

MINUTES OF THE PATTINGHAM AND PATSHULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 19TH JUNE 2023 AT PATTINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: Mrs A Davies (Chairman), A Freeman (Vice Chairman), J Tomlinson, L Billingham, P Dunn, M Finch, N Land.

Also Present: Mrs J Cree, SSDC Cllrs Mrs V Wilson and R Reade and N Burton.

72/23. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies of absence were received from Cllrs N Hill, N Caine and County Councillor J Abrahams.

73/23. Declarations of Councillors' Interest.

Cllr N Land declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the grant application for the drama group.

74/23. To receive for confirmation and adoption, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th May 2023.

The minutes of the above meetings were agreed as an accurate and true record of the meeting with the exception that item 46/23 should read Vice Chairman.

75/23. To Consider the applications received and agree the positions for the 2 vacancies onto the Parish Council via co-option.

There have been 4 nominations for Co-option, Mr B Hughes, Mr N Burton, Mrs S Attwater and Mrs S Reid. Following a secret ballot Mrs S Attwater and N Burton were elected as Councillors for the Patshull and Burnhill Green wards. Mr N Burton was present in the public gallery, so he signed his declaration of office and joined the meeting.

The Clerk to let the other candidate know, and also those that have not been successful.

76/23. Public Forum - Democratic fifteen-minute period / public question time.

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

Mrs Julia Fisher reported that the footpath / alleyway from Greenway Gardens is very overgrown. This should be reported to the County Council, and they will contact the landowner.

She visited Burnhill Green on Saturday and noticed the speed reduction limit gateways. She has noticed the increase of speeding drivers in the Patteringham Village. She liked the new gates that have been installed on the Burnhill Green Road and asked for the same in Patteringham. These were part funded by the County Council and the project had been driven forward by one of the Burnhill Green Councillors, he had also set up a Community Speedwatch Group which is active and running.

It was suggested that the Community Speed Watch is relooked at for Patteringham as a starting point to try to get volunteers to help.

It was noted that the speed Camera van has been requested many times in the past to come to Patteringham, but due to the times it is required, this has not been successful, in addition it was

noted that another option may be a speed monitor that the County Councillor could organise, but the Council will ask for an up-to-date price.

Standing orders were reinstated.

The Parish Council will request a cost for the lines to monitor speed. Cllr J Tomlinson, will lead on Community Speed Watch, a poster will be put out with his contact details, to get volunteers to come forward and get a group started.

77/23. County / District Councillors to address the Council on any matters relevant to the Parish.
County Councillor J Abrahams sent the following update to Cllrs:-

- I have received the following reply from Highways regarding the flooding at the crossroads:

I know this site well, I attended to this location with the additional investment drainage resource we had available to us, I have spoken with one of the residents here.

When the crews attended site we found a manhole that was buried in the grass verge area of Westbeech Road/High Street, the crews cleansed this manhole and the gullies around the junction and outside number 2 and 4 Westbeech Road.

There was also a manhole in the footpath opposite number 2 and 4 which was also jetted, all of these were jetted a small blockage was removed from the mains in the grass verge area, but all other systems were showing as running, I witnessed the flow of water running away well from the gullies and the mains.

I discussed this information with our Technical Review Officer, who is our drainage officer, whilst it is not 100% sure at this stage if this is a capacity issue under high volumes of rainfall, he suggested that we CCTV our system to see where the mains lead to. We suspect that it goes through the fields.

Therefore, a follow up task is raised for CCTV, however with our limited resources we only have funds for one CCTV which operates the whole of Staffordshire, so I am waiting for availability, to know the outcome.

This location is still under investigation. I will advise you when we know more.

- The larger give way sign has been ordered for the T junction in Burnhill Green.
- I have offered to pay for the trees to be cut on The Square, following the lengthy wait. This is being actioned.
- With the further deterioration of Orchard Close I sent photos to Highways to show what a state it is in and have had the following response:

Thank you for sending over the photographs of the potholes on Orchard Close, as I had not been to this road for some time I had not appreciated the deterioration of the road, whilst I have escalated these defects as part of your DHP, I have now sent over your photographs to the scheduler, for him to let me know when we are able to get some crews to attend.

