

MINUTES OF THE PATTINGHAM AND PATSHULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 17TH JULY 2023 AT PATTINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: Mrs A Davies (Chairman), A Freeman (Vice Chairman), J Tomlinson, L Billingham, P Dunn, , N Land, Mrs S Attwater, N Burton, N Hill, N Caine and County Councillor J Abrahams.

Also Present: Mrs J Cree, SSDC Councillors Mrs V Wilson and R Read, Mrs A Watson, R Lines and T Mason, member of the public Dave, PCSO Sian Fryer.

86/23. Apologies for Absence.

An apology of absence was received from Cllr M Finch.

87/23. Declarations of Councillors' Interest.

Cllr R Read declared an interest in relation to the local plan if it is discussed.

88/23. Public Forum - Democratic fifteen-minute period / public question time.

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

T Mason reported that:-

- There has been tyres slashed on Marlbrook Lane in the last few days.
- The Old Vicarage is very over-grown, and the path is not passable and needs to be cut back. The Chairman will raise this with the Church.
- The last point is the Dartmouth Arms Planning Application, there is a legal agreement that we can use this facility also, this needs to be drawn to the District Councillors attention. This agreement may be a civil matter not a planning matter.

Mrs A Watson reported that many children in the village year 5+ love riding their bikes, she would like to ask that the old BMX track is reinstated. She would happily work with the Council to form a working party / raise funds for the work to be completed. This will be an agenda item for a future meeting.

R Lines reported that the bike track area was cleared sometime, ago, and the stumps removed, to stop ASB activity and the clearing gave a clear line of sight from the football field. However the trees etc have regrown.

Standing orders were reinstated.

89/23. To receive a report on crime statistics from the Police

PCSO Sian Fryer prepared a report which was circulated to members prior to the meeting. PCSO Sian Fryer answered questions on the report. Additional - ASB items that have taken place in recent weeks are the goalposts had been dragged onto the carpark from the stores, and plants have been taken out of the planters.

90/23. To receive for confirmation and adoption, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th June 2023.

The minutes of the above meetings were agreed as an accurate and true record of the meeting with the exception.

91/23. County / District Councillors to address the Council on any matters relevant to the Parish

County Councillor J Abrahams sent the following update to Cllrs:-

- Orchard Close work has started and is looking much better already.
- He went to JCB to look at the new pothole pro machine, and the County have funded a machine and hope that this is in action soon.
- Climate Action Fund has opened.

- Community Fund is also open for Groups to apply.
- Trees on The Square are still outstanding.
- 30mph signs are obscured coming into the village and are on the works list for the hedge to be cut back.
- Paths need to be reported on my Staffs app, and ownership should come through any queries should be put forward to him.
- Flooding on Wolverhampton Road /Westbeech Road – teams have been out and clean the gullies, if further work is needed, he will escalate the issue with the relevant Officer at County.
- Moor Lane and also The Square – the road has been marked and awaiting repair, go onto the app to check progress, if any help is required to contact him directly.

Councillor R Reade addressed the Council, and the following was noted:-

- The District Council have come one an award for the regional finals for Planning and going forward to the National awards now. This shows the quality of the Officers work in this department.
- His portfolio responsibility is Well Fair Services, SSDC have to take on their fair share of the asylum seekers and they have to home them. He will forward numbers expected to the Clerk for circulation.

Councillor Mrs V Wilson also reported that:-

- She apologised to the County Councillor, she had raised with her flooding and she forwarded these to County.
- She opened the church fete, and it was a lovely day, and she thanked the PCC for inviting her.

Cllr N Caine, asked what proposals are their to change localities following the change in wards with the reduction of the District Councillor. Localities are mostly for SSDC to run meetings and split them into 5 areas, this is not really necessary to the residents. No change has taken place at this time.

92/23. To discuss a response to the planning application for the Dartmouth Arms, Burnhill Green

A planning application has been received for the Dartmouth Arms to convert the Crown room into accommodation.

The Parish council does have a licence agreement to use the Crown rooms and the residents of Burnhill Green as a committee room, as the former building was knocked down for the current building.

Cllr N Burton reported that the Licence is only in place for as long as it is a public house. This is not a planning consideration. This was part of the sale of the pub for 10 years, and this is 5 years into this arrangement.

