

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

Present: Councillors: A Freeman (Chairman), J Tomlinson (Vice Chairman), J Yardley, W Morris, Mrs A Kemp, R Northwood, S Walker, Mrs S Attwater, N Burton.

Also Present: Mrs J Cree and, and 11 members of the public and County Councillor James Hodges.

A minutes silence was held in memory of Cllr Mike Finch who Sadley passed away in August.

115/25. Apologies for Absence.

An apology of absence was received from Cllr N Caine.

116/25. Declarations of Councillors' Interest.

None were declared.

117/25. Public Forum - Democratic fifteen minute period / public question time and Best kept garden and hanging basket competitions (sunflowers too!)

The following presentations were made:-

The prizes for the Best kept garden competition for Patingham are:-

1. 21 Newgate.
2. 23 Letchmere Close.
3. 7 Sandringham

The prizes for the Best Hanging basket competition for Patingham are:-

1. 12 Sandringham
2. 17 Sandringham
3. 25 Windsor Road

The prizes for the Best kept garden competition for Burnhill Green are:-

1. 22 Snowdon Road
2. 12A Snowdon Road
3. Rose Cottage

The prizes for the Best Hanging Basket competition for Burnhill Green are:-

1. Old Walnut Cottage
2. 24 Snowdon Road
3. The Old School House

It was agreed to add to the letters for next year to get consent for publicity, so that the photos etc can be shared on social media. With regard, to the sunflowers people apply for them to be measured, this year we had no submissions. It was agreed that next year to publicise the

competition and ask for people to enter to make judging easier for all the elements of the competition.

Members agreed to set a budget of £700 to purchase a bench in memory of Cllr Mike Finch and the Clerk will get a firm cost.

118/25. To receive for confirmation and adoption, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th and 21st July 2025.

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

119/25. County / District Councillors to address the Council on any matters relevant to the Parish
County Councillor J Hodges addressed the Council on the following points:-

- He had a meeting with the County bus service officer, to find out more information on the Pattingham bus service, a Saturday bus service is circa £550 per day to run, with approx. 20 people using it. Members asked would there be a possibility to have a mini bus or use a similar service with his members fund? It was noted that there is a similar situation in Codsall where National Express have pulled out, Chase Rider run the service now with the proviso that the County Cllr has part funded a replacement service on a Friday and Saturday. The bus service on a Saturday goes as far as Perton each Saturday could a couple of busses travel the extra 10 mins into Pattingham? He will look into this. By limiting public transport it is making Pattingham an unsustainable location for any development as there is no access and goes against the Governments green agenda. The elderly also use the service as a form of company and is there only way to get out of the village.
- Devolution – The Reform members of the council are to be briefed on a map on what to put forward to Government in early September, then it will go through County's cabinet, then there should be a decision in the new year / spring.
- Highways – Play area signs , Diane did a site visit to have a look, it would cost £6000 for a new sign, and the existing sign pole is not suitable. The Parish Council will look at putting signs in on private land and get costs for a sign, a budget of circa £200 was agreed.
- Westbeech Road by Nurton Hill Road junction, the drain has been cleared.
- The defect on the pavement by the coffee shop, has been put forward as a priority for repair.
- DHP Funding, there are 2 options perhaps £2-3000 is available for Pattingham. Would the Council like to have a gully cleaning machine to be here for the day and work on the bad areas. The sites need to be identified along with the problem with the dip on the Clive Road where the road has sunk.
- The community fund is opened and a bench may be able to be funded, he will look into this.

Burnhill Green Road, the warranty work still needs to be repaired, and the potholes of the areas missed are now creating pot holes.

He has spoken to the owner of the vineyard and hopefully the County Council are sorting for the owners to have a brown tourist sign.

120/25. Community Speedwatch update and speeding issues

Councillor Mrs S Attwater reported that she has contacted Michelle Shaker and is waiting for a response in relation to having a location approved on the Patshull Road. Once the speed sessions have been performed over 6 months, they can then have signs. The sign packs are

£198.80 for speedwatch members agreed the purchase of the signs, the locations need to be agreed, then passed to SCC for approval.

The MP Mike Wood has a community week coming up, and he is going to come on a speed-watch. He is also going to undertake a litter pick.

Update from Insp Nicola Brooks:-

“This location is still on our radar, along with the Burnhill Green location.

My PCSO tells me the SID by Burnhill village is not working but she will do some speed gun work around there. I am also assured that the community speedwatch group has come together nicely over the last few months but unfortunately the Burnhill Green location is probably not a suitable location for them to operate due to safety reasons.

The High Street is certainly something that Community Speedwatch could get involved with and again, the PCSOs will do some speed gun work there. I am not sure if partners could consider a speed camera there?”

The Clerk will write back and confirm that Burnhill Green has been approved site for speedwatch, along with 2 other locations in that area.

It was noted that communication had been received from the Chairman of the Village Hall, in relation to signs being put up on the windows by the Council. They advised a member of the Council that a form has to be completed and permission sought from the board to put up posters, therefore the Clerk will contact the Village Hall board to ask what forms are required to put up posters in the village hall and also a schedule of the meetings of the board so we can coincide our requests with their meetings.

FOI Accident Stats for Burnhill Green Road from both Police forces

West Mercia Police holds the requested information.

Between 01/01/2021 – 31/06/2025 there has been 4 collisions within the area identified. Inappropriate speed was a factor in all 4 collisions, there were no fatal casualties.

Staffordshire Police holds the requested information.

- Burnhill Green Road, Burnhill Green under the FOI act we would like to request the :-
- accident statistics for the road that is under the jurisdiction of Staffordshire Police for the past 5 years, - Disclosed, 5 road traffic collisions (RTC's).
- cause of the accident – Disclosed, one RTC whereby a lorry has clipped a parked car, the other 4 causes are unknown.
- Number of fatalities. – Disclosed, nil.

The above were noted.

121/25. To discuss updates on the 4 year plan

A meeting was held at 6.30pm to look at the 4 year plan.

It was noted that:-

- Communication is the main area the Council needs to progress, we will put information out on Facebook with regard to what's happening at the Council.
- A monthly agenda item to prepare a summary to publish what has been decided / discussed at the meeting for information purposes.
- Share the work of the lengths-man and the photos of what we pay for to keep the village looking nice,
- Web site – prepare an additional page with the Parish Mission statement, detailing what areas are raised with the Parish and contact details for who to contact about them such as, Crime – Asb – Police; Planning – consultee – contact SSDC; Highways – SCC for potholes, flooding, blocked drains etc; Transport – SCC; Personal disputes / Medical matters.
- If we are contacted via Facebook , members to discuss a response via a Parish Whatsapp group (Cllr A Freeman to set up), and prepare a response. A response would be put on a public post stating that we have sent you a private message and then respond with the agreed information.
- The Clerk will keep a simple spreadsheet with topics, so we have a history of information that is important for our parishioners, and this would be evidence if it was needed when discussing the problems with the relevant authorities.
- A target was agreed to have this up and running for the next meeting.

122/25. Update from Christmas working party

The Clerk reported that there has been some confusion on the remit of the working party, this has now been clarified. There is no update for the meeting.

The 30th Sunday is the proposed date for the event (as far as we know), Cllr Mrs S Attwater to confirm that the date has been booked. The Clerk to ask for an update immediately from the group and circulate to members, circulating the original request and agreement.

123/25. To discuss the bus service

This has been discussed already under the County Councillors item.

124/25. Report from the Clerk.

The following items were reported:-

Community Governance Review
Small Grants for Parish Councils & Community Groups

25/00646/FULHH Proposed new wall, railings and electric sliding gate on boundary facing Great Moor Road. Location: Shiloh Great Moor Road Pattingham

25/00645/VAR Variation of Condition 2 of 25/00194/VAR (Original 24/00369/FULHH) Japonica House Great Moor Road Pattingham

Appeal Ref: APP/C3430/W/25/3361101

Grange Farm, Hollies Lane, Pattingham, the development proposed is conversion of redundant barn into 1 no. residential dwelling - Decision - The appeal is dismissed.

25/00626/FULHH Extension & alterations to existing dwelling. 8 Newgate Pattingham

The above items were noted.

Tennis court works are to take place on the 15th September, the lengths-man will let the company into the changing rooms to get water and power.

125/25. Accounts for Payment and receive an update on the funding for a new PCSO Bike

The accounts for payment listed below were accepted:-

723905	Lengthsmans Work	June	£900.00
723906	A and L	Re issue chq.	£1,746.00
723907	Village Hall	Re issue chq.	£3,500.00
723908	Sutcliffe Play	New swing seats BG	£842.16
723909	Clerks Salary	August	£769.69
723910	HMRC	August	£273.93
723911	A Horton	August	£190.00
723912	Ditton Services	August	£618.00
723913	Fuel for mower		£15.35
723914	Who's for lunch		£336.00
723915	Chairmans Allowance		£300.00
723916	TFM	Hedge cutter	£770.00
723917	Scarecrow donation		£500.00
723918	Lengthsmans Work	July	£750.00
723919	Store fittings	bollards BG	£222.70
723920	Signs UK	new skate park sign	£188.76
723921	A Horton	September	£190.00
723922	HMRC	September	£346.53
723923	Clerks Salary	September	£909.54
723924	BKV Trophies		£58.34
723925	Viking Direct	Stamps	£36.75
DD	EE	August	£24.60
DD	Waterplus	August	£128.93
DD	YGS	August	£41.79
723926	Perton Parish Council	Bike donation	£292.00
723927	Lengthsmans Work	August	£750.00
723928	Dittons	Grass Cutting Sept	£618.00
723929	BKV Prizes		£265.00

It was agreed to apply for a grant from the Co-Op Community for new football nets at the park. Cllr Mrs S Attwater will apply the costs are circa £190, the Pattingham Club, could need help with a ramp, she will help them with accessing funding.

126/25. Items for future Meetings

Communication for the public following the meeting as a standard meeting agenda item moving forward.

November 2025 - Linking people in the village (mixing age groups etc), youth café etc., Casual vacancy 6.30pm 4 year plan,

127/25. Dates of Next Meetings to be agreed at this meeting – 6th October 2025 at The Crown Rooms, Burnhill Green.

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