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I was hoping my neighbour would be able
to send this, but as they have already sent
in their objections using their address,
thought it would not be possible.



Ref: PS41
Wastwell Fields

[REDACTED]
15.7.21

Dear Sir,
* As I am not on-line, my
neighbour is sending this on my behalf.)
With reference to the message sent to
[REDACTED] from [REDACTED], on
2nd June 2021 at 12.45 p.m.; he admits
that in summary, Painswick is currently
Tier 3, but in the Development Strategy
it is stated as in Tier 2; therefore the
planners have acted outside legal guidelines.
I have two recent pages from the 'Painswick
Beacon' magazine giving further proof of
lack of facilities.

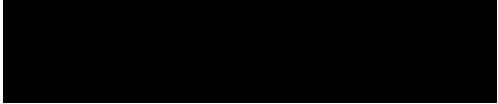
In your local sites Allocation Policy
PS41, it states that a suitable vehicle
access onto Lower Washwell Lane is
required.

For many reasons, which I stated in
my objections of 11.12.20, there is no
suitable access where intended, and this
lane cannot take more traffic.

Please refer, in addition, to my previous
objections dated 4.12.17, and 16.1.19.

To add to my observations this year,
two large deer were grazing in a garden
adjacent to Washwell Fields, and tawny owls
were heard above my property.

Yours faithfully





Empty commercial units in Painswick

In recent years there has been an increase in empty commercial properties around Painswick which does not give a welcoming experience to visitors. In many cases the empty units are linked to the accommodation above and with people living in that accommodation the local Councils are unable under current regulations to take any action. The Parish Council does put what pressure it can on landlords to try and fill the vacant shops below but they cannot be forced to. Perhaps they are waiting to get change of use to residential in years to come .

One possibility would be for the Parish Council to recommend change of use to residential; however the present policy of the Council is that it would consider each application for any change of use on its merit, as they feel it is important to keep some shops available for retail businesses to come into Painswick.



A warm welcome back to The Oak

With fingers crossed for some lovely spring weather it is good news that the courtyard at The Oak will be open from Monday, 12th April. The latest regulations do permit pubs and hospitality businesses to begin serving customers outside, albeit tentatively, from that date and Painswick is fortunate in that The Oak's courtyard is indeed a delightful outside venue for social relaxation.

Morning coffee and afternoon tea, both with cakes, will be served, with lunch from midday and dinner from 6.30pm. At weekends food will be available on Saturdays from 12.00-9.00pm and on Sundays from 12.00-5.00pm.

Covid restrictions will of course still apply but nonetheless it is perhaps the first move towards a state of normality. 17th May is currently the date set by government for indoor opening as well, with the same restrictions in place, and the hope is that by June the situation will lead to fewer restrictions being necessary. For so many people this will be the first opportunity for many months to be able to enjoy actually going out for a social occasion. The Oak will be serving food and drinks and will be pleased to welcome customers, old and new, to the lovely courtyard setting.

... and The Falcon

The Falcon will not be opening in April but next month's edition of the Beacon will carry an update and some interesting news about The Falcon. Watch this space!

Carol Maxwell



The Waypoint opening up again

The Waypoint with its large outdoor seating area and fine views over the Cotswolds will be welcoming customers again for meals from the 12th April. The Waypoint situated at Painswick Golf Club will also continue to offer Take Aways. Contact 01452 812180. Walkers always welcome to drop in for light refreshments.

The Bistro at St Michaels

The Bistro at St Michaels will also start its outside table service from the 12th April in addition to the Take Away arrangements currently operating. Further details phone 07877 282 446.



Road Closures - Advance Notice

Both Jenkins Lane (from the A46 across to the A4173 Pitchcombe to Edge road) and Wick Street (from Hawkwood College to Stratford Park) will be closed from 7th April to 9th April 2021 to allow for works on behalf of Gigaclear.

A section of Sevenleaze Lane (the road from the Beacon across to Edge) will be closed from 24th May to 16th June 2021 to allow for works on behalf of BT Openreach.

A46 at Coopers Hill

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Uncertain future for tourism in Painswick No date for re-opening of The Falcon as Cardynham House opts out

With much of Britain gearing up for a boom in domestic tourism and 'staycations', Painswick is facing something of a crisis in its accommodation and hospitality sector, with two of what have previously been its main providers staying resolutely closed.

Major works for the alteration of Cardynham House have been approved and are now being carried out, and a new application has been submitted for a change of use from its current permission as a hotel and restaurant, to residential use. It has been in use as a shop and/or restaurant at least since 1861. The application follows a similar one from the former Olivias in Friday Street that is still awaiting a decision.



