

PATTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 9th February 2017
at 7.45 pm, in Pattishall Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Cllr R. Clarke, Chairman	Mr B. Evans, Vice-Chairman	
Mr J. Woollett	Mr. R. Hart	Mr D. Keeble
Mr. D. Hodges	Mrs R. Gardner	Mr M. Mitton

In the Chair, Cllr Roger Clarke, Chairman, who welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cllr 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

The Chairman introduced SNC Cllr Karen Cooper and confirmed that due to the Clerk's accident, Cllr. Cooper would be taking the Minutes of the meeting. Cllr Clarke sent Mrs Addison the Council's good wishes and confirmed that flowers had been sent to her.

ATTENDING: NCC Cllr J. Kirkbride, 3 Parishioners

APOLOGIES – Reasons for absence to be declared

G. Abrahams (Holiday), A. Addison (Clerk – accident)

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 with one amendment:
P. 252 R. Chapman's phone number was corrected to read 07788 915599

PARISHIONERS POINTS:

Members of the public

J. Hibbert, Picnic in the Park.

- Event to be held on 8th July 2017
- 2016 event financial statement handed out to Members
- In 2016, sound & lighting was supplied free of charge. This year financial assistance was needed.
- In previous years, the PC had contributed £500.00
- The Chairman explained that PC funds cannot be put at risk, therefore any assistance must be underwritten. Agreed by all.
- It was unanimously agreed to fund the event with a £500.00 grant.
- J. Hibbert was asked to ensure that no monies are paid out ahead of their need as the event is weather dependent.
- It was confirmed that all profit from the event would be put aside for the Parish Hall car park refurbishment.
- Grants would be applied for
- The PC to write to J. Hibbert confirming the Councils committed £500.00 funding for the Picnic in the Park event.
- Advertising the event will be via Around Pattishall & 14,000 booklets will be produced & distributed to homes promoting the event. It was noted that the print cost of this is expensive.

Iris Illingworth:

- Confirmed that the proceeds of the curry night on the 24th February 2017 will support the Picnic in the Park event. There will be a free beer & a quiz on the evening.

County & District Councillors

NCC Cllr. J. Kirkbride

- This would be her last visit to Pattishall as she is retiring after 20 years as a County Councillor.
- Cllr Kirkbride thanked the Members for making her welcome and stated she had enjoyed attending the PC meetings
- She raised concerns regarding Social Care in the County, problems with bed blocking in hospitals with the need to get the elderly out of hospital & into care in the community.
- NCC portion of the Council tax will rise by £5.00
- The new NCC HQ building will not be ready until the end of March.
- John Dryden House has been sold, therefore NCC staff have had to move out to temporary accommodation at County Hall. Space is at a premium and working conditions are challenging.
- She confirmed that the new building has actually come in under budget.
- PC Members expressed their concern about the number of refugees Northamptonshire is taking & the lack of budget to support them. Cllr Kirkbride explained that the County is so centrally located that a large number of children refugees have been taken in. They attend schools & work very hard.
- The County Council has currently 1,000 'looked after children' in their care.

SNC Cllr R. Clarke

- Council Members told Cllr Kirkbride that following her retirement she needn't be a stranger and will always be welcome to attend a PC meeting. The Chairman thanked her for attending PC meetings and supporting Pattishall's needs.
- Cllr Clarke confirmed that the 'ground breaking' ceremony for the new A5 roundabout will take place on 14th February, opposite the Racecourse. This will be the entrance to the new development of 2750 houses. The initial work will be on the field side causing little disruption with a great deal of work being done at night.
- He advised that Cllr Smallman had resigned as the Chairman of the Planning Committee, but would remain as his Ward Partner.
- Cllr Clarke reported on an SNC resident falling foul of the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) regulations, failing to notify the Council 14 days prior to starting building work & being charged £56,000.00.
- The Cambridge / Milton Keynes / Oxford corridor – there is an under supply of homes in this area made worse by the poor east/west transport connectivity. Work to alleviate the situation is on-going.
- Electoral Registration – An annual canvass is undertaken by SNC officer to update the registers. However, there are 7216 electors who have not responded to the request for information. A final letter requesting the required information has been sent out. If SNC receive no response their names will be deleted from the new register.
- SNC has agreed its final budget for submission to the Cabinet, and can confirm that it is a balanced budget.
- SNC Business Health Check – a series of workshops have been run by the Council to help businesses identify ways to sustain & grow. The purpose of the session was for businesses to create their own customised plan of action called 'Your Business – Your Plan.'

MATTERS FOR REPORT – Arising from the Minutes:

Grass Mowing – D. Keeble

- Work in the Churchyard will be carried out on the 16th & 17th February
- Work at the Burial Ground will take place on 20th, 21st & 22nd February
- A grant has been applied for.

Highways – D. Hodges

- Birds Hill Road footpath – residents & parents working group have made an excellent job of clearing the path
- 50% more of the footpath is now accessible. Unfortunately the path is crumbling & is a hazard

- An offer from a parent who is an NCC Highways approved contractor, has been received to quote for additional work to be undertaken. Material cost is £300.00 & labour is free. It was proposed by J. Woolett, seconded by B. Evans and unanimously agreed to accept the kind offer.
- The Chairman thanked R. Gardner for her hard work in pulling 20 or more residents together to carry out this essential work. Children & the Cubs also helped. The Cubs all gained a badge for their work.
- Potholes increasing in number. Record is being kept. Clerk to contact H. Howard requesting a site visit

Lighting

- Light in Sands Close – reported out of order to E.ON on 3 occasions. G. Abrahams informed.

School Liaison – R. Gardner

- School parking problems – PCSO Steph Bacon has attended a school assembly to talk to teachers, staff & parents about the parking problems outside the school
- There is no news from the school

Village Maintenance – R. Hart

- The dog bin has been replaced & a notice board has been ordered

Hedges & trees – J. Woollett – nothing to report

Churchyard – R. Clarke – to note report from D. Keeble

Allotment Association – B. Evans

- Consultation undertaken & a new tenancy agreement has been sent to all tenants.
- There will be a meeting on the 9th March prior to the PC meeting for feedback
- An excellent job has been done with new ideas being brought forward.

VAS Pole – Birds Hill Road

- Correspondence sent to S. Barber indicating the site for the additional pole.
- S. Barber has made a site visit.

PARISH HALL / PLAYING FIELDS – Iris Illingworth

- 3 more heaters to be installed in the hall & electoral work to be undertaken on the outside lighting
- Roof repairs - £8,000 has already been put aside. A further £2,000 is available should it be needed.
- Church & Newman had been to repair the ceiling
- The playing fields & the hall are supporting the 2017 Picnic in the Park event & giving the use of the hall for 3 days at no cost.
- Towcester football team are no longer using the football pitch
- Will support the cricket team, free of charge to use the pavilion & field. The cricket team need a corner for an artificial mat – SNC Katie Arnold to be approached for funding.

CODE OF CONDUCT – Declarations of Interest

- A copy of the 10 General Principles & Part 2 of the Code – Interests, was given to all Members present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received from:

1. T. Gibbins – New Burial Ground information – Clerk has dealt with the matter.
2. Anglian Water – From April 2017 business users will be able to choose a supplier for their water. From the 1/4/17 Anglian Water Services will no longer provide water to non-household customers. However, it will transfer customers to another Anglian Water Group company – Anglian Water Business (National) Ltd. The service the PC received will remain the same & there is no need to do anything at this time.
3. P. Tucker – Magazine information – offer to undertake printing
4. PCSO Jen Harrison – leaving the Towcester Sector to work in Brackley. Has attached a document from Sergeant Michaela Simons which will update the PC on the staffing.
5. NCC Highways mowing contract 2017 – Clerk has dealt with this

6. Defibrillator information. Clerk to invite NHS paramedic to a future PC meeting

Sent to:

1. His Excellency Dr. Peter Ammon, German Ambassador – WW1 Prisoner of War Camp

PLANNING:

To be determined:

S/2017/0312/LBC, Eastcote Lodge Barn, 4 Birds Hill Rd., Shower room with storage room

PC Comments: No Objections

FINANCE: Bank Balances:	a) Community a/c	£5972.07
	b) Business Premium a/c	£18141.17

Monies Received	Headstone, G. Ledward	£40.00
	Cremation tablet S. Mcewan	£24.00

Budget Information

- Information regarding the increase in budget expenditure has been put onto the website

Grant Information

- Application for a Community Grant has been forwarded to SNC for £1,000.00

Audit Information

- External audit for 2016/17 will be undertaken by BDO
- External audit for 2017/18 will be undertaken by PKF Littlejohn.
- NCALC is still waiting for final details

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

1577	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	70.00
1578	Pattishall Parish Hall	Hire of hall x 2 invoices	101.75
1579	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	297.50

REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

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| B. Evans | * Detail of the litter pick on 18 th March to be put in Around Pattishall |
| | * Dogs off leads – item for Around Pattishall |
| J. Woollett | * Litter pick to start at 9.00 am |
| | * Concerns regarding a black VW Golf parked without number plates. Query if it should be reported to the Police – PC thought not |
| D. Hodges | * Harefield Farm – query what the farm is for & does it have planning Permission for all its buildings. It is understood that it is a mixed animal feed Factory. Clerk to make further enquiries |
| M. Mitton | * Query if the precept has been agreed – Confirmed it has & has been applied for |

Clerk to aske Wendy Watts for the Charity reports

CIRCULATED ITEMS:

NCALC Update	CPRE Information	Design Guide
Clerks & Councils Direct	Glasdon Information	Holiday list

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at: 9.04

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, 9th MARCH 2017
7.30PM, PATTISHALL PARISH HALL**

Signed: