

MINUTES OF THE PATTINGHAM AND PATSHULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 16th JANUARY 2023 AT PATTINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: R Lines (Chairman), D Billson, Mrs A Davies (Vice-Chairman), A Freeman, L Billingham, J Tomlinson, T Mason, M Finch, N Hill and County Councillor Jak Abrahams.

Also Present: Mrs J S Cree, Mr P Dunn and PCSO Ashley Tooth.

1/23. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors A Turner and N Land.

2/23. Declarations of Councillors' Interest.

Cllrs T Mason, Mrs A Davies and L Billingham declared an interest in relation to the grant for the over 65's grant form and took no part in the discussion or the debate on this item.

3/23. Public Forum - Democratic fifteen minute period / public question time.

Standing orders were raised to enable members of the public to speak.

Mr Dunn thanked the Parish Council for moving the SID sign and asked if the data collected can be shared when it is available. As this sign is in the ownership of the Parish Council they analyse and publish the data to councillors.

It was noted that there are recently installed speed monitoring wires across the road on Westbeech Road presumably by the County Council. However with the SID being very nearby, this may not represent true record of the speeding as the SID Sign tends to slow traffic down as most drivers brake as they see the sign in front of them.

An update from Maggie Quinn on the SID Sign was noted below:-

In relation to the SIDs – the one located in Clive Road, Patingham is to be removed and relocated elsewhere in the district next Monday or Tuesday.

When looking at the data – over a month there were approximately 19,000 vehicles, travelling at an average speed of 25mph. However, the highest speed recorded was 57mph. The average speed calculation from a regular check of speed was 30mph meaning that there isn't a concern of speeding at the location.

Mr Dunn also ask for updates on the following items following on from the last meeting:-

Road Sweeping – Mrs Maggie Quinn has sent a link to the Parish Council in response to their question of asking when does Patingham have the road sweeper in the village and what areas do they cover. This link takes you to the District Council website general page for Street Scene, this does not show when Patingham will be swept and the Chairman will go back and ask the question again.

Gully maintenance to prevent flash flooding - County Cllr J Abrahams will look into this and report back. The roads are Moor Lane, Westbeech Road and Clive Road. If these can be reported on the My Staffs app, and the reference number is passed to the County Councillor he can try to escalate it.

Community Policing – re outside school parking, Mr Dunn reported that PCSO Sian Fryer has been outside the school and the problem is still ongoing. Cllr Mrs A Davies has been trying to get the parking stars/buddies sorted for the school railings and the request has been escalated by PCSO Sian Fryer to the sergeant. These parking buddies will be attached to the fence and are for people to scan a QR code and report parking issues via the app to prove there is an issue and then parking enforcement can be targeted in the area.

He asked if there were any updates on the Village Hall in relation to support and extra help, is there anything that he can do to help to promote the facility. The Chairman reported that the village hall met last week, and discussed the need to engage with the community to promote the village hall and get new members for the Committee. From that meeting it was noted the prices will be increasing and more publicity using the Facebook Page.

Cllr Mrs A Davies reported that the owners of 29 Moore Lane had won the Christmas Competition, the Clerk will forward their cheque to them for £50.

Standing orders were reinstated.

4/23. To receive for confirmation and adoption, the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 5th December 22.

The minutes of the above meeting were agreed as an accurate and true record of the meeting with the following exceptions:-

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He has also spoken to his line manager re the school safety of children having to walk into on coming traffic due to flooding on Westbeech Road.

5/23. To receive a report from the Police and discuss any relevant policing matters

PCSO Ashley Tooth was present, and the Chairman read out the report to members.

There were no further updates on the Quad bikes driving around the village at the moment and Sargeant Short will hopefully be attending the March meeting at Burnhill Green.

6/23. To discuss Sid data and updates on moving the sign

The data from July – December had been circulated to all members of the Council in December 22.

The sign was moved to Westbeech Road on the 12th of December by Cllr N Hill, and he will be moving the sign again very shortly. The Clerk will take the data from the sign ready for it to be moved and send the analysed report to members as soon as possible.

