**Pailton Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 13 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 were three parishioners.

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| MinuteRef |  | Action |
| 1/13.11.23 | **Chairman’s Welcome and Apologies for Absence**Councillor Gillias welcomed all to the meeting. |  |
| 2/13.11.23 | **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. |  |
| 3/13.11.22 | **Standing orders were suspended to allow members of the public to address the meeting** * Nothing raised
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| 4/13.11.23 | **Resumption of Standing Orders** |  |
| 5/13.11.23 | **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.
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| 6/12/23 | **Matters Arising from previous meetings – not covered elsewhere on the agenda.*** Nothing raised
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| 7/13.11/23 | **Information Reports – these were not discussed at this meeting but will be on the agenda for 27 November meeting.**1. **County Council AW**
2. **Rugby Borough Council, TG**

 1. V**illage Hall Trust, LF**
2. **Playing Field Working Group and Footpaths, KS**
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| 8/13.11.23 | **White Lion Project Update**1. TS gave an update on the huge volume and complexity of the project’s documents that needs to be submitted to the National Lottery Heritage Fund to secure approval and funding to proceed with work on the Delivery Stage. Councillors have considered all of the documents – some 300 pages in total, and TS wanted to thank them for their helpful scrutiny. She explained that the documents had to be submitted by 17 November 2023 and proposed that Councillors agree that the submission should go ahead. This was seconded by MF and agreed by all councillors. TG wanted the minutes to reflect the gratitude of the parish council to all members of the White Lion Working Group for their tremendous effort on behalf of the village.
2. With the submission of the document on 17 November 2023, TS explained that all of the consultants will move to their contractual ‘break clause’ while the NLHF consider in the greatest detail all aspects of the project to ensure it is viable. A final decision is expected by the end of March 2024, after which the project will move into the delivery stage.
3. The Working Group will continue their communication strategy by publishing on the PC’s website – all the submission documents, albeit commercially sensitive information will have to be redacted. In addition, TS will draft and circulate a flyer that will be distributed to all households in the village.
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| 9/13.11.23 | **Finance and Governance**1. The clerk asked the consider the interim cash book for November and explained that she will circulate the detailed cash book in time for the meeting on 27 November 2023.
2. She reported that she the contract with SSE via Utility Aid had been signed and that should save 23% on Npower’s increased charges for village street lighting.
3. The clerk also advised the Council that they should consider budget and precept requirements for the 2024/25 financial year in December.
 | Clerk |
| 11/13.11.23 | **Planning Applications and Matters for Consideration**1. No new planning issues this month but the meeting noted that the new owners of the Old Telephone Exchange were in breach of planning conditions to convert the existing building into residential. RBC’s Enforcement Team will be taking these breaches up with the owner.
2. TG advised all councillors that it was essential that responses are given to RBC’s ‘Issues and Options’ paper as this will guide and influence all development in the Borough – including Pailton. There is an Open Briefing on 30 November and everyone should be encouraged to participate.
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| 12/13.11.23 | **Ongoing Village Matters –** these will be discussed in full at the meeting on 27 November, but it was noted that:1. Telephone Box Renovation – work is continuing on glazing the box.
2. There is an issue with the gate to the allotment and TG/KS will look at this but it is though the problem is related to the wet weather.
3. AGM of the Village Hall Trust will be on 22 November 2023 and representatives from the PC would be very welcome.
 | TG/KSAll |
| 13/13.11.23.  | **Correspondence*** Nothing new to report.
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| 14/13.11.23 | **Additional items for next meeting*** Decision on
	+ Replacement bins for the four damaged refuse bin
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| 15/13.11.23 | **Meeting Dates**The next meetings will be on 27th November 2023 and 18th December 2023 |  |

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Chairman of the Parish Council

Anthony Gillias 27 November 2023