**Pailton Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18 December 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 two parishioners.

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| Minute  Ref |  | Action |
| 1/18.12.23 | **Chairman’s Welcome and Apologies for Absence**  Councillor Gillias welcomed all to the meeting |  |
| 2/18.12.23 | **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. Cllr Shaw also asked the meeting to note that he will not participate in any discussions on the planning application R23/1106 (48 Coventry Road) as he has an occasional business relationship with the applicant. |  |
| 3/18.12.22 | **Standing orders were suspended to allow members of the public to address the meeting**   * Nothing raised |  |
| 4/18.12.23 | **Resumption of Standing Orders** |  |
| 5/18.12.23 | **To approve the minutes and financial papers of the meeting held on 27 November 2023.**   * These were proposed by TG, seconded by KS and approved by all. They were signed as a true record of the meeting. |  |
| 6/18.12/23 | **Matters Arising from previous meetings – not covered elsewhere on the agenda.**   * Nothing raised |  |
| 7/18.12/23 | **Information Reports –**   1. **County Council AW – no report this month** 2. **Rugby Borough Council, TG**  * He updated the meeting on a site located behind some terraced houses opposite the police station is being proposed by St Modwen’s Property Developers for 132 new housing and that work is beginning on housing off Clifton Road, Beart Way. * As part of the work on the local plan review existing Neighbourhood Plans will also need to be reviewed. In addition, the work is necessary to ensure there is sufficient - evidence supported - plots for gypsy and traveller families. This might include sites on employment land.      1. V**illage Hall Trust, LF**  * LF reported on tremendous feedback to the Big Lights Switch on – that was a first class example of Church, Village Trust and Parish Council working together for Pailton . |  |
| 8/18.12.23 | **White Lion Project Update**   * TS reported that there was a successful fund raising quiz in December and plans are underway for one each month (apart from July) in 2024. * Funding work is continuing with an application to the Pilgrims Trust. |  |
| 9/18.12.23 | **Finance and Governance**   1. The clerk asked the meeting to accept the cash book forecast to the end of December and approve the following payments: Clerk’s December Salary – £312; HMRC December £78.00; Clerk Q3 office costs - £37.50. **White Lion** – Kate Andrews, conservator - £2640; Oral History Training, £280; Arden Fire Safety report , £6000; E-on standing charge £31.50. This was proposed by TG and seconded by KS. 2. The meeting then discussed the previously circulated budget, noting the biggest items of growth were for work on street lighting – both lamps and posts; the general rise in insurance charges, and the costs that could be incurred if the May 2024 parish election is contested. It was noted that the precept was not increased in 2023/24 but that a modest rise of £6.76 per Band D households (this would be lower for small houses and higher for larger houses) was essential to balance the budget for the coming year. This was proposed by MF, seconded by KS and approved by all. The clerk was asked to explain the spending plans in the next Revel article and to clarify that no precept funds are used for the White Lion work. 3. It was agreed to purchase 10 sox lamps at a discount price to use when required – this would save the PC 50% of the cost our normal suppliers charge us. | LB  TG |
| 11/18.12.23 | **Planning Applications and Matters for Consideration**   1. The clerk had previous circulated drafts responses in respect of R23/1140 and 1141, R23/1194. Councillors made a number of suggestions and the drafts were approved. It was agreed that before a response could be issued re R23/1106, councillors (excepting K Shaw) should walk along the access route – therefore the clerk would seek an extension to the deadline and a final response approved on 22 January 2024. 2. PC will meet to prepare its response to the Issues and Options paper for the new Local Plan with an earlier start to the meeting on 22 January 2024. |  |
| 12/18.12.23 | **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. He will provide further information for reporting to WCC re blocked footpaths. The Ash tree outside the operational Telephone Exchange will be considered at the next meeting  The grant application for a climbing wall and all supporting equipment has been submitted.   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 report in the Revel that the PC continues to try and engage with the Trustees of the Denbigh Estate on this.   1. Replacement Bins –   It was agreed to discuss this further | KS/TG  KS  KS/SL and  Clerk  Clerk  All |
| 13/18.12.23. | **Correspondence**   * Nothing new to report |  |
| 14/18.12.23 | **Additional items for next meeting**   * Local Plan response |  |
| 15/18.12.23 | **Meeting Dates**  The next meetings will be on 22 January 2024 and 26 February 2024 |  |

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Chairman of the Parish Council

Anthony Gillias 22 January 2024