

PAILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held

at Pailton Village Hall, on Monday 7th April 2008 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs A.Gillias (Chairman & RBC) D.Swindell (Vice-Chairman) M Barnett,
J Fitzsimons, P.Morris-Jones (WCC)

Open Meeting. Also present: J. Morris-Jones (JM-J) & H. Cunliffe (HC)- VHT. D. Smith (DSm), K. Busfield (KB) -
Residents

HC presented the minutes of the VHT meeting & reported several social events planned. Their AGM arranged for Tuesday 6th May 2008

DSm wished to clarify which Authority was responsible for the different road surfaces in Brookside. The clerk had been notified by Paul Cowley that a patching program was planned before the end of April. A need was established to identify which dept. was responsible for the 3 sections of surface in Brookside.

KB questioned why a remark made by the Chairman at PPC meeting in March had been omitted from the minutes (to be debated under MA Item 272). Also 8, Lutterworth Road had not been put onto the agenda for debate as promised. KB demanded proof of planning permission given for alterations to Chairman's property at 8, Lutterworth Road. AG had provided this previously & Cllr DS recalled that the Chairman had invited both Mr. Busfield & Mr. Baxter to his home to examine any relevant documents. Cllr. MB also wished the Council to see proof. The Chairman asked why Cllr. MB was not accepting his word as the truth. MB stated that he thought that to see evidence would bring about closure of this issue. KB stated that he had been in contact with RBC Planning Dept. to find out if planning permission had been legally sought by the Chairman & had also obtained a copy of the Chairman's personal business accounts. AG stated that he would be seeking an apology from KB for publicly calling into question his (the Chairman's) integrity & that his questioning of the Chairman was outrageous. Notwithstanding this, the question regarding the status of the building had already been addressed & AG added that he had never tried to hide any information, he had given KB proof of permitted alterations & would show any more legal documents if still required, at anytime, at his home address.

AG sought opinion from others present. PM-J stated that private business should not be brought before the Council. D Smith questioned why a resident, having lived in the village for a short time, should have so much to say. AG stated that he had given his time & money to the village over 30 years & felt insulted by this line of personal questioning. An apology from KB was not forthcoming.

Clerk to make 8, Lutterworth Road an agenda item for next meeting.

269. Apologies.

Cllr. S Lenton due to vehicle breakdown. Apologies accepted AG seconded DS

270. Declarations of Interests

AG declared an interest in planning matters as a member of RBC Planning Comm & 8, Lutterworth Road.

271. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd March 2008.

Declared a true & accurate record of the meeting by DS seconded by MB subject to the following amendments. AG had declared an interest in 8, Lutterworth Road.

272. Matters Arising from those Minutes.

P64. Funds had not allowed the erection of bollards along the o/s perimeter of the footpath.

From Open Meeting. Mr. Busfield had heard that at the March PPC meeting the Chairman had remarked "if Mr Busfield became a member of the WG, he (AG) would have to resign". AG could not remember saying that & sought clarification from fellow members. All members said that this was correct. KB demanded an apology from the Chairman. AG apologised. Litter-pick to take place Sat.12th April.

273. Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 19th March 2008.

Declared a true & accurate record of the meeting by MB, seconded by DS

274. Matters Arising from those Minutes

P67 Item 268 DS wished to qualify the recorded statement 'if viable'.

P66. Item 268 Mrs Goodfellow on behalf of the WG had called for an apology from the Council. This was debated & it was agreed that after the Council/WG meeting, the Council did agree that it was partly to blame for the misunderstandings due to lack of communications between them.

275. The Parish Plan

MB, as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Plan, gave the report.

RBC had reviewed the re-formatted document. A few additional points had been highlighted Public Transport - mini-bus service to be advertised in Round the Revel.

Ensure footpaths maintained & all to be cleared by end of this year.

Shop - PPC & Sub-Committee going to produce a report on options & needs..

Missing PC minutes to be entered on to web-site.

A few more points on communications on which to move forward.

PP Comm. Asked for a copy of Round the Revel to be sent to RBC each month

After a few more amendments doc will be ready.

The Chairman thanked The Parish Plan Committee on behalf of the Council.

Letter to be sent to Paul Davey requesting a copy of RtR sent to RBC each month.

276. The Sub-Committee Report

DS, as Chairman of the Sub-Committee, gave a report & JF left the table during this discussion. Group formed from original members plus others who had expressed their interest. Five residents had attended a meeting the previous week & these now formed the core of this committee with others being contacted with a view to offering help. All options being explored including a PO option. Mrs Goodfellow had sent apologies due to holidays. Unfortunately K Dent had sent in her resignation. CV & those who had delivered/collected the questionnaires were thanked by the PC. AG asked if passing trade had been taken into account. DS confirmed that it had been established that 50% of trade was passing trade & this had been factored in. Response to the questionnaire was 63% return with 33% of these residents indicating being greatly inconvenienced by the shop's closure. DS confirmed that the social aspect of a shop/PO would be considered. PM-J added that he was interested in bringing back this facility to the village & asked what measures had been taken to advertise further afield. Due to the shop's closure, there was no 'goodwill' to finance & therefore it could present an attractive proposition for a buyer from the SE where money was more plentiful. PM-J suggested that Christys should be used to advertise quickly before the chance to revive the shop & PO was lost. PM-J offered to pay for this form of advertising. The Chairman thanked Cllr. PM-J on behalf of everyone. The Sub-Committee to place an advert & present an interim report on all progress at May PPC meeting.