It was noted that the sign does appear to have a slowed the traffic on Westbeech Road. It was noted that on this road (and several others in Pattingham) the speed limits go from the National limit of 60mph to 30 mph, the process of the possibility of changing these limits was discussed, the cost is high to do this and it is unlikely unless there is data to prove that speed is an issue in the areas then a reduction on the limit to 40mph then to a 30mph limit would probably not be supported by the County Council. A cheaper and more realistic solution would be to have warning signs that you are approaching a 30mph speed limit. It was noted that the Wolverhampton Road is a 40mph limit until it reaches the village curtilage when it reduces to 30mph.

In the past there was several accidents by Bannut Tree Cottage, Councillor T Mason approached County Highways to reduce the speed limit because of this, and the County Council would not at that time reduce the limit.

7/23. To receive any information from the last meeting from Maggie Quinn re points raised.

Mrs M Quinn sent the updates below following her attendance at the December meeting:-

She has requested that we let me know the location of the Parish Council SID in the village when its moved.

In relation to street scene and the cleansing of the gutters, I have asked Bob Taylor and he has asked me to send you the schedules of cleaning: [Street Scene South Staffordshire Council \(sstaffs.gov.uk\)](https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk). This link does not show the schedule for Pattingham, it's a general link and the Chairman will respond on behalf of the Parish Council.

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Pattingham has no community safety concerns in relation to crime or anti-social behaviour. This was noted.

I have emailed Mark Keeling again about the coaches and concerns for children crossing the road. I know an audit was undertaken in the past, this was several years ago but it may be worth making further complaints via the parish to Staffordshire County Council. This was noted.

If you are interested in purchasing a CCTV camera which the parish would purchase and pay for maintenance and then you would be happy for it to be included into the South Staffordshire CCTV system, please discuss it and let me

know. It would mean that the Council would be the data controller, so Council and Police will be the only people who have access to the images. It can either be a static camera or the parish could move it around but there would be cost implications to this including electrical testing/structural testing of lampposts (this would be to initially locate the camera and if you decide to move them around) and an installation company too (again an initial cost and then further if you want to relocate the camera). This was noted.

8/23. County / District Councillors to address the Council on any matters relevant to the Parish

Councillor T Mason raised the following points:-

- The Government have issued a new NPPF, and this has meant the local plan has been paused until this is reviewed.
- A note for residents that when you vote in the May elections you have to take a passport / driving licence to vote in person as proof of identification.

County Councillor J Abrahams reported on the following:-

- He has is annual parish meeting with Highways, the items he will be raising are :-
Sign at junction with Burnhill Green Road needs repairing,
Add Wolverhampton Road to the Primary Gritting Network. Wolverhampton Road is critical as it's the bus route/school coach route and connects to the primary gritting network on Jenny Walker Lane / Wrottesley Road, Perton.
Orchard Close is an issue still with regard to the potholes.
Gully Maintenance / Storm drains also need maintenance.

9/23. To discuss traffic calming measure Burnhill Green

On Snowdon Road at Burnhill Green outside the park, a bollard should be in place, on a build out, unfortunately this keeps being knocked down and the build out is driven over as it is a soft grass surface so it then cannot be seen by drivers. Members asked if it was feasible to change the surface from a grass verge to more hard standing, it was agreed to do this and Cllr L Billingham to look at the best solution with the Chairman and engage a local contractor to improve the surface as soon as practicable.

10/23. To receive an update on Village gateway markers

The new village markers are due for delivery on the 27th of January to Cllr Lee Billingham address, they have to be built by him and then the County Council will come to install them. All the funding has been agreed for this project and is in place.

11/23. To receive an update on and discuss Park maintenance inc purchase of new equipment

Update on park maintenance:

The Clerk costed from the current supplier of all the present equipment on the park, a set of additional toddler swings. The cost for installation with grass mats underneath would be £5246.47, if the underneath had a wet pour surface the cost increases to £8401.54. It was noted that the costs were so high this would be looked at again in the future.

The Charman reported that the Oak tree by the car park at the side of the village hall has some dead wood on the tree and also old festoons are hanging down from the tree. It was agreed to ask the tree surgeon to come and remove the dead wood and the festoons from the tree, this should be ½ a days work, which would cost circa £700. Any additional work of this nature can be added whilst they are on the park.

A metal piece of fence has been broken and twisted on the park fence by Westbeech Road and needs to be moved back into place. The Chairman well have a look at the fence and if required a mobile welder can be engaged to repair the fence as there are a couple of damaged or missing pieces that need to be repaired.

The fence is scheduled to be installed on Wednesday for the skate park northern boundary. The wording for a 'conditions of use' sign has been provided by the Chairman and will be installed at the skate park soon after the installation of the fence.

12/23. To discuss how to publicise / promote upcoming Parish Council elections

The elections are to take place in May 2023, and this should be promoted / publicised through the Facebook / website. The Clerk to arrange to put some information together and put it on social media.

13/23. To discuss the use of the Village hall for a BKV village roadshow and forming a BKV Committee

An email was received from the organisers of the BKV competition wanting to use the village hall as part of their tour of the County to promote the competition with other neighbouring Parishes. Members had no objection to them coming to Pattingham, and it was agreed that the Clerk would forward the contact details for the village hall for them to see if the hall was available for the dates they required and book it directly with them.

It was agreed that the Council will run their internal competition as usual for best Hanging baskets, gardens and sunflower competition.

The Council agreed that they will enter the Best Kept Village Competition, to be in with any chance of progressing in the competition the following items have to be undertaken:-

- BKV signs are erected in the correct places.
- the entry form and map are correct.
- the schoolchildren make posters and they are displayed.
- planters are replanted the cost is approx. £200.
- the area by the shops to be kept tidy and noticeboard up to date – including details of BKV.

The map will be circulated to all members to look at by the Chairman.

14/23 Grant Application for the Over 65's Christmas Meal

A grant application has been received for £2500 for the over 65's Christmas lunch event they run each year. It was agreed to give the grant as requested for £2500.

15/23 To discuss purchasing a bleed control kit.

Councillor N Hill reported that a resident had asked him to investigate buying a bleed control kit for Pattingham. The cost for a kit is £85 and if a cabinet was needed (similar to the wall mounted defib cabinet) the cost would be a further £525. The Clerk was unsure if the kit would sit in alongside the defib in the existing boxes, so it was therefore agreed to purchase a kit and the Clerk will see if it will fit in either of the existing defib cabinets,

Members agreed that both villages should have a kit. It was agreed to purchase 1 kit initially to see if it will fit in the cabinets, if it fits in both a second kit will be ordered, however if a cabinet is required this will be discussed at the next meeting.

16/23. Report from the Clerk.

Items to Note

Land at Windsor Road, Asset of Community Value – agreed

Planning Applications received.

22/01185/VAR Nurton Hill Leys Nurton Hill Road Pattingham
Application Reference Number: 21/01331/FUL Date of Decision: 11/02/2022 Condition Number(s): 4.
Conditions(s) Removal: WE DO NOT FEEL THAT THE BLANKET REMOVAL OF PD RIGHTS IS
REASONABLE OR JUSTIFIED WE WOULD LIKE CONDITION ITEMS 4. e TO BE REMOVED.

Invitations to attend

RE: SAVE THE DATE - Community Health Parish Summit - DATE CHANGED TO Friday 10th February 2023 9-12pm
lunch will be provided Cllr A Freeman will be attending, Cllrs Mrs A Davies and M Finch will also be attending.

17/23. Accounts for Payment

The accounts for payment are detailed below:-

723521	Tracey Smith	Cleaning Changing Rooms	£30.00
723522	Highgate Farm	Christmas Trees	£215.00
723523	Tygar surfacing	Path to Park	£3,166.80
723524	Community Heartbeat	Defib pads and rescue kit	£63.60
723525	Christmas Light Switch on	Burnhill Green	£64.50
723526	Ditton Services	Grass cutting	£600.00
723527	Village Hall	Grant	£5,000.00
723528	A Horton	Gardening	£160.00
723529	Administration	January	£711.68
723530	Inland Revenue	January	£195.94
723531	Tracey Smith	Changing room cleaning	£30.00
723532	Christmas Lights Competition		£50.00
723533	Viking Direct	Stamps	£38.34
DD	British Telecom		£57.53
DD	EE		£21.92
DD	Utility Warehouse		£48.14
DD	Water Plus	Rates	£19.63
			£10,473.08

18/23. Items for future Meetings Martyn Short Sergeant – March meeting

19/23. Dates of Next Meetings

6th March 2023 (Burnhill Green)
17th April 2023 (APM)
15th May 2023 (AGM)