

## PAILTON PARISH COUNCIL.

### Minutes of the Pailton Parish Council meeting held on 18th.October 2006, at St. Denis Church, Pailton.

Present: Cllrs. A. Gillias (Vice Chairman)  
Dr. M. Barnett

M. Hodge  
D. Swindell

11 members of the public were present, including A. Parfrey, the Chairman of the Parish Council, who remained with members of the public.

Apologies – P. Morris-Jones (WCC)

63. **Declaration of Interests.**

Cllr. A. Gillias declared an Interest in planning matters, being a member of the Planning Committee at Rugby Borough Council.

64. **Open meeting.**

In the absence of the Chairman, the Chair was taken by the Vice Chairman, who welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mrs Ann Moss, a former member of the Parish Council for many years, was present at the meeting. The Chairman invited Ann to the front of the Church and presented her with a small token of appreciation for her many years service to the community. The collection for the token had taken place between current and former Parish Councillors.

Ann's husband, Dick Moss, thanked the outgoing Clerk for his service to the community over nine years, especially over the period when Dick had undertaken the role of Internal Auditor to the Parish Council. Members and members of the public also expressed their thanks to Ray.

The Chairman then introduced the new Clerk, Mrs Josephine Pharoah. She can be contacted at 9 Brockhurst Lane, Monks Kirby, Rugby, telephone 01788 833518. Email – [j.pharoah@btinternet.com](mailto:j.pharoah@btinternet.com)

The Parish Council, if funding was available, had agreed to make a contribution towards the running costs of Pailton Village Hall. A member of their Committee informed the meeting that the running costs, i.e. gas, electricity, water supply and insurance for 2005, totalled £2,000. Members agreed to discuss the contribution at the meeting in November and this subject will be an agenda item.

Mrs Ann Moss informed the meeting that the village had entered the Best Kept Village Competition and had received a 'silver award'. The certificate was handed to the Parish Council and this will be displayed in the Village Hall. The award would have been higher if the village had a conservation area and a village seat at the church. Ann suggested using the bench from the former War Memorial site. It was resolved to approach the church members and will be an agenda item for November.

65. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup>.September 2006.**  
The minutes had been circulated previously. Two minor omissions were rectified. M. Hodge proposed and D. Swindell seconded that the minutes were a true and correct record of the meeting and this was agreed by all.

66. **Matters arising.**

A. Gillias reported that he had sought the advice of Andrew Gabbitas, the Chief Executive at Rugby Borough Council concerning the resignation of the Chairman, Alan Parfrey. The Chairman had resigned earlier in the year during a planning meeting. The issue over his resignation was now a legal one, of bringing the Parish Council into disrepute. The issue had been reported to the Standards Board of England and the Chief Executive has advised that the matter is now out of the hands of the Parish Council members. He further advised that the matter should not be discussed during the public forum. A. Parfrey left the meeting at this time.

Village Post Office – following the Government’s proposals to close some rural post offices, the Postmaster and his wife, with the assistance of M. Barnett, had written to the local Members of Parliament. Both had replied supporting the retention of rural post offices. A petition with over four million signatures had been submitted to the Government and the Borough Council is to discuss the issue at a full meeting of the Council on 19<sup>th</sup>.October 2006.

Streetlight No. 4 Coventry Road – the Chairman had priced a new bracket for the streetlight with a local supplier at £104 + VAT. He will continue to seek a contractor to fit the bracket, which should prove cheaper than the quotation from ABB Ltd.

Grants from O2 – M. Barnett reported that a grant was available from the O2 Company for environmental projects costing £1,000.00 or under. O2 will be the sole fund provider. He urged members to come up with ideas for a project.

Parish Plan – Mr. Back (RBC) has returned the Plan with some comments for the author, Mr. Cunliffe, who agreed to study the comments and implement them if necessary.

Bollards for the War Memorial – D. Swindell had found the supplier of the bollards as used at Market Harborough. The price is £440.00 + fitting costs. After discussion it was resolved to seek funding via the grants offered by O2. M. Barnett agreed to liaise with D. Swindell.

67. **Circulation review for September.**

The circulation file included a briefing day for Clerks on 29<sup>th</sup>.November 2006 via WALC. A Government White Paper on communities, suggesting devolved powers for Parish Councils and Parish Partnerships. Details of the Rugby Credit Union Scheme will be displayed on the notice board. RBC is to hold a workshop on waste management.

Quality Parish Council Status – although the Clerk is leaving the Parish Council, the Quality Status achieved earlier in the year will remain in place for 4 years.

