

MINUTES OF PATTINGHAM AND PATSHULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 1ST DECEMBER 2025 AT PATTINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: A Freeman (Chairman), J Tomlinson (Vice Chairman), W Morris, Mrs S Attwater, N Caine, D Glynn.

Also Present: Mrs J Cree and PCSO Ashley Tooth, 3 members of the public.

155/25. Apologies for Absence

An apology of absence was received from Cllrs S Walker, J Yardley, N Burton, R Northwood, Mrs A Kemp, District Councillor R Reade, District Councillor Mrs V Wilson and County Councillor James Hodges.

156/25. Declarations of Councillors' Interest.

None were declared.

157/25. To receive a report from the PCSO's and discuss any relevant matters for the Police.

PCSO Ashley Tooth reported that over the past month the crime stats have been good. There were 2 ASB's for motorbikes on private farm land, this was circulated on the smart alert to let people know the consequences of doing this.

There are changes to the Police officer levels, and also the PCC positions will no longer be in place. During the changes the evening period of cover will be shared across the Staffordshire Police Service areas, not set in a particular location as they are now.

The council could write to the Chief Inspector / Ben Adams to raise concerns. The Clerk will prepare a letter and send it to the above people and also the MP Mike Wood.

158/25. Public Forum - Democratic fifteen minute period / public question time

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

A resident raised the issues of the potential planning application from Bonningdale Housing for a Clive Road development. They are not happy with the situation. The Clerk explained the process for Parish Councils in the Planning process.

The Parish Council have raised their concerns with the District Councillor, and she said that they are doing this across Staffordshire. Cllr Mrs S Attwater has raised her concerns personally re the Speed-watch data which supports the number of vehicles, speeding and this would increase by 200+ vehicles. This is a main route for children walking to the school.

It was noted that the Greenbelt has been recategorized to Greybelt, making this open for development ahead of Brown field Sites, SSDC do not have a 5 year land plan for development which is opening the floodgates for developers.

Funding from the crowd would be helpful, like Albrighton, but the Council could look at what help they could get to help fight an application. This to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Phillip Simms addressed the Council on the following points:-

- He is the Vice Chair of the PCC

- He is looking for support for the church yards in Pattingham and Patshull, the maintenance contract has just ended and they have re appointed a new contractor, and the costs are now for Pattingham £16,128 per year and for Patshull is £3,840 per year.
- Patshull is a closed Church but the church yard is still open.
- He sees the church grounds as a community facility, its open for all residents in the Parish and they can be buried there.
- He will get the exact figures of the number of interments for information purposes. Any further information he will happily provide.

Standing orders were reinstated.

159/25. To receive for confirmation and adoption, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd November 2025.

The minutes of the meetings held on the above date, were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. These were proposed Cllr W Morris and seconded by Cllr J Tomlinson.

160/25. County / District Councillors to address the Council on any matters relevant to the Parish
County Councillor J Hodges sent the following items for the Council:-

- Tourist sign for the vineyard: Good update on this, a 2-month timeframe was given on 7th November. DHP told me it's a priority for them owing to the vineyard owners very justified frustration and the relative low cost of installation.
- DHP funding has been allocated this year. £3500 for the Gulley jetting and lifting on Clive Road, work to be completed on the 6th of January.
- Burnhill Green Road. I'm aware you were arranging to go out with Diane to evaluate the road surface. Did this meeting take place and what were the findings? If you send me some photos of the road, I can open a case with DHP.
- Work to sort flooding on the square booked for the 6th of January. Already at maximum escalation which the residents have been notified of. I'm aware Severn Trent came out and did some work, which is good to see.
- The other £3500 of DHP funding has been allocated to the A41. Work booked for 13th January to replace a weir curb gulley, The JCB will scrape off the silt in the channels that has built up over time, and the manholes, which are currently 100% silted, will be jetted.

This was noted.

161/25. Community Speedwatch update and speeding issues

Cllr Mrs S Attwater reported that the 7 Speedwatch signs are going to be ordered ASAP. The last session they ran was on the Westbeech Road, between 8-9am, there were 45 drivers speeding in one hour out of 250 total cars, the fastest speed was 54mph. At Burnhill Green the fastest speed was 64mph the fastest speed, and there were 400 cars in an hour driving through.

162/25. To discuss updates on the 4-year plan

A meeting was held before the Council meeting at 6.30pm, the plan was updated and a copy is attached to the minutes as appendix 1.

163/25. Update from Christmas working party

A copy of the finances will be through by January.

164/25. St Chad's and St Mary's church yards maintenance so we can have a discussion how the Parish council can support the Church.

Phillip Simms addressed the Council in public participation. They have asked what support the council can give them towards these charges of the ground's maintenance. The Council would like to see what unrestricted funds that they have access to and a copy end of their yearend PCC accounts, the Clerk to ask for this information.

