**Pailton Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 23 September 2024 in Pailton Village Hall**

Present:

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

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

Also present for the meeting were three parishioners and Cllr Adrian Warwick from Warwickshire County Council.

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| Minute  Ref |  | Action |
| 1/23.09.24 | **Chairman’s Welcome and Apologies for Absence**  Councillor Gillias welcomed all to the meeting. Cllr Mark Foxon had previously given his apologies for this meeting. |  |
| 2/23.09.24 | **Declarations of Interest**  These were given by Cllr T Gillias, as a Councillor for Rugby Borough Council (RBC) and member of RBC’s Planning Committee and Cllr Kristian Shaw as holder of the contract for the amenity grass cuts in the village in 2024. |  |
| 3/23.09.24 | **Standing orders were suspended to allow members of the public to address the meeting .**  A parishioner repeated his enquiry on hi-speed/fibre broad coming to the village as he was concerned that Pailton has been missed in the roll out. It was suggested that he might get a quicker response by contacting the private provider such as City Fibre. Although Cllr AW advised that fibre might very quickly be provided by LiFi – with lights providing the necessary services. |  |
| 4/23.09.24 | **Resumption of Standing Orders** |  |
| 5/23.09.24 | **To approve the minutes and financial papers of the meeting held on 29th July.**   * These were proposed by SL seconded by TG and approved by all. They were signed by the chairman as a true record of the meeting   . |  |
| 6/18.12/23 | **Matters Arising from previous meetings – not covered elsewhere on the agenda.**   * It was noted that the new dental practice has put a smaller sign up in response to requests from the PC. |  |
| 7/18.12/23 | **Information Reports –**   1. **County Councillor Adrian Warwick** briefed the meeting on a number of points    * Magna Park are looking at installing automatic numberplate software on all entrance to better monitor traffic flows – TG also referred to this.    * WCC’s has had its lower level ‘devolution deal’ confirmed by the new government which will give it greater control on some spending    * New advice on Dementia Support is now on WCC website as is a new ‘asksara’ facility to make it easier to access help.    * All Year 7 students should enrol for the coming year by 31.10.24    * There is scam purporting to be a ‘parking fee’ issued by WCC – any such notices should be challenged. 2. **Rugby Borough Council, TG**  * TG advised that he will be spending the day with Craig Thompson from WCC to illustrate the various flooding risks in Pailton and the surrounding villages – this is to inform the new flood liaison group (FLAG) – this was covered further in item 11c. * In response to a question TG advised that the traveller’s camp at Foxon’s Corner which should have been vacated is now occupied by a new family and will be subject to legal action. * New legislations means that all food waste will have to be collected separately by local authorities from April 26 – the full cost of new bins and new collection vehicles is not met by the additional central government funding.  1. V**illage Hall Trust, LF**.  * LF advised that the new season of Saturday café has got off to a good start and is still clearly valued by the community. * There will be 4 Live and Local events this season, including a children’s show on 29 November. * Maintenance is continuing on the stone work * In response to a question LF advised that she is working on a printed ‘welcome to the village’ for all new residents to include lots of local information. |  |
| 8/23.09.24 | **White Lion Project Update**   * **TS** gave a detailed updated to the meeting which is attached as appendix 1. |  |
| 9/23.09.24 | **Finance and Governance**   1. The clerk asked the meeting to approve the draft cash book report forecast for the month end to 30 September 2024 – She will update this at the month end. This was proposed by TG and seconded by TS and approved by all. 2. The following payments were approved by all - £390 clerk’s salary and HMRC tax, DD for SSE street lighting and the E-on standing charge for the White Lion - £120.97, Contribution to shared planning response for the Fraser application of £100; Heritage Trust Subscription, £100; External audit cost of £504. 3. The clerk was given permission to purchase a new dog refuse bin by the allotment gates at a cost of circa £350 – the bin option was nominated by RBC’s Street Cleaning Service – and a new set of pads for the defibrillator at £81.54 ours will expire in October. 4. The meeting noted that the External audit has been successfully concluded. 5. The Lone Worker Policy which had been previously circulated was proposed by TS and approved by all. | Clerk  Clerk |
| 11/23.09.24 | **Planning Applications and Matters for Consideration**   1. TS advised that the clerk has reported the unapproved use of the Old Telephone Exchange to store building materials and rubbish. The planning application for a house on this site is in limbo. The unauthorised use of this land will be investigated by Planning Enforcement. 2. TG asked if there were any questions on the draft NPPF consultation that was circulated by the clerk. He sought clarification on a number of questions and it was agreed that after a very careful review, the clerk should amend the draft to make it clear that this was a PC response and incorporated comments from meeting. The clerk to submit the consultation by the deadline of 24 September and send-in a separate invoice for her considerable work on this . | Clerk |
| 12/23.09.24 | **Ongoing Village Matters –**   1. Playing Fields and Footpaths – KS  * KS reported that he had completed the plans for a mini orchard in the playing field and asked the Clerk to contact the grant provider and get advice on trees to plant. He with the input from the Clerk will then submit a grant application – it was agreed to share this good news with the Denbigh Trustees if the application is successful. * The RoSPA safety inspection will take place by the end of September. * He had no comments to make on footpaths this month  1. **Highways Working Group and Traffic calming– TG**    * + TG reported that Cllr Foxon had volunteered to take over the speed watch recorder to lighten KS workload.      + Members were asked to note an email from WCC that made it clear they would not be offering support on stopping HGVs from using village roads and with the huge increase in HGVs they are no longer supporting or issuing approved HGV routes.      + TG also spoke about Magna Park (GLP) meeting with Highways on the ANPR possibly being installed on entrances/exits and appropriate locations in affected villages.      + TG also spoke of the weeds blocking the footway opposite Pailton House entrance. 2. **FLAG - TG** TG explained that after his meeting with Craig Thompson, he will convene the Pailton Group to include David Burrows from RBC, Paul Taylor from WCC, 2 parish councillors and representatives from the 22 households that were identified in 2007 as at risk of flooding. His ambition is to develop and secure funding to raise the road in this area of the village to eliminate the risk. But in addition, the residents whose property adjoins the allotments must undertake their riparian duties and clear ditches at the end of their garden. MF had also volunteered to sit on the Flood Alleviation Group. 3. **Ex Service Men’s club – TG**   Nothing new to report, but it was agreed that the clerk should write once again to the Trustees expressing the village’s wishes to be involved in any discussions on future use. Such use could include much needed parking for the playing field and/or sporting facilities. | TG MF  TG MF |
| 13/23.09.24. | **Correspondence/Other matters**   * Nothing to report. |  |
| 14/23.09.24 | **Additional items for next meeting**   * Village refuse bin |  |
| 15/23.09.24 | **Meeting Dates**   * The next meeting will be on 28th October 2024 |  |
| The meeting closed at 9.20pm | |  |

