



MINUTES OF PATTINGHAM AND PATSHULL PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20TH APRIL 2026 AT 7.00PM AT PATTINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: Cllrs A Freeman, R Northwood, J Tomlinson, W Morris, J Yardley, Mrs A Kemp, S Walker, N Burton and 3 members of the public, Mrs J Cree – Clerk, County Councillor J Hodges.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies of absence were received from Cllr Mrs S Attwater, N Caine, D Glynn.

2. Minutes of the previous meetings held on the 14th April 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th April 2025 were agreed as an accurate and true record of that meeting.

3. To discuss any matters arising from the previous Annual Parish Meeting of the 14th April 2025

None were reported.

4. Report of the Chairman

Cllr A Freeman reported that:-

I am pleased to be writing my second Chairperson's report and I wanted to thank all of the Parish Councillors and Jenny for their support over the last twelve months with special thanks to Rob Northwood and Dave Glynn who have joined our Council in the last year.

We are now in the third year of our four development for the Parish Council. We hold regular meetings for this important initiative and making key progress. We have launched our new Facebook page and website which have helped us to better connect with our residents and to promote the work of the Council. We have launched our second citizen and young citizen of the year ahead and we are excited for the first time to launch this at the summer fete in July.

Our community speed watch has gone from strength to strength this year and we are now ready to have permanent speed watch signs up in our villages (Pattingham and Burnill Green) this not only will give weight to our request for a police van but informs villagers and people further afield that we are a speed watch village.

We have continued to support local groups and organisations in our village through grants and other financial support. Part funded a new bike for our local PCSO, who's for Lunch, over 65's Christmas meal and many others.

Looking ahead we have many exciting projects that we are currently working on that I am our village an even better place to live.

5. Parish Reports

Pattingham & Patshull Over 65 Christmas Lunch

The Annual Christmas Lunch was held on Friday 12th December 2025 at Pattingham Village Hall. It is open to all residents of Pattingham & Patshull who are 65 and older.

116 residents booked the meal, with 113 sitting down. The meal was provided by Plyvine Catering.

We would like to thank the Parish Council for their contribution of £1200. The actual cost of the meal provided by Plyvine was £3549.60. Some of you may be under the misapprehension that Parish Council funds go towards paying for the drinks. All of the money provided by the Parish Council goes towards the cost of the food. The alcohol is covered by the raffle, which made £573.00 this year. It cost £4328.20 to put the event on.

We used the format from the previous event, with the meal being served and then the children came over and led the singing.

This year there was a deficit of income to expenditure of £1518.07

At 31st March 2026 we have £9018.02 in the Santander accounts (of which as you know £5000.00 is in trust).

The Committee is very grateful to the Council, as we could not put this event on without your help.

The Annual Return for the Charity Commission will be sent.

The age limit was discussed and it has been changed from 60 to 65 years, the event is a social event as opposed to previous times when it was called Old Peoples Welfare previously. Its for people who are on their own. A lot of the people that attend are over 80, and the children from the school come and interact with the older generation. Who's for Lunch is for people to attend a meal and engage with others, this is monthly.

Julie Wood and Sharon Simmons

Report to Pattingham and Patshull Parish Council from Pattingham Village Hall Trustee Board and Management Committee in relation to the support provided by the Parish Council during 2025 and 2026

The first thing to say is that the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council have a long history of cooperation and that the Village Hall has been a frequent beneficiary of the support the Parish Council has been able to provide. For a very long time the Parish Council have kindly provided gardening services to the grassed areas around the Village Hall through Anton Horton, and over the last few years the Parish Council has been able to contribute to the funding of a number of projects we have undertaken for which we are very grateful.

Our most recent project was a £16,000 project to replace the curtains in the main Hall, to refurbish and paint the foyer area and to paint the Small Hall and Main Halls. We received funding from

several sources including from the Bernard Sunlery Foundation, the Scarecrow Festival Committee, the West Midlands Co-operative Society and the Parish Council who contributed a generous £1000 towards the project.

In the future will be seeking funding for further projects to upgrade the Village Hall and its services, for example, we will be looking to upgrade our heating system, which is powered by heating oil which, due to recent events has dramatically increased in price and there seems little likelihood that the price of domestic heating oil will recover to pre-April 2026 prices. If anything, prices will be subject to further increases. We will be looking at how we can heat the building using renewable energy which is more environmentally friendly, and which is less susceptible to fluctuations in price.

As well as helping us towards our refurbishment costs the Parish Council also provides an annual grant towards the CCTV system running costs. The Parish Council also initiated and financially sponsored the replacement of the CCTV cameras and the upgrade of the system. We greatly appreciate this support.

Martin Cartwright - Chair: Pattingham Village Hall Trustee Board and Management Committee

6. Matters raised by the public present

None were raised.

7. Date of next APM meeting – 5th April 2027 at 7.00pm