It was agreed that the Clerk will ask for an update on the CCTV and the potholes. It was noted that Cllr M Finch spoke to the team that undertook the work and that he says that they have only undertaken part of the work, not cleared all the drains access points in that area.

Cllr M Finch has over the past 9 years reported this flooding issue to SSDC and the County Council, he helps clear the gullies every-time there is heavy rain as the water naturally gathers at this junction following heavy rain and he often has to help people get around the flooding.

It was noted that school children have to walk in the road to avoid the flooding and it's an accident waiting to happen.

The Officer that is working on this in Pattingham is Diane Firkins. There is an additional funding for this type of work from the County, and therefore the Clerk will ask County Councillor J Abrahams to see if he can obtain funding to help.

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

- He had a pleasant morning to look at each of their parishes, he was amazed at the Tiny Forest as the trees have shot up.

Councillor Mrs V Wilson also reported that:-

- she enjoyed the walk around the Parish, she went to the alley way at the Butchers , it has been cut back but will soon grow back. The Street Team are happy to give voluntary hours if this could be matched with the number of volunteers from the Parish and to let her know if you wish to do this.
- She went to look at Moor Lane, and the pavements were not very well resurfaced, she also looked at Orchard Close, the junction she has asked for them to be escalated.
- They went to the land of Westbeech Road, the owner has written to the SSDC Councillors and the Parish Council, it is unlikely that this would ever be an option for development due to the nature of the site and there is no planning application / or pre-app on this site at this present time. The SSDC Councillors informed members of this correspondence and gave no opinion on this matter.

78/23. To receive an update on the signs for the park.

Cost for the signs is £118.50 + postage.

The wording was noted below:-

Skate Park sign

Pattingham and Patshull Parish Council Skate Park facility

This is for the sole use of skates, skateboards and scooters

Conditions of use:

- All persons use the facility at their own risk
- This facility must be used for its intended purpose only
- Appropriate protective clothing must be worn at all times.
- This is a no smoking area
- In the interest of safety please do not bring dogs, glass or alcohol into the area

- This is your facility, please help us to keep the site in good condition

Pattingham and Patshull Parish Council and its employees cannot accept responsibility or liability for any claim, loss or damage whatsoever which may arise resulting from the use of this facility, except so far as provided in statute.

Enquiries to: Pattingham Parish Council Tel No: 07534 813053

Tennis and Netball Court Rules:

- This facility is provided for residents and for use by groups of the Parish
- Courts are free at point of use and play is on a first come first served basis
- Limit play to 1 hour if others are waiting to use the court
- No pre-booking of the court without the Parish Council's consent
- Use tennis courts at your own risk
- No bicycles, scooters (inc. E-scooters), roller blades or skateboards – they damage the court surface
- No football, facility to be used for its intended use only
- No food, glass or alcoholic beverages
- No Pets
- Proper footwear required
- Children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by an adult
- This is your facility, please help us to keep the site in good condition

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Cllr P Dunn stated he will erect the signs when they arrive.

79/23. To discuss General Maintenance for Pattingham and Burnhill Green.

Correspondence has been received by a member of the public has said he would be interest in helping with his wife, doing 1 day a week (8 hours) and would charge £150 per day to undertake lengthmans work around the Parish. It was proposed by Cllr N Land, and seconded by Cllr L Billingham to engage the contractor at the cost of £150 per day for 2 people, with a review after 3 months, the work will be sent to them via the Clerk and any work required will be reported to the meeting as an agenda item / via the Clerk, with a quarterly report on the work they have

completed with photo graphs of the work. On a vote this was agreed by majority, with 1 member voting against as he felt that this is an unjustified cost.

In the contract the type of work will be included, the insurance requirements, Health and Safety etc. If any emergency work is required, this will be discussed with the Contractor to work out a suitable rate and these terms to be brought back to the next meeting and agreed.

