

PATTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 13th December 2018
at 7.45 pm, in Pattishall Village Hall.

PRESENT:

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

The Chairman, Cllr Roger Clarke welcomed everyone to the meeting reminding both the Parish Council and members of the public that the meeting could now be recorded as long as it did not disrupt the proceedings.

ATTENDING: 7 Members of the public

APOLOGIES – Reasons for absence to be declared

NCC Cllr Adam Brown (meeting)

Rachel Gardner (Resignation due to family pressures)

Gabriel Abrahams (Resignation due to new work commitments)

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:

Members of the public

- Remembrance event & unveiling of the WW1 POW camp Stone of Remembrance had been well attended & well organised
- Phone Box – now that it has been cleaned & painted query what the PC intend to do with it. An item asking for suggestions has been put in the Around Pattishall but no suggestions had been received from the public. B. Evans who will be taking on the School Liaison responsibility will speak to the school head teacher to see if the children have any ideas for its use.
- Trees overgrowing the footpath along Butchers Lane. The Chairman had spoken to the near-by householders. Clerk to ask NCC Highways for guidance regarding householders being responsible for land up to the middle of the highway.
- The Parish Pre-School has requested financial help. The PC Chairman has suggested the Pre-School Chairman attends the January PC meeting with a case plan of what they are looking for.
- Picnic in the Park – another well attended event. The organisers now have some ‘money in the pot’ & will be starting to plan for the event in 2019. Thanks were given to the PC for their help & support.
- Bus Service – All the Parish Councils in the scheme have agreed to set aside funding. There were still some concerns about the timetable. The PC felt an eye needs to be kept on the finances & sight of the financial spreadsheet was requested.

County & District Councillors

NCC Cllr Adam Brown

- NCC has been granted special dispensation by Government to use £70m of the proceeds of the sale of Angel Square to pay off last year’s deficit & replenish reserves. The money is not being used to fund day to day expenses.

- NCC remain cautiously optimistic that this year's budget will not be over spent
- Next year's budget was approved by Cabinet earlier this month & the public consultation process is underway.
- Will be sitting on the Council's new Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

SNC Cllr Roger Clarke

- Updated the meeting on the move to a Unitary Authority in 2020
- There will not be local election in 2019 for both Parish & District Councils.
- The Parish Council now has two vacancies. These places cannot be filled until after the 14th January 2019 when the 'Order' will be laid before Parliament by the Secretary of State.

MATTERS FOR REPORT – New Items & those resulting from the previous Minutes:

- Grass mowing & Churchyard – D. Keeble
 - a) Luke Warren has quoted for the hedge-work. Meeting to take place in the new year.
- Churchyard & Lighting – R. Clarke
 - a) R. Clarke now lead Cllr for lighting
 - b) Lighting faults can now be directed to R. Clarke or the PC Clerk
- Footpath Wardens – J. Woollett & J. Russell
 - a) RT 17 stile has been replaced
- School Liaison – B. Evans
 - a) Carols & a winter fayre will be held at the school on Tuesday, 18th December. All welcome
- Highways – D. Hodges
- Allotment Association – B. Evans
 - a) Water invoices to be paid
 - b) Additional rent monies received
- Village maintenance – R. Hart
 - a) Raybell to be informed about the number of 'underground services' by the Birds Hill site.
 - b) It was agreed to buy 20 bags of brown grit. Order to be delivered to R. Hart who has space available for storage. Clerk to order & request contractor to phone Mr Hart prior to delivery.
 - c) R. Hart will fill the Birds Hill grit bin.

PARISH HALL & PLAYING FIELDS Update – I. Illingworth

- Will be applying for grants from SNC @ £1000 which normally do not go to committee for a decision.
- Will be having a Salvation Army clothing bank to be sited in the Parish Hall car park
- The 71st Parish Hall Christmas lunch was well attended & enjoyed by all.
- Bench by the front fence needs replacing. The PC has been offered / donated a new bench. Clerk to order.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received from:

1. R. Gardner – letter of resignation received
2. G. Abrahams – letter of resignation received

To note: The Parish Council is not permitted to advertise for or co-opt new PC Members at present due to the new orders which agree to there being no PC elections in 2019 not having been agreed by Parliament. Therefore, although the Secretary of State has said he is minded to lay the order before Parliament to agree to elections being postponed until 2020, at the moment, the 6 month rule still applies.

3. Resident ref empty grit bin
4. Winter Gritting – information from NCALC with recommendation of suppliers
 - a) Landscapemaintenance, tel: 01933 274410
 - b) RTM Landscapes
 - c) E.M. Pell 01327 3610000
 - d) J. Morphy, Rothersthorpe

- e) Email from M. Goodson – request for the Birds Hill bin to be filled. Matter in hand
- 5. Stacey Davidson – Request for New Homes Bonus funding for the Pre-School Group. Reply sent stating please apply to SNC. Item for the January 2019 agenda
- 6. Anthony Holden – thank you for the WW1 Remembrance Day event.
- 7. NCALC – offer @ £10 to be the PC's Data protection Officer. Agreed to accept offer
- 8. E.ON – electricity price increase
- 9. NCC, Sheila Gilder – Grass mowing grant for 2019/20 will still be given
- 10. Citizens Advice North Ox. & South Northants – funding request.

