**Pailton Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 25 November 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 five parishioners

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| Minute  Ref |  | Action |
| 1/25.11.24 | **Chairman’s Welcome and Apologies for Absence**  Councillor Gillias welcomed all to the meeting and conveyed apologies from Cllr Adrian Warwick (WCC) . |  |
| 2/25.11.24 | **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 for 2024. |  |
| 3/25.11.24 | **Standing orders were suspended to allow members of the public to address the meeting**   * A resident asked if the village gateway, as previously discussed, would be installed at the top of Rugby Road. This entrance would then match those on Coventry Road and Lutterworth Road. TG advised that he thought this would be put in place in the spring of 2025. |  |
| 4/25.11.24 | **Resumption of Standing Orders** |  |
| 5/25.11.24 | **To approve the minutes and financial papers of the meeting held on 28 October 2024.**   * These were proposed by SL seconded by TS and approved by all and signed by the chairman as a true record of the meeting. |  |
| 6/25.11/23 | **Matters Arising from previous meetings – not covered elsewhere on the agenda.**   * Nothing to report |  |
| 7/25.11/23 | **Information Reports –**   * **Warwickshire County Council, AW** Cllr Warwick had asked TG to raise two issues on his behalf:   + He has raised concerns over the lack of maintenance and availability of the vehicles to empty gullies in the village, as there were only two such vehicles for the whole county.   + Under new devolved spending rules it may be possible for Parish Councils to ask private contractors to clear gullies etc and reclaim the costs from WCC. Clerk was asked to get quotes for this and KS will supply suitable contacts.   + AW also want to PCs to know of the huge growth in social care and Special Education Needs spending. This year 80% of the County’s whole budget has to be spent on adult social care and Special Education Needs, which affect only 7% of the population. * **Rugby Borough Council, TG**   TG spoke about the renewal of the Borough Council Charter, which places a priority on principal authorities to work with Parish Councils – and should encapsulate the ability to devolve powers to parish councils.  TG also met with the A5 Partnership Team – that includes authorities from Milton Keynes to Telford. As there are huge development to come along the A5 the plan is to only put in place mitigations measures as developments come forward rather than a holistic approach to solving the current traffic problems. An example of this is another roundabout that will provide access to a further Magna Park site. This approach means it is unlikely that work on the Gibbet Hill roundabout will begin before 2027.  TG has been told by Gwyn Stebbins that ANPR cameras will be installed on key access points to and from Magna Park to help mitigate their traffic impact on local villages.   * V**illage Hall Trust, LF**.   LF said the Annual General Meeting had gone well and the accounts for the year were approved and a copy is attached to these minutes as appendix 1.  She wanted to register her thanks to everyone involved in the Remembrance Sunday which everyone agreed was a great event and the ceramic poppies will be stored for next year.  The Christmas Lights switch-on has been organised and it should be a terrific event, catering etc is all arranged.  The Trust will now have a break until the new year, with the first event being another Live & Local event for 7th February 2025.  She also raised the issue of the Village Facebook which is seeking new editors to help with running it. This was to be discussed under item 11g but taken here. The Priors who set up the Village Facebook and control all content advertised for some help as they can no keep pace with content, KS advised the meeting that the Edwards would now help the Priors. The PC were to consider if the PC should take this on, but this has moved on. A discussion was had on whether the PC needed its own FB but it was agreed to be unnecessary at this time - but perhaps more use should be made of the White Lion FB as part of the projects ‘digital strategy’. In addition, the Clerk should ask that as she posts things on the PC’s website, she should ask the Village FB to signpost to this. | KS/Clerk  White Lion Working Group and Clerk. |
| 8/25.11.24 | **White Lion Project Update TS.**   * **TS** NLHF continue to support our project, working with us to find a solution to the issue of COF funding being stalled . The challenge is that no one knows when an announcement will be made and what impact that announcement  will have on our project . NLHF will only fund up to 70% of the costs of a project . We have to find the remainder from other funders . They are many many other projects in our situation and we are all applying for the other funds available , making it harder to get funding . * Social fund raising continues to progress very well and a new 200 club will start in the New Year. * Discussion was had on National Grid’s quotation for a new electrical supply ‘a stand alone asset’ to be placed in the White Lion car park –as the current supply to the village could not cope with this- which is very expensive. TG and others to provide technical advice to see if they can reduce the high costs as it seems unfair for a community project to carry the cost of this. |  |
| 9/25.11.24 | **Finance and Governance**   1. The clerk asked the meeting to approve the draft cash book report forecast for the month end to 30 November 2024 and the following payments: clerk salary/HMRC £405.08; DD payment to SSE for street lights for November, £116.95; Amenity Cut for the year - £3100; Plunkett Foundation Membership, £270; ande-On standing charge (two months) £19.21. Also members were asked to note £480 paid for the playing field cuts and approve the additional invoice of £115.60 for 2 lamp repairs. This was proposed by MF and approved by TS. 2. The clerk reported that we are now spending around a £1000 a year on lamp repairs/replacements – as each lamp costs £57.69 and more if new fittings are required. She raised concerns that we are not being charged for the unmetered electricity supply, which we only recently established with compilation of a new lamp schedule. She sought permission to raise this with National Grid. This to be discussed further as part of the budget preparation. 3. The Clerk has previously circulated a paper on budget preparation but it can go no further until Rugby Borough Council supply the updated tax base. She will update before the next meeting. | Clerk  Clerk |
| 11/25.11.24 | **Planning Applications and Matters for Consideration**   1. The clerk confirmed she has submitted the PC’s objections to application for 44 Lutterworth Road in line with the points raised by members. 2. TG advised that the Frasers development will be probably come to committee on 13th December and the application for the Old Telephone Exchange will be considered on 4 December – clerk to address the meeting and raise PC’s   concerns. TG asked the owner of the Old Telephone Exchange site if there anything he wished to ask of the Parish Council – this is the third PC meeting he had attended- but he declined saying he just wanted to see what was going on. | Clerk |
| 12/25.11.24 | **Ongoing Village Matters –**   1. Playing Fields and Footpaths – KS  * Nothing new to report, application for Community Orchard is ongoing and KS will arrange a new working group meeting for the New Year.  1. Highways Working Group and Traffic calming– TG  * KS has taken the camera down from its current position on Lutterworth road and taken it to MF to start charging. MF will have all the charging leads but KS has the key back so he can unlock it when appropriate.  1. FLAG (the flood alleviation group) – TG is still compiling the historic data for Pailton and information from other FLAG groups, including Tim Willis who set up a group to help Wolvey after the floods earlier this year. The residents of the Manor House must also fulfil their obligations. 2. Ex Service Men’s club – TG   Nothing new report   1. Remembrance Sunday – TG This was discussed under item 7c. 2. Carols/Lights Switch On   This was discussed under item 7c.   1. Facebook – KS   This was discussed under item 7c. | KS/clerk  MF/KS |
| 13/25.11.24. | **Correspondence/Other matters**   * An invitation from the Police and Crime Commissioner for an online briefing and Q & A session. MF and clerk to sign in. |  |
| 14/25.11.24 | **Additional items for next meeting**   * Initial discussion on budget and precept for the 2025/26 year. |  |
| 15/25.11.24 | **Meeting Dates**   * The next meeting will be on Monday 16 December 2024 |  |
| The meeting closed at 8.25pm | |  |

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Chairman of the Parish Council

Anthony Gillias 16 December 2024

