

PATTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 8th November 2018, Pattishall Parish Hall

PRESENT: Mr R. Clarke , Chairman Mr B. Evans, Vice-Chairman
Mr. R. Hart Mr D. Keeble Mr Gabriel Abrahams
Mr M. Mitton Dr. M. Gardner Mr D Hodges

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: 6 Members of the public & NCC Cllr Adam Brown

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

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.

PARISHIONERS POINTS

a) Members of the public

b) County & District Councillors

NCC Cllr Adam Brown

- Bus Services – report received concerning forthcoming bus service changes in Northants with effect from Sunday 6th January 2019
- NCC finances may come in on budget this year
- Services are being brought back ‘in house’ which should save money
- Agency staff have been cut which is an efficiency saving
- Services shared with Cambridgeshire are being cut back
- £10.1 m savings have been made
- 26% of funds is spent on staffing.
- Will deal with the dropped kerb matter

SNC Cllrs S. Smallman & R. Clarke

- SNC’s ‘divorce from Cherwell DC is going ahead and will cost in the region of £2m
- Road works through Towcester are coming to a conclusion
- Still waiting to hear from the secretary of State regarding Unitary Status & if local elections are to be postponed
- To note, 5 traveller van had parked on Banbury Lane just outside Rothersthorpe. The Travellers Unit had been informed.

MATTERS FOR REPORT – Arising from the Minutes:

Allotments Association – Liaison – B. Evans – nothing to report

Lighting – G. Abrahams

- Out of order lights reported:
 - a) Cornhill light at Palm Tree Cottage. An estimate for the work has been received. Members queried if this light was necessary. G. Abrahams to make a site visit.
 - b) It was queried if all / some of the street lights throughout the Parish were necessary
 - c) PL84 – Gayton Road
 - d) PL105 – School Road

Highways – D. Hodges

- Grit bins
 - a) J. Morphy able supply grit

b) Mowerman:

(i) 1 bin will take 4 bags. Rock salt @ £29.80, White salt @ £37.00

- It is felt it will cost up to £1700.00 to maintain the grit bins – budget item
- To note: the grit bins have been filled
- Concern that yet again only some potholes have been filled in. Clerk to ask NCC for a reason
- Dropped kerb needed – NCC Cllr Adam Brown to deal with the matter/ permission needed

Village Maintenance – R. Hart

- Zip wire – some repair work undertaken. The posts need repairing – Clerk to contact original supplier

Hedges & Trees – R. Clarke – Work in hand**Public Footpaths** – J. Woollett & J. Russell

- School footpath now cleared
- Gate has been repaired

Grass Mowing

- D. Keeble has been in touch with the PC contractor. All contracted work now in order.
- Will arrange to meet with contractor to look at work / Holly hedge, to be undertaken in the Old Burial Ground

Bus Route 87 – Ann Atkin

- Annual cost @ £4,500.00 – a budget consideration
- It is understood that both Towcester Town Council & Greens Norton PC have put £4,500 each in their budgets for 2019/2020 financial year
- To note: if the service stops, it will not start up again.

WW1 Commemoration Event

- No. of Guests: 130
- D. Rowden to source a German flag – done & laid with the Union flag on the stone for unveiling by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant & the German Embassy representative.
- Information sent to SNC regarding the programme of events. It is understood that a photograph of the event would be used in the SNC Review
- It is understood that Radio Northampton would attend the event.
- The 2 new planters on the grass verge by the Stone, have been planted

PARISH HALL / PLAYING FIELDS – I. Illingworth

- Firework incident – Parish office received an email from a parishioner whose son had been hit by a falling firework. Clerk passed the email on to the PC Chairman & Chairman of the parish hall committee.
- Mrs Illingworth contacted the family concerned.
- Mrs Illingworth reported that the grass in the playing fields is being cut better this ½ of the season
- The hall had held a successful quiz night
- £1.34m Community Grant Scheme – the hall committee could apply for funding for the car park.
- Query from the public: If a surplus of funds was made at ‘The Picnic In The Park’ event, how much profit was made & what was it going towards. The Chairman would make enquiries.

