**Pailton Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 29 July 2024 in Pailton Village Hall**

Present:

Councillors: Tony Gillias (Chair, TG), Tina Simpson (Vice Chair, TS) Kristian Shaw (KS) Mark Foxon (MF), Stuart Law (SL)

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

Also present for the meeting were three parishioners

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| 1/29.07.24 | **Chairman’s Welcome and Apologies for Absence**Councillor Gillias welcomed all to the meeting.  |  |
| 2/29.07.24 | **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 in 2024.  |  |
| 3/29.07.24 | **Standing orders were suspended to allow members of the public to address the meeting .** A parishioner spoke about a recent decision by the Revel Surgery to provide both a dispensary served owned by the doctors and a separate pharmacy owned and run by three semi-retired doctors. Communications on this had been very confusing for patients and the surgery was planning to clarify the situation.A parishioner spoke about the successful fete and advised that a full update would be available in the near future but profits from the event were over £5600. The committee would be reviewing the event to celebrate its success, review what worked particularly well while seeing what they could do better next time. The fete committee wanted to give their sincere thanks to everyone who contributed, particularly with the setting up and the taking down.Cllr Law raised his concerns on the number of homes next to pathways where bushes and trees from houses are severely limiting the width of the paths for pedestrians. In places it was impossible to walk with a pushchair and pedestrians had to walk in the road. It was agreed to write to all residents about this and put something in the Revel. Clerk to draft a letter for councillors to review/amend and distribute. Clerk was also asked to report this problem to the County Highways team because of the hazards it is creating |  Clerk/All |
| 4/29.07.24 | **Resumption of Standing Orders** |  |
| 5/29.07.24 | **To approve the minutes and financial papers of the meeting held on 24th June 2024.** * These were proposed by MF seconded by TG and approved by all and signed by the chairman as a true record of the meeting.
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| 6/18.12/23 | **Matters Arising from previous meetings – not covered elsewhere on the agenda.*** Nothing to report
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| 7/18.12/23 | **Information Reports –**1. **County Council AW sent his apologies**
2. **Rugby Borough Council, TG**
* TG advised that post local and then the national elections, processes at the Town Hall are slow at the moment but he is satisfied with the approach so far of the new administration to rural areas and the Council Leader’s support for re-establishing racing at the Brandon track. He also reported that the planning department had refused an application that was not in line with Ryton’s Neighbourhood Plan – recognising the importance and work that goes into the Neighbourhood Plan.
* He also advised that David Burroughs has agreed to meet and discuss village flooding as soon as his current workload permits.
1. V**illage Hall Trust, LF**.
* The Trust are currently having a break until September but reported on the four Live and Local events booked between October 24 and May 2025..
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| 8/29.07.24 | **White Lion Project Update*** **TS** gave an update on social events, including the successful artists day in Pailton Hall Gardens, the upcoming Art Fest and quizzes. These continue to be well supported.
* The working team has still not received any feedback from its application to the Community Ownership Fund which means the start of the project will be delayed but the Project Manager and Design Team(even though they are on the ‘break clause’ )are still supportive and actively trying to secure a partial permission to start, with the Design Team working on best options for build priorities.
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| 9/29.07.24 | **Finance and Governance**1. The clerk asked the meeting to approve the draft cash book report forecast for the month end to 31 July 2024 –This was proposed by TG and seconded by MF and approved by all.
2. The following invoices were noted/approved for payment: clerk salary/HMRC for July £390; DD payment of £35 to the Information Commission for our annual subscription; DD payment to SSE for street lights for July, £120.97; Clear Insurance Mgmt £1094.35 the annual premium for our insurances, including public liability; E-On Replacement lamp post by the Coventry Chicane £2,210.71- this has been met largely by the insurance claim and to Broxban for a new bin to go by the telephone box at a cost of £454.74; **White Lion:** e-On standing charge £9.45. The clerk also explained that the difficulty SSE had in providing invoices is on-going but she registers her concerns each month in writing.
3. The clerk raised issues related to the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) – including questions from the auditors appointed by the Government (Moores) who had not understood how the project was being taken forward. She has supplied more background information and specific approvals on the latest stage of the project. They also raised queries on Section 2 of the AGAR and when the clerk reviewed this she found a typographical error on box 5. She agreed to correct this and TG initialed the correction and it was noted that the clerk would also update the Section on our website and explain her error. A copy of the revised Section is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 1. The clerk advised that the typo arose because of her continuing vision problems which surgery has not improved but hopefully new spectacles may provide some help. She also repeated her comments that she felt the Council should seek to appoint a new clerk as a responsible action over the next few months. This was reluctantly agreed.
 | ClerkClerkClerk |
| 11/29.07.24 | **Planning Applications and Matters for Consideration**1. The meeting discussed the huge application R23/1027 by Frazer’s for a new national HQ, hotel, distribution centre, warehouse, hotel etc on greenbelt land at Ansty. The clerk had previously circulated a suggestion from the chair of Brinklow Parish Council that all local PCs likely to be negatively impact from the significant likely increase in traffic through their village should work together to employ a professional who would prepare a comprehensive objection document. It was agreed to participate in this and KS proposed we contribute up to £150 towards the cost of this, which was seconded by SL. Clerk to advise Brinklow of our wish to participate in the response.
2. TG advised that within the schemes the new Labour government are cancelling may be the upgrade to the Gibbet Hill Roundabout, that would mean serious traffic issues would not be resolved.
 | Clerk |
| 12/29.07.24 | **Ongoing Village Matters –**1. Playing Fields and Footpaths – KS
* Nothing to report this month
1. Highways Working Group and Traffic calming– TG
	* 1. The Traffic calming measure agreed at the last PC meeting had been passed to WCC and TG and KS met with their design manager and a new WCC plan had been drawn up and circulated to councillors. These were generally approved but TG said he needed to report a few minor errors and omission to be undertaken before work on the scheme is undertaken. TG continues to push for a complete resurfacing of village roads as this will significantly reduce the noise nuisance for residents.
		2. It was agreed to ask for volunteers to help add further preservatives to the recently installed posts around the war memorial and green and install reflectors on the post.
2. Ex Service Men’s club – TG

Nothing new to report.  | TG/All |
| 13/29.07.24.  | **Correspondence/Other matters*** The clerk advised that RBC was undertaking a consultation on its Gambling policy with a closing date of 11 October, it was agreed that Clerk would draft an initial response for members to review and submit.
* The new Dentist team have agreed to reconsider the large sign on the Coventry Road and confirmed that it will not be illuminated.
 | Clerk |
| 14/29.07.24 | **Additional items for next meeting*** Nothing specific raised
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| 15/29.07.24 | **Meeting Dates*** It was agreed that the proposed meeting for August would not go ahead (unless there is an urgent planning matter to consider) therefore the next meeting will be on Monday 23 September 2024
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| The meeting closed at 8.45pm |  |

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Chairman of the Parish Council

Anthony Gillias 23 September 2024

Appendix 1: Scan of corrected and annotated Section 2 of the AGAR attached

