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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 25th November 2019 at 7.30 pm.

In attendance were:

Cllr Paul Gray (Chairman)

Cllr Lesley Harding

Cllr Anne Rawson

Cllr Nick Fowke

Clerk Jonathan Martin

Before the meeting convenes, the Chairman asked the public for any comments. There were no comments.

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

1.1 Apologies were received and accepted for the absence of Deputy Chairman Cllr David Melville and Cllr Christine Philipps.

1.2 Cllr Paul Chapman's absence was accepted due to his circumstances.

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 23 September 2019.

3.1 Proposed: Cllr Fowke, Second: Cllr Harding. To approve the Pauntley Parish council minutes of 23rd September 2019.

It was resolved: To approve the minutes of 23rd September 2019 Pauntley Parish council.

Item 4. To confirm the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 10 October 2019.

4.1 Proposed: Cllr Rawson, Second: Cllr Fowke. To approve the Extraordinary Pauntley Parish council minutes of 10th October 2019.

It was resolved: To approve the minutes of 10th October 2019 Pauntley Parish council.

Item 5. To invite Three Shires Rally organisers to give a brief talk over their future plans and community grant polices.

5.1 A representative of the above organisation informed the council of the following;

5.2 That the current legislation allows for new events to be held. However, duties exist on organisers to inform the public of these arrangements. Local Parishes, including Pauntley had been given the correct and formal notices of these.

5.3 The reasons for the unsatisfactory communication of the rally held in September were explained, in that 'Gloucestershire Live' (a local radio program) had given out incorrect information. Also, the routes and the maps thereof were kept secret until as late as possible so that the car drivers could not practice the routes.

5.4 The representative then discussed the plans for the next rally, expected to be organised for March/April 2020, for a provisional start date of 6th September 2020. The aim is to hold this on a Sunday to minimise the disruption to deliveries and transport. Cllr Rawson stressed the need for the council to receive more detailed information prior to this.

5.5 The Clerk raised the issue of the 'Community Support Fund' and how the council might apply for this grant. The matter would be determined by a panel of Councillors who would assess the merits of the applications they would receive. This would be for any project that the Parish might envision.

5.6 The representative mentioned that the organisers had met a satisfactory safety standard from the formal report on this event.

5.7 Cllr Rawson mentioned the issue of moving and securing horses during the race period.

5.8 Cllr Harding suggested the possibility of using the Village Hall during the rally event to serve the onlookers with regard to parking and other site facilities.

5.9 The Three Shires Rally representative was thanked for his time and information by the council.

Item 6. Finance.

Item 6 a). To receive a financial report from the Clerk on the Parish Council's accounts.

6 a). 1 The Clerk gave a report on the Council's finances with supporting documentation. This was well received.

Item 6 b). To receive a budget estimate for 2020-21 from the Clerk.

6 b). 1 The Clerk gave a report on a proposed draft budget.

6 b). 2 Issues raised were for the further need for a suitable reserve for the maintenance of council managed trees. Money would ideally be found for training for council members and staff. There were concerns over the increase in the cost of the website fees.

Item 6 c). To consider and resolve a draft budget for 2020-2021.

6 c). 3.1 Proposed: Cllr Fowke, Second: Cllr Harding. To approve the Draft Budget with its appropriate precept increase of 5%.

It was resolved: To approve the Draft Budget with its appropriate precept increase of 5%.

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1). The above the resolution was agreed to be a preliminary decision that would likely be subject to later modification.

Item 6 d). To resolve on payment of £147.00 for elections costs to FODDC at 25/9/19.

6 d). 1 Proposed: Cllr Fowke, Second: Cllr Rawson. To approve on payment of £147.00 for elections costs to FODDC at 25/9/19.

It was resolved: on payment of £147.00 for elections costs to FODDC at 25/9/19.

Item 6 e). To resolve on payment of £282.00 for the defibrillator battery and VAT at 30/9/19.

6 e). 1 The above is amended from; on payment of £282.00 for the defibrillator subscription at 30/9/19.

6 e). 2 Proposed: Cllr Fowke, Second: Cllr Harding. To amend the above item and to approve on payment of £282.00 for the defibrillator subscription at 30/9/19.

It was resolved: to make the amendment and to make payment of £282.00 for the defibrillator subscription at 30/9/19.

Item 6 f). To resolve on payment of £40.00 for data protection fees at 5/11/19.

6 f). 1 Proposed: Cllr Fowke, Second: Cllr Harding. To approve on payment of £40.00 for data protection fees at 5/11/2019

It was resolved: on payment of £40.00 for data protection fees at 5/11/2019

Item 6 g). To resolve on payment of £19.28 for the Clerk's expenses.

6 g). 1 Proposed: Cllr Fowke, Second: Cllr Harding. To approve on payment of £19.28 for the Clerk's expenses.

It was resolved: on payment of £19.28 for the Clerks expenses.

Item 7. Defibrillators.

Item 7 a). To consider and resolve on a more formal regime to address the several problems regarding the maintenance and operation of the Defibrillators.

7 a). 1 It was suggested that leaflets should be delivered to local people to provide them with accurate information on the proper use of the Defibrillators. New instructions for volunteers could be issued as well as refresher courses for the current responders.

7 a). 2 It was suggested that the Council agree to the recommendations of the VET scheme to keep the Defibrillators unlocked.

Action point: The Clerk will check the insurance ramifications for leaving the Defibrillator boxes open.

7 a). 3 It was agreed that any resolutions on the above will be deferred.

Item 7 b). To authorise payment of a refund for Cllr Fowke for his purchases of Defibrillator equipment.

7 b). 1 No goods as of yet had arrived. This resolution is deferred awaiting delivery .

Item 8. To receive from the Clerk a brief report on the feedback from the complaints made over the recent car race.

8. 1 It was agreed that this item had already been addressed by the guest speaker in item 5.

Item 9. To receive from the Clerk a draft of a complaint letter to the County Council over the maintenance of certain hedges in the Parish.

9. 1 Complaints on the overgrowth were heard from the members of the public.

9. 2 The Clerk will attempt to arrange a meeting, where appropriate, with the local Highways Authority to address this problem. If no progress is made, then the council will formally demand that the Highways Authority take action.

Item 10. To consider and resolve on any action needed to be undertaken for the national election to be held on 12th December 2019.

10. 1 No action is required. It is a matter for the Village Hall management.

Item 11. To receive from the Clerk a draft policy document on the Winter Plan.

11. 1 The Clerk presented a draft document which was considered by the Council. It was agreed that this should be written up into a formal policy document.

Item 12. To resolve on the Clerk, here named as Jonathan Martin, to sign up for the Local Government Pension Scheme.

12.1 Proposed: Cllr Harding, Second: Cllr Rawson. To resolve on the Clerk, here named as Jonathan Martin, to sign up for the Local Government Pension Scheme.

It was resolved: To resolve on the Clerk, here named as Jonathan Martin, to sign up for the Local Government Pension Scheme.

Item 13. To agree to the date for the next meeting of the Pauntley Parish Council, proposed for Monday 27th January 2019.

13.1 It was agreed that the next meeting of the Pauntley Parish Council would be on Monday 27th January 2020.

Item 14. Any other business.

14.1 There was no further business to discuss.

The meeting was ended at approximately 9.05 pm

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