

## **PATTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
at 7.45 pm, in Pattishall Village Hall.

**PRESENT:** Mr R. Clarke Chairman Mr B. Evans, Vice-Chairman  
Mr J. Woollett Mr. R. Hart  
Mr. D. Hodges Mrs R. Gardner Mr M. Mitton  
Mr Gabriel Abrahams

**ATTENDING:** 3 parishioners, NCC Cllr Joan Kirkbride

**APOLOGIES – Reasons for absence to be declared** D. Keeble (work)

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Interest & nature of interest to be declared**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** These had been previously circulated & were duly proposed, seconded and signed by the Chairman as a true record with the following amendment: Baptist Chapel not Methodist.

**MATTERS FOR REPORT – Arising from the Minutes:**

**Allotments** – J. Woollett

- a) Concern expressed at the untidy state of the site
- b) B. Evans believes there is ragwort on the site.
- c) The Chairman queried if the allotment holders would like to form an Allotment Association.
- d) Clerk to write to all plot holders inviting them to attend a meeting prior to the October PC meeting to discuss the proposition.

**Highways** – D. Hodges

- a) Some potholes have been filled in
- b) Query regarding the difference between yellow & white markings around carriageway faults – Clerk to ask NCC/Kierwsp
- c) Residents should constantly contact the Street Doctor regarding highway faults.
- d) Query raised regarding putting an Article 4 around Pattishall

**Lighting** – G. Abrahams

- Correspondence sent & received regarding poor service from E.ON
- Quote for work on lights in Eastcote
- Information from Aylesbury Mains Lighting

**Maintenance** – R. Hart

- Butchers Lane Play Area baby swing
- a) Correspondence received from Mrs Baxter
- Complaint received from resident re. bird droppings on the baby swing
- b) Action Taken – Members have been & cleaned the swing. Suggestion that spikes are put on the top bar to prevent birds from perching & fouling the swings. Spikes were rejected as concern raised that youngsters may climb up and injure themselves
- c) On advice from Wicksteed Leisure, cable ties, in an upright position are to be put on the top bar of the swings to deter the birds.
- Health & Safety rules to be checked
- R. Clarke to draft an article for Around Pattishall regarding the PC's responsibilities.
- d) It was felt that the PC should let all parishioners know exactly what the Council actually does have responsibility for, as cleaning playground equipment was not a Member responsibility.

**School Liaison – R. Gardner**

- a) Half Pipe request for support. It was suggested that the youngsters who are looking for support should come to a PC meeting to put their proposition to Members.
- b) I. Illingworth thought there could be a siting problem.
- c) Funding – youngsters to do jobs to raise funds & the PC may be able to ‘chip in’.

**Code of Conduct**

- d) Parishioners complaint ref. 2 P. Councillors conduct – matter being dealt with by SNC legal department
- e) Awaiting further details

**GRASS MOWING CONTRACT – D. Keeble (apologies)**

- a) New/Updated contract – deferred
- b) Several complements have been received.
- c) Eastcote Baptist Chapel alleyway has grass covering the path
- d) There is a need for some small ‘No Dog Fouling’ signs. Clerk to ask SNC if they still have some.

**CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE – r. Clarke & G. Abrahams**

- a) Churchyard – it is the responsibility of the Parish Council to maintain the Churchyard. The Council is not happy with the dictate from Peterborough Diocese, but the PC is willing to work within Church guidelines.
- b) Trees on the North side are rubbing Mr Burt’s barn roof. R. Clarke to arrange for them to be cut back.
- c) Area around the Church is a mess and a suggestion that the PC should use the New Homes Bonus fund to undertake any initial work needed. PC to make a case for NHB grant.
- d) Quotes from Allseasons @ £878.00
- e) To make the Old Burial Ground tidy @ £550.00
- f) It was felt important to maintain the whole area on an ongoing basis.
- g) Vicar will contact the Diocese regarding moving headstones.
- h) Tree opposite The Grange is very large. It is important to get it down to a manageable level.

**BUS STOPS/SHELTER (Fosters Booth Road) – G. Abrahams**

- a) Information to be put into next edition of Around Pattishall for parishioners to agree & make a preferred choice from the 3 selected by Members.
- b) Clerk to obtain prices
- c) B. Evans to put an article in Around Pattishall

**ASTCOTE TELEPHONE BOX – The Clerk**

- a) Email sent to [payphones@bt.com](mailto:payphones@bt.com) – ‘Request to Adopt a Phone Box’
- b) Email received from BT – who are experiencing a high volume of emails at present & therefore there will be a delay in responding.
- c) What will it be used for once it belongs to the Parish?

**PARISHIONERS POINTS:****Members of the public**

- a) Activity on Fosters Booth Road noted
- b) Churchyard ivy on the old graves & tombs is a problem

**County & District Councillors****NCC Cllr. J. Kirkbride**

- New office building is going up very quickly & NCC hopes to move in by November.
- Staff will be ‘hot desking’ – quite a change. It was pointed out that SNC staff ‘hot disk’ at their new premises The Forum where the scheme appears to be working well.
- NCC will be selling John Dryden House one of their present office buildings.

**SNC Cllr. R. Clarke**

- With the expansion of Towcester, Sponne School will be expanded to accommodate additional secondary pupils
- The Towcester long stay car park is now open along the Old Northampton Road.
- Paynes Nurseries have closed.