277. Circulation Review from 3rd March 2008 meeting.

Some members had not been given the Circulation File & therefore not had chance to review.

278. Circulations.

ABB - Street Lighting Repair Charges 1st April 2008
Plantscape Catalogue
NALC - New Services for Local Councils Website from 'Local Channel'
WALC - Training Days 12th April & 10th May 2008
Clerk & Council Direct Magazine
Standard's Board - Changes to the Standards Framework
BTCV Warwickshire - Help in Improving & Maintaining Local Environment.
Local Council's Update Subs Invitation
RBC - Poster for Bus Passes
Wickstead Catalogue - Play Equipment.

279. Correspondence.

Letters from C. Viggers, S. Fitzsimons & e-mail from P. Barnett - acknowledged. AG apologised if he had upset anyone but the Council's focus should be the village & the communities needs.
WRCC - Village of the Year Competition - Sponsored by Calor - passed on to VHTrust.
Post Office - Apologies for lack of contact - Customer Services
RBC - Young People's Involvement Poster
RBC - Notification of Funding Award 2008 for Grass Cutting Contract.
Notification of funding received for Playing Field Renovation (Phase II) - £565.00.

280. Town and Country Planning.

Application number: R08/0439/PALB

Description: Erection of a single storey rear extension at 7, Coventry Road, Pailton, Rugby, CV23 0QD The Council had no objections to planning proposal but asked clerk to raise Parish Council's concerns regarding 'right of way' presently enjoyed by 5, Coventry Road.

281. Report from WCC - Cllr. Phillip Morris-Jones

PM-J urged everyone to attend the Fosse Locality Panel (held 4 times pa) & Rugby Area Committee Meetings where questions can be asked & topical issues heard eg. Loss of local Post Offices, news of a colony of travellers descending on a S. Warks village & ongoing related issues concerning travellers sites in Fosse Division. Economic Development. Loss of Peugeot plant & Indian company buying up Jaguar works. Warks Police Auth had requested more funding from Home Office - if this was not forthcoming cuts would be made. The Chairman thanked PM-J.

282. Report from RBC - Cllr. Anthony Gillias

AG reported that he used to sit on The Rugby Manifesto Scrutiny Panel (now disbanded) & helped bring about improved policing to Rural North Warks. Now on Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership Comm & would ensure rural policing is kept on the agenda. Also sitting on a Committee which combines The Highway Auth, CC & RBC - one of the issues to be looked at would be road networks AG reported that one issue he would try to get prioritised would be the de-classification of some 'B' roads in order to stop HGVs using the villages. Reported very busy with

the forthcoming RBC elections.

283. Parish Council Donation to Round the Revel.

Motion carried for donation of £125.

284. Ideas for Campaign Against Proposed Warwickshire Post Office Closures.

Clerk to source posters &/or banners.

285. Progress of Blocked Culvert Clearance.

No work-in-progress.

286. Decision on New Streetlight

Clerk to obtain two more estimates from Central Networks & E.ON.

287. Grass Cutting

Notification of funding awarded from RBC of £1462. Clerk had instructed BHE to start cuts.

288. Pailton Club

There had not been any further reports of noise or nuisance received.

289. 'Welcome to Pailton' Signs & Decorative Planters.

Clerk to seek quotes for 2 x signs for footpath to playing field plus 3 village signs at each road entrance. Cllrs to choose suitable planters.

290. Approval for Payment for Phase III of Playing Field Renovations

(Cheque No. 425 - £3425.12 to be presented to Contractor April 2008). Proposal to delegate power to the clerk to pay contractor after seeing evidence of funding from RBC or Precept. All in favour.

291. Accounts for Payment and Account Balance.

As at 31.03.2008

Lloyds TSB Parish Plan Bank Statement (No.17) **£ 2363.45**

Pailton Parish Plan Cashbook as at 01.01.2008 **£ 2363.45**

Pailton Parish Council Cashbook as at 01.03.08 £ 697.23

Less: Invoices for Payment:

422- J. Pharoah January 2008 Salary + Exps £ 189.47

423 - Clerk's Domicillary Allowance (10 months) £ 250.00

424 - ABB £ 135.79

D/D - Zurich Insurance £ 111.86

£ 687.12

£ 565.00

Add: WCC Funding Deposit by BACS

Parish Council Cashbook Balance 31.03.08 **£ 575.11**

Parish Council Lloyds TSB Bank Statement no. 193 £1262.23

Less: Above payments £ 687.12

Lloyds TSB Parish Council Bank Statement **£ 575.11**

DS queried when the Zurich Ins premiums ended. Clerk to report at next meeting.

292. Other matters brought to the meeting for discussion & to be added to next agenda.

DS requested that 'Footpaths' be added to the next agenda.

MB requested: Payrise for clerk. The clerk thanked MB - but declined.

Council to consider a donation to cost of running the village hall.

Members ideas for projects for improvements to the village next year.

MB had spoken to the SB about disclosure of confidential information re. Code of Conduct & believed that his reference to being reported as in breach of C of C was in accordance within these boundaries.

AG suggested that RBC should be contacted asap re RBC 'Best Kept Village' competition.

Clerk to do this.

DS expressed disappointment that JF had decided not to stand as Cllr again this year. All agreed.

293. Dates of AGM & Annual Parish Meeting - TBA

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance & closed the meeting at 10.15

Chairman:

12th May 2008