**Pailton Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 27 November 2023 in Pailton Village Hall**

Present:

Councillors: Tony Gillias (Chair, TG), Tina Simpson (Vice Chair, TS), Kristian Shaw (KS)

Mark Foxon (MF), Stuart Law (LF)

In attendance: Leona Bendall, Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer (clerk)

Also present for the meeting was one parishioner.

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| 1/27.11.23 | **Chairman’s Welcome and Apologies for Absence**  Councillor Gillias welcomed all to the meeting, apologies from WCC councillor Adrian Warwick were noted. |  |
| 2/27.11.23 | **Declarations of Interest**  These were given by Cllr T Gillias, as a Councillor for Rugby Borough Council (RBC) and Chair of RBC’s Planning Committee and Cllr Kristian Shaw as holder of the contract for the amenity grass cuts in the village. The chairman also noted that the Parish Council has an Interest in the planning applications for the White Lion that have now been submitted – R23/1140 and 1141. |  |
| 3/27.11.22 | **Standing orders were suspended to allow members of the public to address the meeting**   * A parishioner asked that the PC talk to the landowner of the steps on the footpath, going up to the lake R 338. This had previously been raised by another parishioner and the PC agreed to report this, along with a block footpath near the White Lion to WCC and copy Cllr Warwick in so that he might follow this up |  |
| 4/27.11.23 | **Resumption of Standing Orders** |  |
| 5/27.11.23 | **To approve the minutes and financial papers of the meeting held on 23rd October 2023.**   * These were proposed by TG, seconded by KS and approved by all. They were signed as a true record of the meeting. |  |
| 6/12/23 | **Matters Arising from previous meetings – not covered elsewhere on the agenda.**   * Nothing raised |  |
| 7/27.11/23 | **Information Reports –.**   1. **County Council AW – no report this month** 2. **Rugby Borough Council, TG**  * TG expressed his dismay that the Street Cleaning Team, despite the endeavours of their Chief Officer Clare Preston are still not using any initiative or thinking about the ‘totality’ of their work when undertaking street cleaning. He is certain that the team’s thinking needs to change and he will continue to pursue this but noted that they are limited by equipment shortages – for example there are only two pavement sweepers for the whole borough area. * He attended the A5 Partnership meeting and continues to press for solutions to the A426/45 bottlenecks – which cause tailback and gridlock and have been noted by Housing Inspectorate as restricting the availability of some land for development. * The importance of participation in the Local Plan – both for the PC as a whole and individually - was stressed.      1. V**illage Hall Trust, LF**  * LF was encouraged that members of the public had attended the AGM. * Plans were in place for church service and ‘christmas’ lights, with refreshments by the Village Hall team and she noted that the vicar was keen to produce a flyer for the church service. * She has the keys to the equipment in the playing field and will pass these on to KS. |  |
| 8/27.11.23 | **White Lion Project Update**   * TS was delighted to report that the huge and complex documentation for the Stage 2 bid have now been submitted and while we will not get a decision to the end of March 2024, initial feedback via the Project Manager was positive. * In line with their contracts all our consultants are on a ‘break’ until the decision is reached. The professional fund raiser however will continue her work to secure funding and the architects will continue their work on the planning application. * A flyer to update the whole village on the current position and refer them to the PC website which has links to the submitted documents will be distributed shortly to all households in the village. Questions will be collated and reported to consultants after they resume work. * She also pointed out that NLHF has paid two further grants for the development phase of funding this month - £28,180 and £15,300 and a further £10,000 is expected shortly. |  |
| 9/27.11.23 | **Finance and Governance**   1. The clerk asked the meeting to accept the cash book for November and this was proposed by TG and seconded by KS. 2. She had previously circulated a draft budget in preparation for next year’s precept and budget setting and report that she was comfortable with the current position. The councillors agreed to hold a separate meeting to go through the requirements for next year in detail. |  |
| 11/27.11.23 | **Planning Applications and Matters for Consideration**   1. As stated in Declaration of Interest the planning application for the White Lion R23/1140 and R23/1141 are now live and it is hoped that villagers will write in numbers to Planning in support of this. 2. PC will hold its own meeting to prepare its response to the Issues and Options paper in January. |  |
| 12/27.11.23 | **Ongoing Village Matters –**   1. Telephone Box Renovation –  KS reported that work is continuing on glazing the box. 2. Playing Fields and Footpaths –   KS will arrange a working group meeting in January. Projects include monthly safety checks, new goalposts and hedge cutting. Footpaths had been discussed under agenda item 3. KS reported that he had price of £500 for cutting and clearing the Ash tree outside the operational Telephone Exchange and will now seek a second quote. The clerk read out Colin Downes resignation letter and all agreed that this was sad but understandable and that his work should be recognised in Round the Revel with a formal thank you letter sent. SL said he might be able to take on the cuts undertaken by CD and it was agreed that he would discuss this further with KS.   1. Highways Working Group. –   TG will try to establish a Lengthsman scheme to undertake small infrastructure renewals/repairs in the village. Still awaiting speedwatch data from WCC’s ‘can’ tests. Clerk to chase.   1. Ex Service Men’s club –   Nothing new to report but agreed to write a letter to Lady Clare Simonian repeating the village’s interest is this land which is regarded as a community asset.   1. Replacement Bins –   It was agreed to discuss and finalise this at the budget meeting. | KS/TG  KS  KS/SL and  Clerk  TG  Clerk  Clerk  All |
| 13/27.11.23. | **Correspondence**   * Nothing new to repor |  |
| 14/27.11.23 | **Additional items for next meeting**   * Decision on replacement bins for the four damaged refuse bin and budget/precept requirement. The Local Plan response will be finalised at the January meeting. |  |
| 15/27.11.23 | **Meeting Dates**  The next meetings will be on 18th December 2023 and 22 January 2024. |  |

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Chairman of the Parish Council

Anthony Gillias 18 December 2023