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Chairman of the Parish Council

Anthony Gillias 28 October 2024

Appendix 1

Save the White Lion report to PC – Monday 23rd Sept 2024

1. Partial Permission to Start- NLHF only fund 70% of a project. The remaining funding is to come from other funding sources. A major one was Community Ownership Fund COF – levelling up money. WE submitted an application for over £500,000, just before we were to hear the outcome a general election was called which halted progress re funding. Since then, the new government have not announced what is to happen with this funding and possibly won’t be until after the budget at end of October. This leaves us in limbo. Any delay costs the project money and delays the opening. NLHF are aware of our situation (which many other projects are experiencing as well) In discussion with our Project Manager PM and NLHF, a way forward is to apply for partial permission to start- PPTS.

This, if agreed will allow the project to continue up to RIBA 5, to procure the design team to get detailed design completed. Then to go out to tender for a main contractor, allowing us to know the real costs of the project. The other alternative is to just do nothing and await the new governments decision on funding, this would mean no progress was made, the opening date would be even further delayed and we would still be paying out mortgage repayments.

We hope to meet with NLHF this or next week to see if PPTS is possible.

1. We have arranged a date to meet with Leona to discuss the way forward re finance for PC and CIC, armed with information from Nicola Cadwallader our accountant.
2. We are looking for a date to clear the weeds outside the pub. We would really appreciate help from the community with this, just bring gardening gloves, hoe and wheelbarrow if you have them at 9am. The more hands we have the quicker it is completed.
3. Local fundraising – this year we have so far, raised £7,004.03, (still 3 months to go). which is fantastic, a huge thankyou to all those who helped us. This is almost double the total raised last year.

Quizzes

Jan - £153.67

Feb - £87.11

March- £77.47

April - £97.71

May - £205.10

June - £114.05

Aug - £266.83

Sept - £157.27

Garden Party and celebration of NLHF funding - £2,067.62

Little White Lion at Pailton Fete - £753.77

Artists day at Pailton Hall - £330.00

Pailton Art Fest = £1,483.01

Afternoon Tea and Pub Games eve- £1,210.40

WE would like to give everyone who helped at the events and attended the events a big THANKYOU.

The new events this year were a great addition The Art Fest and artist painting days will become annual events now. All stall holders and artists requested to come to next year’s event, we had some fantastic positive feedback. So hopefully they will grow year on year

WE have raised 23% of our total local fundraising target of £30,000.00

We are just deciding on dates for next years events, these will be published shortly. Please do support this brilliant community project in any way you can.

If you have any fundraising ideas and feel able to run them yourselves or with our help, then please let us know.