Some of the complaints received on this application are that the traffic will be increased, loss of car park spaces , the bin and bottle store would be moved onto car park taking spaces, also more people are parking on the road now so this would increase. The velux windows x 6, they felt are too many and would take away privacy. A previous planning for a bungalow was stopped previously due to noise of the chillers.

Cllr Mrs V Wilson confirmed the licence is not a planning consideration, and would be a private civil matter.

A reason may be that it is not sustainable development for a small village with no facilities in the immediate area. Highways may be an issue with the access, but they have responded already and picked up on an error on the plans that does not show 6 spaces. Possible grounds for objection may be the use of the motor car – no public access and this development is not sustainable as there are no facilities in the area.

On the application it states that a new restaurant would be built that could be used as a meeting room.

It was proposed by Cllr N Hill and seconded by Cllr N Caine to recommend refusal, and it was agreed that the 2 Burnhill Green Councillors prepare a response to be circulated to all members to be agreed before it is sent into SSDC, on a vote this was carried.

The Clerk to contact Crown Estates for progress on the enquiry already sent to them.

The former Chairman confirmed that he signed the agreement, and the Parish Council can end this agreement but no other party that signed the agreement can. Advice should be sought from the Crown Estates on how to progress this licence. This may also have an impact on the recreation ground in the future.

93/23. To receive any updates on a new Tennis Club for Pattingham.

This was deferred as Cllr M Finch has sent his apologies for this meeting.

The Tennis coach that is using the court, is still using the court and being paid by members of the public. He has been not allowing other users to use the courts and has told them to leave whilst he is coaching.

It was agreed that the Chairman and Cllr P Dunn will go and speak to the coach directly to discuss with him the councils decision which is:-

- moving forward he will be charged an hourly rate of £10
- we need a copy of his public liability form and DBS details
- state that he can use only 1 court at a time
- a rent review after 12 months
- Courts can only be used in the week not at weekends or a Wednesday evening.

The Clerk will prepare a letter based on the above for members to take with them, if this is not, accepted then he will be told not to use the courts anymore.

94/23. To discuss General Maintenance for Pattingham and Burnhill Green (inc footpath maintenance and Lengths Mans work).

The contract has been agreed with Lengths-men. With regard to additional emergency work, this is subject to availability would be undertaken at the Councils request the contractor has agreed to this, if it is in the week they will prioritise emergency work over the scheduled work, and if it is on a weekend the call out will be £30 for one hour. In both cases it will be on the basis of "best endeavours" as they have other commitments and may not be in the village. This was agreed.

The lengths-men to be asked to cut back the hedge round the 30mph signs on the Wolverhampton Road, also the back car park of the village Hall and bus shelter nettles the Clerk to write and confirm this work.

It was agreed to publicise the works undertaken in the Parish to show we are trying to improve the village.

Mercers have been contacted re Millenium walks cutting back - Email from Mercers confirming some footpaths have been cut and others will be done asap.

95/23. Update on Community Speed-watch from Cllr J Tomlinson

Clerk has circulated the agreed poster on Facebook / webpage, it was put into the Parish noticeboards also to get volunteers. Cllr J Tomlinson reported that no one had come forward from the posts. Cllrs P Dunn, Mrs Julia Fisher, including Cllr J Tomlinson have volunteered for the group.

Cllr A Freeman reported that Perton speed-watch may be able to come and help in the Parish. It was agreed to recirculate the poster.

The speed van has been seen in the village in May.

96/23. Report from the Clerk.

The following was noted:-

Tennis court contract let, date to be confirmed for works.

Signs have been delivered and the tennis court ones have been installed by Cllr P Dunn. He is organising a bracket for the skatepark sign as it is to go on a post.

Creating Brighter Future co-ordinator is attending the September meeting.

SSDC - Draft First Homes Eligibility Criteria for South Staffordshire Consultation.

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service - Community Safety Flash - Seatbelt Safety Week.

Parish Summitt papers from their recent meeting.

Invoices sent to both Football teams for coming season.

Albrighton under 7's have asked to use the upper football pitch for training in August 2023, this was agreed.

97/23. Accounts for Payment including accounts to 6th June 2023.