Sent to:

1. Nigel Stanford – tree work. Jon from Treeworkx should be contacting the Parish office on NS behalf. Query received & information sent.
2. Kompan – request for inspection of zip wire posts & replacement. Have-contacted the company
3. D. Carter, Chairman, Cold Higham PC – request for a contribution towards the Around Pattishall newsletter delivered to Cold Higham residents.
4. Marcus Young – query regarding the cost of emptying the dog waste bins. Phone call received: Will know the exact cost of future service in January as waiting for information from the Environment Agency. Will keep his price as low as possible but it depends on costs his waste contractor has to bear. Clerk queried a 3% increase – Mr Young felt this would be a reasonable assumption.

PLANNING**Applications Received**

S/2018/2623/FUL, Cosy Cats Barn, Bugbrooke Rd. Single storey front extension

PC Comments: No objections

Application determined:

S/2018/2603/FUL, Fosters Booth Rd., Creation of 2nd access

PC Comments: No objections

S/2018/23581/FUL, Cherry Cottage Church St. Work to a TPO

PC Comments: No objections

S/2018/2459/FUL, 63 High Street, Antenna – Retrospective.

PC Comments: No objections

Planning Issues:

- The Red Lion
 - a) Information received that the site owners / builders are considering auctioning off the pub element.
 - b) AS viewing date took place on the 6th December 2018
 - c) The auction was due to take place on Wednesday 12th December 2018 at the London Marriott Hotel, Regents Park.
 - d) The Parish Council had no prior notice of this event.
 - e) The PC has asked SNC if there are any restrictions within the terms & conditions in the original application for the property to be sold independently of the proposed development.
 - f) **Reply from SNC, Wayne Campbell:** There are no restrictions in terms of the sale of the pub and or any part of the site. Permission runs with the land. NC decided that construction of the houses will not undermine the potential future viability of the pub or the ability for it to operate as a successful business. As such a condition requiring it to reopen in advance of the houses being built or occupied would not meet the tests for planning conditions in the NPPF
- Application S/2017/1382/FUL, Appeal Ref: APP/Z2830/C/17/3188778, Grain Tower, Harefield Farm. Query to SNC Enforcement why part of the tower is still standing & why are goods still being stored in the building.

FINANCE: Bank Balances:	a) Community a/c	£31822.05
	b) Business Premium a/c	£16176.22

Monies Received Allotment rents £120.00

To note: The allotment fund is in credit to the tune of £1239.05

Payment to be Agreed:

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

1747	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	73.40
1748	Barbara Osborne	Payroll Services	63.00
1749	L.P. Finn	Memorial & Plaque	1267.08 (VAT: 211.18)
1750	Anglian Water x 2 inv.	Allotment supply	198.81
1751	E.ON	Orchard Ct. Repairs	28.16 (VAT: 4.69)
1752	E.ON	Repairs Gayton Rd & School Rd.	28.16 (VAT: 4.69)
1753	S.G.L.	Around Pattishall printing	358.00
1754	R. Illingworth	Website Fees	35.96 (VAT: 5.99)
1755	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	360.31

Audit Matters:

- Mrs D. Isaacs, the NCALC internal auditor checked the PC bookwork & found there were no matters to report

New Homes Bonus Applications

- The PC has applied for 3 NHB grants
 - a) £1000.00 to resolve the tree issues in the Garden of Remembrance
 - b) The Old Burial Ground hedging @ £4265.00
 - c) Birds Hill Road retaining wall @ £2950.00
 - d) To note, the NHB grant system will change from 2019.

Budget / Precept setting, 2019/2020 Financial Year

- Members have been sent an up to date copy of the agreed budget figures
- Precept request letter received from SNC. Reply needed no later than 18th January 2019. It was unanimously agreed to indent for a Precept of £40,000 for the 2019/2020 financial year.
- Due to the precarious financial situation the County Council finds itself in, the PC will have to fund more services. The PC is to consider additional items during 2019 along with the day to day running expenses of the Parish.
 - a) play equipment for the Booth Close site
 - b) Another flower planter
 - c) Additional maintenance work – hedges, trees, fencing
 - d) £4,500 for the upkeep of the bus service
 - e) Increased lighting charges
 - f) Grit bin maintenance

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

B. Evans Will contact Lindsey Bignell, Chairman of the Pre-School Group to attend the January PC meeting to discuss the financial needs of the Pre-School

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at: 9.17 pm offering a glass of sherry & mince pies (kindly made by Mrs Clarke) to all present.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, 10th JANUARY 2019
7.45PM, PATTISHALL PARISH HALL**

Signed:

Dated: