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PAUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Extra Ordinary Meeting held on

Monday 9th June 2025

6.30pm in Pauntley Village Hall, Brand Green

Present: Cllrs Paul Eastabrook (in the Chair); J Barratt; M Hampton; N Fowke

In attendance: Rachel Freestone – Clerk
Gill Moseley – County Councillor

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1. To receive and accept apologies for absence:

Apologies had been received and accepted from Cllr Kucharski. Notice of resignation had been received from Cllrs Philipps and Hargreaves following the last meeting, to be addressed at the full council meeting on the 14th July.

2. To receive any declarations of interest or written applications for dispensation from Councillors on agenda items:

There were none.

3. Open Session:

- a. To receive a report from District Councillors Philip Burford and Clayton Williams: In their absence there was none.
- b. Members received a report from Gloucestershire County Councillor for Newent Gill Moseley. County Cllr Moseley informed members that she had been re-elected for the Liberal Democrats with a 33 vote majority with Reform gaining seats. Members congratulated her on her success. The Liberal Democrats are only 1 short of a majority at County Council so it is a Lib Dem cabinet. The Conservatives have been reduced from 28 to 6. She added that there is a very different complexion to the County Council now and is looking forward to working with officers rather than against them. Focus will be on Highways and Childrens Services (Ofsted inspection in the next few weeks) especially. *A member asked if Cllrs are experienced?* She confirmed they are. County Cllr Moseley is still on the Planning and Constitution Committees. The Liberal Democrats are interested in moving forward with 20mph speed limits where wanted, parish councils will receive requests for expressions of interest shortly. The Robin bookable bus service has launched. The details are on the GCC website and GM will supply more details, there are stops within the Pauntley Parish. A member commented that the Newent Community Bus still offer a basic service twice weekly to Newent and Ledbury.
- c. To receive representations from the Public.
There was none.

4. Finance:

- a. GAPTC Internal Audit Report 2024-25. Members considered the Internal Audit Report previously circulated. Members NOTED that the Internal Audit has not raised any areas of concern. **It was RESOLVED:** to approve the Internal Audit Report for 2024-25.
- b. Annual Governance Statement 2024-25. Members considered the Annual Governance Statement. **It was RESOLVED:** to approve the Annual Governance Statement with all objectives marked as yes or n/a.

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- c. Annual Return Accounting Statements 2024-25. Members considered the Annual Return Accounting Statements. **It was RESOLVED:** to approve the Annual Return Accounting Statements for 2024-25.
- d. External audit exemption and sign the certificate. Members considered the exemption. **It was RESOLVED:** to confirm eligibility to exemption, the Chair signed the Certificate of Exemption. The Clerk to return the form to PKF Littlejohn.
- e. Members considered the end of year Explanation of Variances report previously circulated. **It was RESOLVED:** to approve the Explanation of Variances report for 2024-25.

5. Planning:

- a. Members considered the following Planning Application for Determination by the Forest of Dean District Council:
 - P0572/25/PQ3PA Sandy Ridge Farm, Pauntley. Prior approval for the conversion of an agricultural barn to dwelling with associated operational works.**It was RESOLVED:** to make no comment on this planning application.

- 6. Next Meeting:** Members NOTED the date of the next ordinary meeting as Monday 14th July, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Agenda items to include Footpaths and co-option.

Signed:.....*P Eastabrook* Date:....*14.07.2025*...

Chair

The meeting closed at 19.50