The accounts for payment detailed below were accepted:-

723686	D Horton	Fuel for mower	£15.43
723687	Savills	Lease for Burnhill Green	£120.00
723688	Cancelled		£0.00
723689	Zurich		£1,422.58
723690	Who's for Lunch		£144.00
723691	Chairmans allowance		£300.00
723692	Dittons		£600.00
723693	Community Heartbeat Trust	2 x batteries and pads	£769.20
723694	SSDC	Election	£140.00
723695	Archer Signs		£146.94
723696	Mathew Potts		£350.00
723697	A Horton	August	£170.00
723698	HMRC	August	£195.94
723699	J Cree	August	£711.68
723700	Scarecrow Festival	Sponsorship	£500.00
723701	Pattingham Drama Group	Grant	£500.00
723702	Fosse Contracts	Tennis Court cleaning	£3,840.00
dd	Water Plus	water rates	£17.45
dd	Utility Warehouse		£69.40
dd	EE		£23.51
		Total	£10,036.13

The accounts to the 6th June 2023, were agreed and noted and attached as appendix 1 to these minutes.

98/23. Items for future Meetings

Update on Health visits to the Parish from SSDC for the overs 60's – September. BKV Prizes – September, Ryan Cresswell / Stuart Neilson – September (confirmed) meeting creating brighter futures. Reinstate BMX Track, Parish strategy for the future 4 year plan, request the contractor to cut the area outside the forest, due to the growth, Gallops footpath (circular walk),

99/23. Dates of Next Meetings –

4 th September 2023	Pattingham Village Hall	
9 th October 2023	Burnhill Green, Crown Rooms	
13 th November 2023	Pattingham Village Hall	
4 th December 2023	Pattingham Village Hall	
15 th January 2024	Pattingham Village Hall	
4 th March 2024	Burnhill Green, Crown Rooms	
15 th April 2024	Pattingham Village Hall	(apm / normal meeting)
13 th May 2024	Pattingham Village Hall	

Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/23 and 06/06/23 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/23

		2023/2024	Actual Net	Balance
INCOME				
Council				
100	Donations	£0.00	£855.00	£855.00
101	Precept	£46,209.00	£23,104.50	-£23,104.50
103	Football Income	£1,200.00	£0.00	-£1,200.00
104	Misc. Items	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
110	Interest on Santander deposit acc.	£1.00	£0.00	-£1.00
111	Redwood Bank Interest	£100.00	£0.00	-£100.00
Total Income		£47,510.00	£23,959.50	-£23,550.50
EXPENDITURE				
Council				
1	ADMINISTRATION	£500.00	£38.59	£461.41
2	Audit Costs	£750.00	£275.00	£475.00
5	Best Kept Village Competition	£550.00	£0.00	£550.00
6	Coronation	£0.00	£1,290.70	-£1,290.70
8	CCTV	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
9	Chairman's Allowance	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00
10	Play Park Loan	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
12	Christmas Lights	£6,000.00	£0.00	£6,000.00
14	Clerks Salary	£12,000.00	£1,815.24	£10,184.76
15	Defibrillator Maintenance	£200.00	£322.50	-£122.50
16	Elections	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
17	PROW Footpath Maintenance	£2,000.00	£0.00	£2,000.00
18	Gardening	£2,500.00	£340.00	£2,160.00
19	Insurance	£1,500.00	£0.00	£1,500.00
25	Playing Fields Maintenance	£12,000.00	£1,000.00	£11,000.00
26	Grounds Maintenance don't use	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
28	External Grants	£10,000.00	£0.00	£10,000.00
29	Subscriptions	£600.00	£60.00	£540.00
30	Training	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
34	STORAGE AT THE VILLAGE HALL	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00
36	FOOTBALL EXPENDITURE	£1,000.00	£396.24	£603.76
37	VILLAGE MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENTS/OTHER EXP	£5,000.00	£0.00	£5,000.00
38	MUGA / TENNIS COURT EXP	£0.00	£945.00	-£945.00
Total Expenditure		£56,600.00	£6,483.27	£50,116.73

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Total Expenditure	£56,600.00	£6,483.27	£50,116.73
Total Net Balance	-£9,090.00	£17,476.23	