68. **Circulations.**

The following documents were put on circulation to members;  
DEFRA – Rural Services Review.  
LCR and Direct magazines.  
Rugby Area Committee minutes of the meeting held on 13.7.06.  
NALC Employment Equality (Age) Regulations 2006.  
Annual Report of WALC for 2005/06.  
WCC – Countryside Access Improvement Plan & Local Transport Plan Delivery Report.  
RBC – Council Minutes & new parking arrangements in the Borough.

69. **Correspondence.**

WCC Speed Aware Team has carried out an operation in the village with the ‘speed boards’ on 3<sup>rd</sup>.October 2006. The results of traffic speeds were not taken as the approach to the ‘speed boards’ were littered with posters and traffic eased speeds on the approach.

Central Networks has a new power failure information line –  
[www.central-networks.co.uk/Content/Service/serv\\_LiveNetwork.aspx](http://www.central-networks.co.uk/Content/Service/serv_LiveNetwork.aspx)

RBC has sent an invitation to the Remembrance Day Service on 12.11.06 at 10.50am. Members declined the invitation because of the local service.

Warwickshire Police, Inspector Gill Young, has agreed to send a representative to Parish Council meetings, even if it is a short visit at the start of a meeting.

RBC is consulting on the proposal for electronic planning applications by March 2007. After discussion it was agreed that this would not allow members of the public the chance to view planning applications unless they travelled into Rugby. RBC will be advised of the comment.

The next meeting of the Rugby Area Committee will be on Tuesday 31.10.06. at 7.30pm in Monks Kirby Village Hall.

70. **Parish Council Code of Conduct.**

A. Gillias had attended a Code of Conduct training seminar at the Borough Council. The seminar used a number of slides with side explanations. These were put on circulation to members.

71. **Playing field fence.**

D. Swindell had contacted the contractor who had submitted a quotation to re-fence and re-lay the playing field surface. The fencing will cost £2,500.00. It is hoped that a grant from Central Networks will fund the work.

The Chairman reported that the work for the base of the play equipment on the playing field had commenced. The new fence around the telephone exchange had been completed and members agreed that this had opened up the area to the playing field and improved the area in Coventry Road. The contractor had left some of the fencing in the playing and BT will be contacted.

72. **Village drains.**  
The Chairman reported problems with the culvert running by the Post Office, under the Lutterworth Road to Foxfields and into the adjoining farm land. Heavy rain in early October caused wide spread flooding due to blocked drains and grips. RBC is to investigate but it is the responsibility of the County Council.
73. **Grass cutting.**  
A contractor has agreed to undertake the village grass cutting for 2007. M. Hodge agreed to formalise a contract for the areas of grass cutting and the number of cuts required during the season. A plan of the village grass will be prepared. Negotiations are in hand for the Parish Council to undertake their own amenity grass cutting if the Borough Council will provide a grant. In 2006 RBC allowed £1,414.00 for seven amenity cuts not including the grass in Brookside. The Chairman has the ride on mower working and has carried out cuts to the playing field.
74. **Airey Housing @ Lutterworth Road.**  
RBC has started work on the Airey Housing. They are to demolish 3 pairs of semi-detached dwellings and replace with bungalows. Full consultation with village residents will take place before the homes are built. Members agreed that the homes at Brookside would be more suitable for the elderly than Lutterworth Road where there is no pavement.
75. **External Audit.**  
Clement Keys, the External Auditor, has completed the 2005/06 audit of the Council's accounts. Members agreed and accepted the 2005/06 Annual Return. The 2006/07 budget and precept setting will need to be discussed at the November meeting, bearing in mind the comments of the Internal Auditor, who advised the Council to consider increasing the precept to a sum that would allow the Council more flex ability with the expenditure.
76. **Accounts for payment.**  
One invoice had been received from the Clerk for the salary for October - £178.03, + expenses from 5.9.06 to 18.10.06. of £61.69 – total - £239.72. Cheque No.355 was completed and signed by members.
- The balance on the current account, statement No. 176, is £173.36. Cheque No. 352 is outstanding from the account.
- The second half of the precept has been received from RBC and credited to the account on 4.10.06. The balance on the account after cheque Nos. 352 & 355 has cleared should be £1,899.53.

77. **Other matters.**

One of the streetlights in St. Denis View is very dim; the Clerk will require a streetlight number before reporting to ABB Ltd.

The area in front of Pailton Club is in urgent need of being cleared, there are old chairs, tables and other furniture lying about. M. Barnett agreed to speak with the Committee.

Members agreed to have the playing field cut before the fete on the first Sunday in July.

No other issues were raised; the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.00pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup>.November 2006 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Signed.

Chairman.

6.11.06.