Meanwhile uncertainty hangs over the future of the Falcon Hotel, with no new tenant yet announced and no date set for its re-opening.

Neil John, landlord for the past 10 years has come to the end of his lease (see page 19), so the building's owners, Stonegate Group, are searching for a new tenant. In response to enquiries from the Beacon, they could offer no likely date for its re-opening.



The Falcon is a substantial business, with 11 bedrooms as well as the pub / restaurant side. It has been a significant employer in Painswick as well as an important social centre, and has been providing accommodation for visitors and refreshment for locals for probably well over 400 years, since Tudor times, although it was out of use and boarded up for a period in 1995.



The Falcon boarded up in 1995
A view we hoped never to see again

Reports upon meetings of the Parish Council cannot help but be selective, if only because of space constraints. We try to highlight points of widest public interest, based upon what we see and hear.

The full minutes of Council and committee meetings are available for scrutiny at the Council's office and on-line at the Parish Council's web site.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Chairman Martin Slinger opened the Meeting welcoming his 4 fellow Cllrs, the Clerk and Deputy Clerk, who had remotely joined the Meeting.

Apologies for absence

The Clerk Roy Balgobin advised the Meeting that an apology had been received from District Cllr Julie Job

To receive the following reports

District Councillors. No reports received.

Parish Council The Chairman read his report in which he conveyed, on behalf of the local community, the deepest sympathy to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the rest of the Royal Family following the death of the Duke of Edinburgh. He then went on to praise the Community's willingness to help each other during the pandemic which he described as "nothing short of marvellous" and paid particular thanks to the Painswick Covid Community Support Group (now the Painswick Support Group) whose message was "no one would be left to cope alone and assistance was just a phone call away." Many other issues were addressed and the full report is available on the Parish Council website.

Any Other Reports

Community Library. Cllr Roey Parker read her report in which she confirmed that whilst the library was closed during "lockdown" a considerable number of under-used books had been withdrawn and these had been offered free of charge to anyone able to access the Town Hall. Over 100 of the books have found a new home. From early April a restricted number of customers were allowed into the library and, if Covid allows, a full

that was not read to the Meeting. In the report they confirmed that they have recently merged with a similar but larger Charity and would shortly be changing their name. During the Pandemic they had worked hard to provide opportunities for children and young people to remain connected with each other, to engage with sport and remain in a good mental state. They appreciated the assistance of the Parish Council in allowing Psalms to use the pavilion and other facilities around the area. A list of exciting new projects, some currently available, was included in the report. Again the full report is available on the Parish Council's website.

Cllr Ann Daniels advised the Meeting that although the History Society had been unable to meet during the lockdowns they were considering Zoom Meetings. Also due to the size of the Tourist Information Bureau Office it had not been possible to open and provide a service to visitors. She would be speaking to the Clerk to find out if alternative accommodation was available.

Cllr Roey Parker confirmed that the Sheepscombe WI Meetings were now held remotely via Zoom.

On behalf of the Council staff, Clerk Roy Balgobin thanked all Cllrs for their hard work and support over the past 5 years.

Open Forum

As no members of the public had joined the Meeting the Chairman thanked all those who had contributed and then closed the Meeting.

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Roy Balgobin, then formally opened the proceedings.

Present

Cllrs Kate Amos, Edward Boulton, Andy Cash, Ann Daniels, Rob Lewis, Ian Massey, Roey Parker, Martin Slinger, Abigail Smith. District Cllr Jason Bullingham

Election of Chairman

Cllr Rob Lewis proposed Cllr Martin Slinger. Cllr Roey Parker seconded the nomination. There was a unanimous vote in favour of re-electing Cllr Slinger, who then resumed chairing the Meeting.

Election of Vice Chairman

The Chair then sought nominations for Vice Chair of the Council. Cllr Rob Lewis nominated Cllr Andy Cash, which was seconded by Cllr Ann Daniels. There was unanimous support and Cllr Cash was duly elected as Vice Chair.

Apologies for absence

Cllrs James Cross and Rosie Nash.

Appointments of Committee Members

The Clerk explained the importance of the work carried out by the various Committees. With the exception of the Planning Committee, which met twice a month, Committees generally met twice a year. See page 3, which lists the Committees and the Cllrs serving on them.

Appointments of Representatives on Other Bodies

Individual Cllrs agreed to represent the Council on several local bodies and societies. The Chair thanked Cllrs for their willingness to assist as Council