165/25. Report from the Clerk.

The following items were reported:-

Trustee for The Pattingham Education Foundation Trust need new appointment of a councillor, this was differed until the next meeting. The Clerk to find out more information for the next meeting.

25/00924/TREE Pattingham Conservation Area: Cherry (T1)- Dismantle and remove Willow (T3), dead- Dismantle and remove Walnut (T4)- Reduction of overhanging branches by 2.5metres Pattingham House High Street Pattingham

25/00998/TTREE TPO no. 146/1995: All Limes (In area referenced to in the attached location plan)-remove basal epicormic growth. Patshull Park And Parkland Patshull Park Burnhill Green

The above items were noted.

166/25. Accounts for Payment

The accounts for payment listed below were agreed, with the reissuing of the payments that had failed due to the banking issues and were approved at the previous meeting and accepted:-

EE	November	£26.17
Waterplus	November	£154.26
YGS	November	£43.55
Highgate farm	Xmas Trees	£215.00
Administration	December	£794.28
Edge IT Systems	Support	£394.80
A Horton	December	£190.00
HMRC	December	£284.75
Dittons	December	£618.00
Glasdon	December	£964.04
Lengths-man	November	£750.00
Tree Solutions	Removal of tree on park	£1560.00
Heathcotes Printers	Xmas signs etc	£450.00

It was approved and noted that the Clerk due to the problems with the bank account paid 2 payments for the Christmas event from her personal bank account, she will be reimbursed for

these 2 payments. This was proposed by Cllr N Caine and seconded by Cllr D Glynn. On a vote was carried.

167/25. Summary to communicate to the residents

Sid Data , Speedwatch, lengthman work for the past month.

168/25. Items for future Meetings

Linking people in the village (mixing age groups etc), youth café etc., Planning help, S106 planning speed traffic management in the area of any new potential planning applications, Church help. Parking football Sunday.

169/25. Dates of Next Meetings to be agreed at this meeting

Monday 5th January 2026 at Pattingham Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Appendix 1 to the minutes of Pattingham and Patshull Parish Council meeting held on the 1st December.

WS Ref	Workstream Item	Action	Owner	Due by	Comments
A1	Maintenance plan	Ask the Lengthsmans to develop a routine for the year to maintain the standards within the village.	Wayne Morris		Lilise with SSDC Andy Aston
A1	Maintenance plan	Understand the scope of the Street Scene support available	Victoria / Robert and James		Victoria / Robert and James
A1	Maintenance plan	Identify any key tasks that the Street Scene team could take on.	Wayne Morris		
A1	Maintenance plan	Identify anything in addition to Lengthsmans work that is required to be done	Wayne Morris		
A2	Funding for Roads/Footpath	Create a register of issues within the village to be resolved?			
A2	Funding for Roads/Footpath	Follow up with James and Victoria on current funding			
		Identify whether we can get information on defects reported in the parish for follow up by the Parish council.			
		- Monthly FOI request?			
A3	Proactive funding for Infrastructure improvement	- Speak to Victoria & Robert to see if they can support in 1st instance?			
		- Who is accountable in highways?			
A3	Proactive funding for Infrastructure improvement	FOI request for all repairs within the parish boundary within the last 2 years that are in warranty?			
A3	Proactive funding for Infrastructure improvement	Identify a contact to support within Staffordshire Highways?			Diane Firkins, Mark Hendrick
A4	Community Improvements	Pattingham Resident / adult / youth	Sue Attwater		Organise session with Mike coop for last 2 weeks of sept.
B1	Engage community	Social Media - plans with Facebook groups more, watts app group and also website promotion share access to other users	All Councillors		
B1	Engage community	Standalone events such as the Police drop in, and also stand at existing events? Harvest festival, Pattingham Fete, Christmas light switch on. Promote the resident of the year, get the community involved.	Sue Attwater / Adam Freeman		
B1	Engage community	Develop a villager questionnaire. How many times looked at the Notice board? How would you like to be communicated with on what the council is going? What are your views on transport links? articles in local magazines	Sue Attwater / Adam Freeman	January meeting	Add a poster in the Noticeboard, put on the website and put it around the village, Facebook to get as many people as we can.
B1	Engage community	What are your priorities for the village? Would you get involved in this?	Sue Attwater / Adam Freeman		Speed signs to be ordered ASAP. The Chairman will add a summarised data on Facebook from the Speedwatch sessions. Move the SID to Clive Road.
D1	Road Safety	Community speed watch group - In progress	Sue Attwater / John Tomlinson		Speedwatch sessions. Move the SID to Clive Road.
D2	Road Safety	Review SID data and publish info to community	Jenny		Each month loaded on Facebook
D2	Road Safety	Turn off sign but not keeping the recording	Jenny		BG was turned off and data circulated.