Cllr P Dunn left the meeting at this point at 8.40.

80/23. To discuss and agree to let a contract to clean the tennis courts.

The cost to clean the court and treat it with moss treatment is £3200 + VAT, using the same contractor as last time.

It was proposed by Cllr L Billingham and seconded by Cllr A Freeman to accept the quote and engage the contractor as soon as practicable. On a vote this was carried with 2 against.

81/23. To discuss and agree the sponsorship for the Scarecrow Festival

The Clerk reported that 2 of the routes have already now been “taken up” with sponsorship, but the organisers have informed the Clerk that there is still the option of covering the costs of hiring the Village Hall and the Blue Route. It was agreed to donate £500 for the sponsorship of the event.

82/23. To receive an update on works at Burnhill Green by the Noticeboard

The works are nearly complete, and the cost was £350 which is less than the £500 budget set. Included in this cost is the moving of the noticeboard which will be moved to the Burnhill Green Road and the location has been agreed by Highways.

83/23. To receive a report on the costs for the Football expenditure and income.

The football income and expenditure were circulated to all members with the agenda apers prior to the meeting. The Chairman reported that there is 1 team per organisation that plays.

The Council agreed to set the fees for the coming season at the same as 2022, the Clerk to let the clubs know and raise an invoice for payments.

84/23. To receive any updates on a new Tennis Club for Pattingham.

Cllr M Finch has spoken to organisations and people to see if they are interested in a club being set up, and the interest is there. So, he will continue to work on this.

The Chairman will go and speak to the Tennis Coach that is using the courts at weekends when the new signs have been erected and explain the usage of the courts to him and what is allowed.

85/23. Report from the Clerk.

The following was received:-

“Dear Colleague,

SPCA are delighted to be able to announce that via funding provided by Staffordshire County Council in partnership with them that the above officer will focus on supporting Health and Wellbeing Initiatives with Parish and Town Councils. Many Town and Parish Councils are already actively working in this area and SPCA hope to champion good practice, toolkits and practical help for Councils considering work in this area.

Many Councils are also completing work of this nature without realising this, the project also seeks to understand and document the vast contribution of the sector.

Please see attached letter from Victoria Wilson, Staffordshire County Council Cabinet Member for Communities and Culture with further information about the project.

Kind Regards

Ian Cruise-Taylor
Training Officer
Staffordshire Parish Councils Association”

It was agreed that the Clerk will invite the new officer to come and talk to the Council when they are in post.

Police report noted.

86/23. Accounts for Payment.

The accounts as detailed below were accepted:-

723674	A Horton	Gardening	£170.00
723675	HMRC	June	£195.94
723676	J Cree	June	£711.68
723677	Dittons	Grass cutting	£600.00
	Coronation		
723678	Expenses		£848.70
723679	Changing Room Cleaning		£120.00
		Fitting Defib at Pattingham	
723680	R H Electrical	Club	£186.00
	Safe Guard		
723681	Medical	Bleed kits	£201.00
723682	ICO	Annual Subs	£60.00
723683	A Horton	July	£170.00
723684	HMRC	July	£195.94
723685	J Cree	July	£711.68
dd	Water Plus	water rates	£17.45
dd	Utility Warehouse		£69.40
dd	EE		£23.51

87/23. Grant Application form for Pattingham Drama Group

A grant application form has been received from the above organisation for £500 for the replacement of Stage Lights. It was agreed to give the group a grant of £500, on a vote this was carried.

88/23. Items for future Meetings

Update on Health visits to the Parish from SSDC for the overs 60's – September. BKV Prizes – September, Rifle Range Walk / Millenium Paths - Mercers to be asked to cut back the paths. Ryan Creswell to talk about the cost of living crisis and the new Creating Brighter Futures Project.

89/23. Dates of Next Meetings –

17 th July 2023	Pattingham Village Hall
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 (apm / normal meeting)	Pattingham Village Hall
13 th May 2024	Pattingham Village Hall