CORRESPONDENCE:**Received from:**

1. Glasdon – seating booklet & costs received
2. D. Moody, NCALC advice
 - a) 2019/20 Precept – suggest PC should build a contingency fund due to NCC / Unitary uncertainty
 - b) NCALC membership fee to increase by inflation in 2019

- c) E.Mail fraud – beware as a small Northamptonshire Parish has lost £8,000, a third of its precept to an email fraudster. To note: Although the office often receives invoices via email, PPC pays its invoices by cheque, not via an email transaction.
3. Andrea Leadsom MP – Local Bus Services
 4. Data Protection certificate received
 5. R & G Grounds Maintenance – Marking of football pitches – Clerk has passed the enquiry on to D. Keeble & R. Clarke
 6. NCC – Salt bins authorisation received. NCC to install plaques stating bin is the responsibility of the PC.
 7. E.ON – Quotations for replacement lamp at Cornhill.
 - a) Remove existing bracket & lantern, supply & install new @ £280.00 + VAT
 - b) Disconnect overhead supply, install new service box & provide new overhead connection @ £390.00 + VAT
 8. R. Clarke – problems with the Zip Wire. Clerk asked to contact supplier.

Sent to:

1. £500 donation sent to Pattishall Swimming Club
2. Nigel Stanford – request for a quote to pollard the Lime Trees. Reply received – will make a site visit & send a quote for the work

PLANNING:

- SNC Local Plan 2 – this has now finished its final consultation period and once any comments have been dealt with it will be presented & signed off at the December Full Council meeting. It will then be sent to the Inspectorate before the 24th January 2019. It should become ‘statute’ by mid-2019 and will replace the 1997 SNC Local Plan
- SNC Enforcement team will make a site visit to Folly Farm regarding the mobile home
- **Applications Determined:**
S/2018/2248/FUL, Land at the close Eastcote, Detached Dwelling
PC Comments: No objections
S/2018.2315/FUL, 45 Gayton Road, Convert garage to living accommodation
PC Comments: No objections
- **Applications Received**
S/2018/2459/FUL, 63 High Street, Ascote, RETROSPECTIVE, Antenna mast for use in the hobby of Amateur Radio
PC Comments: No objections

FINANCE: Bank Balances:

a) Community a/c	£32,932.911
b) Business Premium a/c	£16,168.16

Monies Received

Abingdon Funeral Services	£230.00
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Audit Report

- Mrs D. Isaacs to undertake a mid-term audit of the PC’s accounts on 19th November

To Note:

- A £35.00 allotment cheque has been debited to the PC bank account due to the account being closed. The Clerk has contacted the Allotment treasurer who will deal with the matter.

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

1740	HMRC	Clerk’s PAYE	73.40
1741	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	335.20
1742	E.ON	Lighting repair – Anna’s Lane	28.16 (VAT: 4.69)
1743	R. Clarke	Plants for the 2 new planters	263.82
1744	Kestrel Trading Company	Zip wire welding	119.50 (VAT: 19.95)
1745	Ground Care Co.	Grass mowing	870.00 (VAT: 145.00)
746	Royal British Legion	Donation for 2 poppy wreaths	40.00

2019/2020 Budget Considerations

- Spend at November 8th 2018: £22,300.38 + VAT: £1875.90 = £24,175.90
- Total receipts at 8/11/18: £45144.92 (annual precept received £37,500.00)
- The NCC mowing grant @ £959.22 has been applied for.
- Bus Service – request for £4,500.00 for a year’s service – agreed. A request for a smaller bus to be used at times.
- Clerk to ask Marcus Young cost of annual dog bin service (2018/19 £910 + VAT) Query an increase
- Clerk to ask Cold Higham PC for a contribution towards their Around Pattishall newsletters. Clerk to ascertain how many newsletters are given to Cold Higham & the cost per copy.
- Members to consider cost of possible services the Council will have to undertake due to the NCC situation.
- Clerk to send out finalised budget figures for agreement of precept for 2019/2010 financial year at the December PC meeting.

New Homes Bonus

- Total in the Pattishall pot at present is £16, 067.00
- The way the grant is presently distributed is about to change
- PC to apply for NHB grant – Clerk to liaise with the SNC Grants Officer
 - a) install a barrier along Birds Hill Road to keep the bank from slipping onto the footpath which makes it difficult for pedestrians, children & the disabled to use the path
 - b) Tree work in the Garden of Remembrance
 - c) Work in the Churchyard & cutting back the Lime trees

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

- Burchers Lane tree are overhanging the highway – Chairman to speak to the householders
- Water on the A5 due to heavy rain – Clerk to contact Highways England
- Rothersthorpe Road bridge to close for repairs

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, 13th DECEMBER 2018, 7.45 pm, Parish Hall

Signed:

Date: