

PATTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 9th March 2017
at 7.30 pm, in Pattishall Village Hall.

PRESENT:

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

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

ATTENDING: 4 parishioners

APOLOGIES – Reasons for absence to be declared R. Gardner (Personal)

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

M. Mitton * Associate of D. Manning

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

PARISHIONERS POINTS:

Members of the public

Mark Couling – Pattishall Cricket Club

- Correspondence received – update on formation of the Club.
- A committee has been formed & the first meeting will be on 14th March
- Bank account has been set up in the name of Pattishall Cricket Club
- 17 people have so far shown an interest in joining
- A number of fixtures have been arranged starting in July with other local villages enquiring regarding playing against the new club.
- Will be applying for a grant from the New Homes Bonus scheme
- Will be looking at fund raising.

Picnic in the Park Event

- Thanks to the PC for donation of £500.00
- The stage & a band have already been booked

County & District Councillors

SNC Cllr R. Clarke

- A new Joint Chief Executive has been appointed who will be taking up her appointment in the summer

MATTERS FOR REPORT – Arising from the Minutes:

Grass Mowing – D. Keeble

- Churchyard work – more to be done
- Ivy infestation to be cut at the roots and will be removed when dead
- In future all work will be added to the annual contract
- The new contract will start at the end of March until the end of October.

- Members to be given a copy of the final contract
- Cricket Pitch – possibility of more cuts needed in time for match days.
- Total cost of new contract will be in the region of £10,000.00 pa

Lighting – G. Abrahams

- E.ON are repairing out of order lights within 5 working days at present

Highways – D. Hodges

- Astcote High Street to the A5 – a pothole in the road surface is so deep that a brick has been put into it. Clerk to contact NCC Highways requesting a site visit

School Liaison – R. Gardner

- A new Head Teacher has been appointed. There were 10 candidates for the post.
- Police have visited the school & visit went down well with the children
- There are continuing traffic problems around the school area. It is understood that this is a nationwide problem with parents dropping off & collecting their children.
- The PC is concerned at the possibility of a serious accident.

Village Maintenance – R. Hart

- Bridge over the brook – metal rail needs attention – NCC Highways to be contacted
- Church handrail – R. Hart to undertake the work

Hedges & Trees & Playground – J. Woollett

- A number of trees were damaged or fell down during the recent storm.
- 2 swing seats to be attended to
- Zip wire to be adjusted

Churchyard – G. Abrahams & R. Clarke

- Work on going

Allotment Association – B. Evans

- Good meeting held

PARISH HALL / PLAYING FIELDS – Iris Illingworth

- Letter received regarding application from the New Homes Bonus grant scheme
- Equipment needs checking in May & June
- Clerk to send all Members a copy of the annual rota

Parish Hall

- Roof quote is £25,000 + VAT Hall committee has £10,000 towards it
- Will be looking for £10,000 grant from the New homes Bonus Scheme
- Will be applying for a Capital Fund Grant from SNC
- M. Mitton's company will donate £1000.00 towards the roof fund
- Picnic in the Park profit will go towards the hall car park fund

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received from:

1. R. Waller – request for altered wording on his wife's headstone – the Clerk has dealt with the matter.
2. Jorg Rutten, German Embassy – information regarding the 33 German POWs who lost their lives at Pattishall.
 - a) All were buried at Pattishall Church
 - b) In 1963 the remains of all 33 POWs were transferred to their current burial ground at Cannock Chase War Cemetery
3. P. Stratton – copy of letter sent to Colonel Rutten regarding the Pattishall POW camp.
4. D. Philtrip – Concern regarding a resident who is allowing their dog to foul the pavement in church street on the grass area at the top of the hill
5. E.ON – Increasing their 'Deemed Contract' rates from 1st April 2017
6. E.ON, D. Mooney – Light in Leys Road, unable to repair. Quote received for new lantern received @ £360.00 + VAT

7. Holly Darby, Northants Local Access forum – looking to recruit new members.
8. SNC, Jennie Johnson – Neighbourhood Area has been approved by SNC Full Council
9. C. Leason – Football pitch request

Sent to:

1. J. Hibbert – Picnic in the Park event – PC has set aside £500.00 towards the cost of running the event. Funding has also been obtained from SNC's events pot.
2. R. Clarke to L. Hemming – Query what course of action can be taken by the PC regarding the large number of reports of a variety of crimes being perpetrated in the parish & surrounding areas.
3. S. Barber – request for an additional pole for the VAS sign.

PLANNING:

S/2017/0373/FUL, 47 Gayton Road, 2 storey side extension & 1st floor rear extension + single storey rear extension.

PC Comments: No objections

S/2017/0336/FUL, 5 Hodge Close, Single storey front extension

PC Comments: No objections

- Appeal dismissed at Land off Bugbrooke Road, Cornhill for a change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling

FINANCE: Bank Balances:	a) Community a/c	£5581.82
	b) Business Premium a/c	£18141.17

Charities Report for year 2016**Parochial Charity**

- Balance brought forward at 1/1/2016 - £7540.53
- During the year funds received from the Bedford Charity, the Foxley Trust, from Charibond Investment & Bank Interest, totalling £8690.38
- Outgoings:
 - a) Christmas fuel grants x 37 @ £70 per household
 - b) Monthly pensions x 18 @ £35.00 each. There is no waiting list at present
 - c) Scout Group request for funding for a tent – granted
 - d) Pattishall School request for toilet refurbishment – 50% of cost agreed
 - e) Request for help with resident's flat roof – funding granted

At the end of 2016 funds in the current & reserve accounts stand at £5047.78

Educational Charity

Balance brought forward at the end of 2016 - £2125.92

- The Trustees were disappointed that out of the 6 successful applicants for the student grant, only 3 had submitted their receipts
- There were a further 6 successful applicants for the 2016/17 grant
- Final total at the end of 2016 - £2430.31

S137 Allowance for 2017/18

- This has risen to £7.57 per elector
- Total amount available for Pattishall £9462.50 for the 2017/18 financial year
- This money comes out of the precept for the year and allows the PC to spend it on items that directly benefit the Parish or all or some of its parishioners. It cannot be spent on individuals.

New Homes Bonus Funding for 2017/18

- There are several organisations in the Parish who are hoping for funding
 - a) Parish Hall roof
 - b) Parish Hall car park
 - c) Birds Hill Road footpath & retaining wall
 - d) Birds Hill road speed sign post
 - e) Cricket Club

- f) Prisoner of war Camp Plaque
- g) Churchyard work - £1,000.00 grant requested. Work is on-going.
- The Clerk met with Katie Arnold to discuss the 2017/18 grant funding.
- The next deadline for funding requests is the end of May and it was suggested that a number of requests should be sent in together for the grants panel to assess.
- Regarding the Cricket Club – it was suggested that the Members should contact Tom Gubbins, the Sports Development Officer at SNC for advice on other / more sources of sports funding.

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

1580	R. Illingworth	Website fees	35.96 (VAT: 5.99)
1581	Allseasons	Churchyard work	2844.00 (VAT: 474.00)
1582	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	341.26
1583	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	70.00
1584	Campion School	Printing invoices x 2	370.40
1585	PGR Construction	Tarmac for Birds Hill Road	394.33 (VAT: 65.72)
1586	Picnic in the Park	Donation	500.00
1587	Barbara Osborne	Payroll Services	60.00
1588	E.ON	Lighting Maintenance	469.37 (VAT: 78.23)

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

- D. Keeble:**
 - * Gravestones in the Old Burial Ground need checking as some are Leaning – R. Clarke & D. Keeble to check & contact the PCC
- G. Abrahams**
 - * Flyposting - ? if Members are allowed to remove posters – Yes. Suggest an item for Around Pattishall
 - * Query regarding up to date information about the adoption of the phone kiosk. Clerk to contact SNC
 - * BT are starting to introduce new 'link unit' pay phones
- J. Woollett:**
 - * Parish 'Spring Clean / Litter Pick' on Saturday 18th March
 - * Pool Close notice board – Clerk to contact supplier again

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

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, 13th April 2017
7.45PM, PATTISHALL PARISH HALL**

Signed: **Date:**