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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 27th January 2020 at 7.30 pm.

In attendance were:

Cllr Paul Gray (Chairman)

Cllr David Melville (Deputy Chairman)

Cllr Lesley Harding

Cllr Anne Rawson

Cllr Nick Fowke

Cllr Paul Chapman

Cllr Christine Philipps

Clerk Jonathan Martin

Before the meeting convenes, the Chairman asked the public for any comments.

A member of the public made it known that a local road sign had been either taken down or stolen.

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

1.1 No apologies were 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 25 November 2019.

3.1 Proposed: Cllr Fowke, Second: Cllr Harding. To approve the Pauntley Parish Council minutes of 25th November 2019.

It was resolved: To approve the minutes of 25th November 2019.

Item 4. To invite the representative of Gloucestershire Highways to give a talk on the various road and plant overgrowth issues within the Parish.

4.1 The Highways representative did not appear.

4.2 Feedback was had on Highways enforcement of local overgrowth. The 28-day time period for the owner to correct this had elapsed. However, Highways has responded that there was nothing wrong with the hedges.

4.3 It was reported that continued local construction work has damaged low hanging branches.

4.4 The lack of verges was noted as forcing walkers out onto the roads. The presence of rubbish at the roadside was also highlighted.

Item 5. To resolve on any appropriate and necessary actions arising from Item 4.

5.1 It was agreed that arrangements would have to be attempted for a representative of the Highways Authority to be taken on a visual inspect of the problem areas.

Item 6. Finance:

Item 6 a). To receive a report from the Clerk on the Parish Councils accounts, to be signed off by the Council.

6 a). 1 The council's financial statement for the 3rd quarter of 2019 was well received and signed off. Cllr Fowke commented that the generous grant made by Unite the Union for the operation of the council's defibrillators would not likely be repeated at the same level.

Item 6 b). To resolve on payment of £647.40 for the Clerk's salary at December 2019.

6 b). 1 Proposed: Cllr Harding, Second: Cllr Phillips. To approve on payment of £647.40 for the Clerk's salary.

It was resolved: On payment of £647.40 for the Clerk's salary.

Item 6 c). To resolve on payment of £8.79 for the Clerk's expenses.

6 c). 1 Proposed: Cllr Rawson, Second: Cllr Fowke. To approve payment of £8.79 for the Clerk's expenses.

It was resolved: On payment of £8.79 for the Clerk's expenses.

Item 7. Defibrillators:

Item 7 a). To resolve on payment of £50.40 for the defibrillator pads at 6/12/2019.

7 a). 1 Proposed: Cllr Harding, Second: Phillips. To approve payment of £50.40 at 6/12/2019 for defibrillator pads.

It was resolved: On payment of £50.40 at 6/12/2019 for defibrillator pads.

Item 7 b). To receive a report from the Clerk on the insurance ramifications of leaving the Defibrillators unlocked.

7 b). The Clerk reported that the insurers had stated that leaving the Defibrillators unlocked would not affect the insurance costs. Discussion was held on whether to leave the boxes open or locked, but with the access code printed on the device. This would need to be investigated.

Item 8. To discuss and resolve on any preliminary actions necessary to the consultancy with the organisers and local authorities of the planned Rally later this year.

8.1 It was viewed that the organisers should run the event on a Sunday, as an attempt to limit any transport disruption. Local churches and people with horses and other easily startled animals should also be forewarned. Better maps of the route and communication would be stressed upon the organisers.

8.2 The matter of potential grants from the organisers was highlighted as something that the council should apply for.

8.3 The possibility of the Pauntley Village Hall offering parking spaces and other services was also suggested.

8.4 It was agreed that the Clerk will attempt to organise this consultation.

Item 9. To discuss and resolve on the preparations for the upcoming audit of the Council.

9.1 No need for a new audit arrangement was found. However, the need for the authorisation of a formal letter of appointment of an auditor would need to be present on the next meeting's agenda.

Item 10. To agree to the date for the next meeting of the Pauntley Parish Council, proposed for Monday 30th March 2020.

10.1 It was agreed that the next meeting of the Pauntley Parish Council would be on Monday 30th March 2020.

Item 11. Any other business.

11.1 A new scheme to plant trees in the Parish was discussed. Issues to be examined were the places for prospective plantations, the species of the trees and how the saplings would be protected.

11.2 The Clerk asked if there were any preparations that he should undertake for the 2020 Annual meeting. It was only suggested that guest speakers should be approached with appropriate time in advance.

The meeting was ended at approximately 8.15 pm

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