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PAUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

At the extraordinary meeting of Pauntley Parish Council, held at Pauntley Village Hall, Brand Green, Gloucestershire, GL19 3JD on Monday 8th August 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

In attendance were:

Cllr Paul Eastabrook (Vice Chair)

Cllr Mark Hargreaves

Cllr Anne Rawson

Cllr Nick Fowke

Cllr Christine Philips

Clerk: Jonathan Martin

Meeting starts at 7.00pm

Item 1. To receive apologies and acceptable reasons for absences. (1 minute)

1.1 Apologies were received from Chairman Grey and County Cllr Moseley.

1.2 Vice Chairman Paul Eastabrook is acting Chairman.

Item 2. To receive any declarations of personal or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda. (1 minute)

2.1 There were no declarations or dispensations made.

Item 3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 30th of May and 1st July 2022 and to deal with any matters arising. (1 minute)

3.1 Regarding the minutes of the AGM, item 3 would need to be corrected in the Cllr Eastabrook did not second the motion.

Resolved: To approve the minutes of May 30th.

3.2 Item 8 was deemed to be held first for convenience.

Item 8. To recognise the generous grant made by the Real Ale Society to the Parish Council.

8.1 Two gentlemen gave a report on the success of the Real Ale Society at the recent jubilee. They had gained £160+ pounds for the raffle and £190 from donations.

8.2 The Real Ale Society then made the very generous donation of £500.00 to the Pauntley Village Hall. This was accepted with thanks from the Council. Further thanks were given to a Mr Mark Hodges for his assistance in organising the operations of the society.

8.3 A letter of thanks to Mr Hodges would also be sent.

Public Forum.

Cllr Lewis described how the original district plans to build a new small town in Churcham have essentially been scrapped now. The replacement plan would focus most of the new

developments in and around Lydney. This plan would have its challenges including a lack of infrastructure and there would be a probably local pushback as well. Cllr Fowke raised a question on both the inadequacy of the road links with Gloucester and the lack of social housing. The reply was that social housing would likely consist of around 40% of the new builds.

Cllr Bulford confirmed the above news, adding that the total number of houses in the plan is around the target of 7,200-7,400. Realistically this is about 8 thousand, with 4 thousand new sites having already been assigned, with one third of these assigned to the Lydney area. The origin of this number stems from a complex calculation.

The Newent area is expected to game an extra 1000 homes. Beachly is to be developed though this has the same infrastructure problem. The resident Green party in the District Council have proposed an 'eco village'. This project would as well require massive infrastructure creation.

Infrastructure development would in part be funded by the 's.106' money that developers are obliged to contribute. Lydney has yet to make this application to the County Council. A future option for paying for these infrastructure demands would be a new tax named; 'the Community Infrastructure Levy'.

Item 3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 30th of May and 1st July 2022 and to deal with any matters arising. (1 minute)

3.1 Proposed: Cllr Fowke. Seconded: Cllr Hargreaves.

Resolved.

Item 4. To review the findings of the internal auditor for the previous financial year of 2021-22 and resolve on any actions needed to implement these suggestions. (10 minutes)

4.1 The Audit report would be reissued to the Councillors. This item would be deferred, however, the Clerk gave a brief summary of the report's findings.

Item 5. Finance:

Item 5). a. To receive the statement of the Council's accounts for the months of June 1st - July 30th 2022 and sign off on them after inspection.

5.a).1. The pension citation was an issue and this item would be deferred.

Item 5). b. To receive the budget analysis for the Council's accounts for the months of June 1st - July 30th 2022.

5.b).1 This item was deferred.

Item 6. Payments:

**To resolve on the following payments.
(1 minute)**

Minute	Amount	Date	Recipient	Description
724/6.a	£200.77	27/05/2022	Community first	Insurance
724/6.b	£30.38	31/05/2022	Parish Clerk	Expenses.
724/6.c	£611.79	28/06/2022	Parish Clerk	Clerk's wages
724/6.d	£172.21	12/07/2022	LGPS	Pension fund

724/6.e	£120.00	13/07/2022	Community Heartbeat	Yearly subscription.
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6.1 Proposed: Cllr Fowke. Seconded: Cllr Rawson.

Resolved, excluding item 6.c and 6.d.

Item 7. Receipts:

To resolve on the following receipts.

(1 minute)

Minute	Amount	Date	Donor	Description
724/7.a	£10.03	07/06/2022	Community first	Refund.
724/7.b	£238.60	16/06/2022	HMRC	VAT refund.

7.1 The unclaimed VAT on the purchase of the Marquee should be investigated. The Clerk would confer with GAPTC for advice on this.

Item 9. To discuss the issue of the casual vacancy to the open role of Pauntly Parish Councillor.

9.1 Mrs Hampton gave a brief description of her background as a medical worker.

9.2 Proposed: Cllr Rawson. Proposed: Cllr Hargreaves.

Resolved: The resolution passed unanimously with no objections to co-opt Mrs Hampton.

Item 10. Any other business.

(3 minutes)

10.1 Mrs Harding raised the issue of the alleged planning law breach at Compton house, at Lime Grove, Compton Green. This structure had not acquired planning permission, but instead was regarded as a non-permanent structure akin to a caravan.

10.2 This matter being that this building was on site over a period of months apparently being used by teams of professional builders employed on behalf of Norwegian Log Building Ltd., including a substantial presence from Bing Property Management, in apparent direct contradiction to the assurances given in the declaration made by Rebecca Lord Planning within the Lawful Development Certificate Application Report dated 25th October 2021 (paras 2.3-2.4).

10.3 It was agreed that full details would be passed to FoDDC Councillor Philip Burford immediately following the meeting and that he would investigate accordingly. This issue would be included onto the next meeting's agenda.

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