**PARISH PLAN:****Village Hall & Playing Field – I. Illingworth**

- a) Picnic in the Park was a success but expensive to put on @ £10,000.00 with a £2,000.00 profit.
- b) The Playing Field Committee cannot fund this event again. It is enjoyable, but hard work, high risk and costly.
- c) Setting up a separate charity is being considered.
- d) To note, the ground under the swings needs filling with soil
- e) The Parish Hall is 70 years old this year & will host a celebratory function
- f) The hall roof needs a survey as the tiles do not overlap.

**Neighbourhood Plan**

- a) Correspondence received
- b) Meeting with SNC's Andy Darcy ref Neighbourhood Area – R. Clarke
- c) It is important to have a Neighbourhood Area registered with SNC before further work can be undertaken on a Neighbourhood Plan.

**CORRESPONDENCE:****Received from:**

1. Rose, Blenkharn Memorial – request to install a memorial stone in the Garden of Remembrance
2. Mrs Dobson – complaint that soil has been scattered over her relative's grave in the New Burial Ground. Clerk has contacted the funeral director who will rectify the matter.  
Clerk received a phone call from Mrs Dobson on 5/9/16 stating she would like to relinquish her purchase of plot B9. This was purchased @ £36.00 in the 1990's. Burial records have been altered.
3. E. Kirton – Please to see Banbury Lane road surface has been repaired. Has concerns regarding the unmarked road to Dalscote & Eastcote. Pleased to see the new seat at Eastcote corner is being well used.
4. NCALC – 69<sup>th</sup> AGM, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 10.00 am Wootton Hall.
5. Kate Bartlett – Query access to the £150.00 grant for the Produce Show. Clerk has responded.
  - a) In order for cheque to be raised, name & address of payee requested – supplied & cheque supplied.
6. John White Funeral Directors – request for plot in the Garden of Remembrance – matter dealt with
7. Mrs Henry-Moore – purchase of NBG plot – matter dealt with

**Sent to:**

1. RSPCA, Northampton – concern ref a dog being kept in an unacceptable manner. **Reply received:** unable to help, complaint should be sent to national network which is able to access an inspector.
2. PCSO Jen Harrison - Car parking on Astcote Green. **Reply received:** has visited the Green & vehicle has been moved off the Green.
3. Northants ACRE – request for place for R. Clarke on playground inspection training course. Course full, but R. Clarke on waiting list.
4. SNC – Waste Transfer Note returned
5. R. Hart – overgrown right of way
6. B. Evans – Members Interest form to be completed & returned to SNC
7. SNC – query regarding benefit fraud.

**PLANNING:**

**Appeal** Ivydene, detached dwelling –appeal dismissed  
 S/2016/1408/NMA, 16 The Crescent, non-material amendment SNC approval  
 S/2016/0437/FUL, Harefield Farm, GP Farm Building, SNC approval  
 S/2016/1775/FUL, Bronte House, Single storey side ext. to create a garden room

**PC Comments** **No objections**

S/2016/1980/FUL, Folly Farm, single storey rear extension

**PC Comments** **No Objections**

S/2016/0964/FUL, Land off Banbury Lane, 1 detached dwelling & garage

**PC Comments: Object** as land is outside the village envelope

SNC Refusal

<b>FINANCE: Bank Balances:</b>	a) Community a/c	£5577.48
	b) Business Premium a/c	£20138.88

Invoices paid during the August recess

1532	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	70.00
1533	Anglian Water	Allotment supply	23.30
1534	Seb Hodge	Felling Ash tree	300.00 (VAT: 50.00)
1535	Allseasons	Grass mowing	1044.00 (VAT: 174.00)
1536	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	295.00

<b>Monies Received</b>	Allotment rent & AP advert	19.50
	Blenkharne 1 x memorial	24.00
<b>New Homes Bonus Fund</b>	Remaining Balance	£12,915.00

It was proposed by J. Woollett, seconded by Barry Evans and resolved to pay the following invoices

1537	Pattishall Produce Show	Grant	150.00
1538	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	70.00
1539	E.ON	Lighting maintenance	444.00 (VAT: 74.00)
1540	Came & Co	PC Insurance	1745.40
1541	Information Commissioner	Data Protection	35.00
1542	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	362.57
1543	Mrs. R. E. Dobson	Reimbursement plot B9	36.00
1544	Barbara Osborne	Payroll Services	60.00
1545	James Hawtin	Allotment work	200.00
1546	R. A. Hawtin	½ year allotment rent	150.00
1547	Allseasons	Mowing	1434.00 (VAT: 239.00)
1548	E.ON	Lighting maintenance	469.57 (VAT: 78.26)

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**

- J. Woollett** \* Flooding – the only area that appears to flood is Suttons Walk & the Council is aware of it.
- M. Mitton:** \* Festal Grange has been sold
- B. Evans:** \* Need to mark HM The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday – A new bench has been agreed  
 Clerk to provide brochures for the October PC meeting  
 \* Query regarding the Red Lion – has it been sold to a developer?
- R. Clarke:** \* Someone did put an offer in to buy it, but offer was declined.

**R. Hart:** Apologies for the October meeting

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Review of Insurance Policy
- Review of the Asset Register.

**CIRCULATED ITEMS:**

NCALC Update	Notice board price list	Police info.
CPRE information	Adult learning classes info	Listed Buildings info
Grand Union Housing info	Play areas inspection report	Play areas inspection rota

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.55 pm

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016**  
**7.00 pm Allotment Tenants Meeting**  
**Immediately followed by the October PC meeting**

**Signed:** ..... **Date:** .....