.

9 b). 1 A problem was mentioned in that an Ambulance had not known what the access code of a local CPR machine was.

Action point: That a VET scheme meeting be held to organise further training and policies.

Item 9 c). To consider and resolve on the need for training and procedures for persons who receive a rescue call.

Item 9 d). To consider on how the numbers of CPR Machine responders can be increased.

9 c). 1 & 9 d) 1 It was agreed that these items were already covered in item 9 b) 1.

Item 10. To consider and resolve on further action to be taken in regard of the overgrown hedges in Brand Green.

10.1 This matter was discussed in Item 8.

Item 11. To consider and resolve on further action to be taken in regard of speeding on parish roads and the prospect of having the local speed limits lowered.

11.1 No progress was reported, and it was agreed to defer this item.

Item 12. To receive a report from either Chairman Grey or Cllr Harding on the performance of the recent work party at the Pauntley village hall.

12.1 Cllr Harding reported that the work party at the Village hall of 24th August consisted of approximately 13 to 14 people attending for most of the day. The Hall was cleaned both internally and externally and the surrounding grounds were pruned. It was generally regarded that the event was very successful.

12.2 It was suggested that a second work party event be organised to complete and continue the required tasks. A routine work party event every six months was proposed.

Action point: to organise periodic work parties for the future.

Item 13. To receive a report from the Clerk on the progress of the request for additional bags of road salt and the template documents of an emergency winter plan.

13.1 The Clerk reported that the additional orders had been made but no reply had been received from the highways authority on a template winter plan.

Action point: the Clerk will request an existing winter plan document from a neighbouring parish or town council.

Item 14. To agree to the date for the next meeting of the Pauntley Parish Council, proposed for Monday 25 November 2019.

14.1 Proposed Chairman, Second Cllr Harding. To agree the date of the next Pauntley Parish Council meeting for Monday 23 September.

It was resolved: The date of the next Pauntley Parish Council will be Monday 25 Novemeber.

For information only:

1. District Councillor Burford informed the council on the background and developments of the Local Plan 2021-41. This is the District wide strategic plan to build thousands of new homes over the above period. He stressed that parish councils should formulate their own responses as part of the plan's request for public consultation.

The meeting was ended at approximately 8.45 pm

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