

PATTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 8th December 2016
at 7.45 pm, in Pattishall Village Hall.

PRESENT: Mr R. Clarke, Chairman
Mr. R. Hart Mr D. Keeble Mr M. Mitton
Mr. D. Hodges Mrs R. Gardner Mr Gabriel Abrahams

In the Chair, Mr Roger Clarke, Chairman, who welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr Clarke reminded everyone that Parish Council meetings can now be recorded by the public as long as this did not disrupt the running of the meeting.

ATTENDING: 5 Parishioners

APOLOGIES – Reasons for absence to be declared

B. Evans (Meeting), J. Woollett (Meeting), NCC Cllr J. Kirkbride (Carol service)

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Interest & nature of interest to be declared - None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: These had been previously circulated & were duly proposed, seconded and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

NB: M. Mitton requested that in future Minutes should contain more information. He felt that the Chairman's rebuttal statement to Mr Taylor's letter should have been reported in full.

PARISHIONERS POINTS:

Members of the public

- Bushes overhanging the footpath – Chairman to obtain householders address & pass it on to the Clerk who would request the overgrowth to be cut back.
- Superfast Broadband – query how this can be obtained – G. Abrahams responded – Home provider should be contacted.
- Festal Grange – overhanging bushes – Clerk to request they are cut back.

County & District Councillors

SNC Cllr R. Clarke

- Towcester Relief Road – SNC are applying for a grant of £10m to make progress and bring the matter forward.

MATTERS FOR REPORT – Arising from the Minutes:

Complaint by Mr & Mrs Darby – report

- An official complaint has been lodged with Kevin Lane, SNC Head of Legal Services, against 4 Members of Pattishall Parish Council.
- Mr Lane will now determine legal procedures
- Mr Lane will consult with the 'Independent Member' of SNC's Standards Board Committee who will determine if the complaint should be heard by the Standards Board.
- Mr Lane will be contacting the four PC Members
- Clerk to enquire if the matter can be discussed between Members of the PC.

Mr I Taylor – planning issues raised & meeting report

- Chairman's response to Mr Taylor's letter sent to B. Evans & M. Mitton was in note form
- Chairman concerned that Mr Taylor had implied his position was untenable due to his planning appeal
- Several other members of the PC had planning issues in one form or another

- The Chairman felt that the PC was being run well by the 9 volunteer Councillors and is looked on as one of the best Parish Councils in the District. Therefore would not be standing down.
- Mr Taylor was reminded by a Member that he had been present when the PC complaints procedure was discussed & that all correspondence should be sent to the Parish office.
- Meeting arranged at Pear Tree Farm between Mr & Mrs Taylor, B. Evans & R. Clarke in order to straighten out the problem.
- Report on the meeting from R. Clarke
- Matters had now been resolved with both Mr Taylor & the Chairman apologising for any remarks that may have been seen as unnecessary and easily taken out of context.
- The Chairman explained to the meeting the differences between a Neighbourhood Plan & a Parish Plan & what SNC is able to do under the Local Plan 2A.

Lighting & Churchyard maintenance – G. Abrahams

- Pleased to note that parishioners are reporting lighting faults directly to E.ON, which means repairs are being undertaken more quickly.

Highways – D. Hodges

- A small number of potholes have been filled along Dalscote Road

School Liaison – R. Gardner

- School Fayre has taken place – fewer attendees
- The Police have been asked to attend the school at dropping off & picking up times.

Village Maintenance – R. Hart

- New dog waste bin has been installed

Parish Assets – updating work on going

Grass Mowing – D. Keeble

- Grant application for Churchyard & Old Burial Ground – Clerk to make enquiries from Katie Arnold at SNC if work can be started prior to grant being obtained as early in the new year is the right time to undertake this work.

Greenaway – Overgrowth – some cutting back has been undertaken.

VAS sign pole – An additional pole has been on order from NCC for some time, but none appeared. Clerk to contact Mr Barber, with a copy to NCC Cllr J. Kirkbride & NCC cabinet member for Highways, Cllr Ian Morris to find out why the pole has not been received & installed.

PARISH HALL – Update from I. Illingworth

- Successful craft fair held
- Elderly citizen's Christmas lunch once again very successful. 2 Parish Councillors attended & the Keeble family set the tables.
- Hall roof – to note that the scaffolding will cost £5,500.00 for 5 weeks use. The cost of work will be £25,000.00
- Hall car park – will cost £50,000.00 to resurface. Committee have been setting aside funds & have £5,000.00 in hand. Will be applying for grants.

PLAYING FIELDS – Update from I. Illingworth

- Grass mowing now undertaken by the parish Council
- Footballers have used the pitch on 9 occasions
- There is a suggestion of setting up a cricket club

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received from:

1. R. Morris – request for information from 1894-1974 Minutes. Clerk has responded. Was not Clerk between 1894 & 1974. The Records Office does not have copies & neither does the Parish office.

2. NCC Highways – Astcote High Street road closure for 2 days, 16th & 17th February between 9.30 am & 3.30 pm. Information sent to all Members & the website.
3. J. Woollett – Item in Around Pattishall regarding Birds Hill road footpath. A survey has been undertaken by R. Clarke
4. SNC – Refuse collection over the Christmas period
 - a) Waste & Recycling collections will take place on the same day as normal
 - b) Garden Waste collections will be suspended for 2 weeks commencing Monday 26th December
5. ACRE – does the PC want to belong to ACRE @ £35.00 pa
6. H. Aslett – PL 107 by the Church gate & light down Church Street hill out of order – Clerk has reported them
7. NCC Highways – Urban Highways mowing grant for 2017 application
8. NALC – information regarding fees, budget, salaries & pensions

Sent to:

1. Cumbria Clock Co. – Pattishall PC did not offer to maintain the Church clock on an annual basis. Company should contact the PCC.
2. Steve Barber, NCC Highways – Licence & additional VAS post for Birds Hill Road. Query why this has not been undertaken
3. Kevin Larner, SNC
 - a) Request for confirmation of purchase of red telephone kiosk in Astcote.
 - b) Letter sent to I. Illingworth asking for clarification – Reply received.
 - c) Parish Hall – Asset of Community Value. To inform that the PC does not own the Parish hall & did not apply for it to become an asset of community value. Registering it with the Land Registry should be undertaken by the Parish Hall Management Committee
4. Greenbarnes – Pool Close notice board – request not received. Will re-order
5. Mr Bob Jones – Request for cut back the hedge/overgrowth along land at Banbury Lane.
6. Glasdon – dog waste bin ordered – confirmation of delivery to R. Hart

PLANNING:

Appeal Notice:

- An appeal has been lodged by Mr & Mrs Stanford regarding whether prior approval is required for change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling at Bugbrooke Road, Cornhill.

FINANCE: Bank Balances:	a) Community a/c	£8979.60
	b) Business Premium a/c	£18141.17

Monies Received	Advertising Fees (AP)	£143.00
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Audit Report

- Interim Internal audit undertaken
- No issues were raised by the auditor

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to pay the following invoices

1564	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	70.00
1565	B. Illingworth 1 & 1	Website fees	35.96 (VAT: 5.99)
1566	Glasdon UK Ltd	New dog waste bin	222.79 (VAT: 37.13)
1567	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	320.08
1568	Allseasons	Mowing	150.00 (VAT: 25.00)
1569	E.ON	Lighting maintenance	37.52 (VAT: 6.25)
1570	Barbara Osborne	Payroll services	60.00

Budget & Precept Setting:

- Budget Proposals – Draft proposals previously sent to all Members
- Comments
 - a) Clerk to receive a 2% increase, raising gross salary to £4285.00. PAYE to be deducted monthly

- b) Grass mowing contract – due to new contract & additional work (Churchyard & Playing field) now to be undertaken, the budget has been increased to £12,000 pa
- c) Insurance & Asset Register now under review
- d) Future works under consideration: New bus shelter, replacing old concrete street lighting, Churchyard & Old Burial ground additional work.

- **Precept**

It was proposed by R. Hart, seconded by G. Abrahams & agreed by all to set a precept of £37,000.00 for the 2017/18 financial year

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

D. Hodges Residents have raised concerns about vehicles parking on footpaths

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.42pm

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, 10TH JANUARY 2017
7.45PM, PATTISHALL PARISH HALL**

Signed: **Date:**

HAPPY NEW YEAR

