

## **PATTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019, Pattishall Parish Hal

**PRESENT:** Mr R. Clarke , Chairman Mr B. Evans, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. R. Hart Mr D. Keeble 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 meeting can now be recorded by the public as long as this did not disrupt the running of the meeting.

**ATTENDING:** 8 parishioners

**APOLOGIES – Reasons for absence to be declared - None**

**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 correct record.

### **PARISHIONERS POINTS**

#### **a) Members of the Public**

- (i) Inconsiderate parking of vehicles. The Clerk had been in touch with the police who recommended the householder whose driveway was being obstructed, to contact 101.
- (ii) Householder unable to get through to the police on 101 & quoted S137 of the Highways Act 1980 states that a person who, without lawful authority or excuse, in any way wilfully obstructs the free passage along a highway is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine.
- (iii) Clerk instructed to contact Highways.

#### **b) County & District Councillors**

- NCC Cllr Adam Brown – no report received. Any queries regarding NCC, please contact Cllr Brown
- SNC Cllrs R. Clarke & S. Smallman
- Cllr Clarke updated the meeting on the Local Plan 2 which was to be discussed at a special Full Council meeting at SNC on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Once agreed, it will be forwarded to the Secretary of State for being put onto the Statute Books.
  - The latest information regarding the progress towards Unitary Status was discussed.

### **MATTERS FOR REPORT – Arising from the Minutes:**

#### **Casual Vacancies x 2**

- Clerk to inform SNC on 14<sup>th</sup> January

#### **Allotments Association – Liaison – B. Evans**

- Plots are now being dug

#### **Lighting – R. Clarke**

- All 6 out of order lights reported to the Clerk have been sent on to E.ON street lighting repairs

#### **Highways – D. Hodges**

- Protection of the grass verges:
  - a) M Gardner - Consideration to be given to wooden stumps being installed along School Rd. opposite the school

- b) Clerk to ask NCC Kierwsp, H. Howard for advice regarding protecting the grass verge from poorly parked vehicles to make a site visit to School Road.

#### **Village Maintenance – R. Hart**

- Grit bin / grit update
  - a) Order of 20 bags of road salt delivered.
  - b) Salt bin on Birds Hill has been filled. Consideration to be given to purchase a new bin.
- M. Gardner - Consideration to be given to install another flower box – matter for February Agenda
- R. Hart – help needed to dig a hole by the zip wire posts. M. Gardner to assist

#### **School Liaison – B. Evans**

- a) Pre-School
  - B. Evans has invited the Chairman to attend the January meeting of the PC to discuss funding
  - Members of the Pre-School group attended & put their case for grant funding. Papers given to the Clerk for PC members observations.
  - Declining number of young children in the Parish – Group to appeal to more families
  - Have increased the number of hours to 30
  - The Group does fund raise
  - Looking for funding to cover the cost of Parish Hall hire.
  - Clerk to circulate the information
  - Matter to be a February Agenda item
- b) Telephone kiosk – a suggestion to use it as a book swap shop. Concern expressed that the books would become damp.
- c) School children to be asked for ideas

#### **Hedges & Trees – R. Clarke**

- Grant approval for work in the Burial Ground
- Grant approval for work on Birds Hill Road – Contractor to be contacted

#### **Grass Cutting – D. Keeble**

- Will inform contractor regarding work to be undertaken in Burial Ground
- Will discuss mowing contract for 2019 season

#### **Public Footpaths – J. Woollett & J. Russell**

- All paths walked on a regular basis
- All necessary repair work undertaken

#### **Bus Route 87 – Ann Atkin**

- Email received regarding invoice from Towcester. Response sent – no invoice received to date.
- Bus now going to Sainsbury's
- Still waiting for an update from J. Loader

#### **Around Pattishall – B. Evans**

- Articles for next edition:
  - a) Wheel Bins
  - b) Pebbles in grass by the school & jitty.

#### **PARISH HALL / PLAYING FIELDS – I. Illingworth**

- Pleased to report that there have been no reports of any leaks
- Hall lettings have dropped
- Annual cost of running the Parish hall is in the region of £20,000
- Letters regarding SNC NHB grant applications sent to the PC for approval
  - a) £960.00 application towards improvements to the pavilion – new door & shelving for storage
  - b) £999.00 towards replacement chairs & tables for the hall
  - c) £996.00 towards renovation of the grass area of the playing field, new matting & drainage
  - d) Applications for b) & c) agreed by PC - Clerk will write to SNC Grants officer.

**CORRESPONDENCE:****Received from:**

1. SNAST – offer of new NHW signs @ £14 each. Buy 3 & get one free. L. Hemming has signs
2. SNC – CCTV proposals. Chairman to liaise with Linda Hemming.
3. Phone call received from a resident in Booth Close regarding out of order street lights. Clerk to report out of order street light outside 7 Booth close.

**Sent to:**

1. Mr & Mrs Darby – Concerns regarding inconsiderate vehicle parking
  - a) Clerk has written to the householder concerned in Simons Walk who is causing the problem.
  - b) Clerk has been in touch with the ELVIS Team who have forwarded the following information:
    - Obstructing the view to exit a junction or preventing minimum access to other road users, there are two options.
    - Telephone the force Control Room on 101
    - Email photographic evidence of the obstruction to Force.Control@northants.pnn.police.uk
2. M. Powell – Request to keep wheel rubbish bins on property, not left on the footpath. Phone call received from Mr Powell – bin kept on the footpath due to his driveway & path being resurfaced. Mr Powell stated that the tree opposite 15 Simons Walk is ‘massive’ and in need of attention. Request for a PC site visit. Chairman will make a site visit to look at the tree.
3. D. Carter – Chairman of Cold Higham PC – request for financial contribution towards the copies of Around Pattishall that are sent to Cold Higham Parish. Reply received from Mr Carter – request for further information – This has been sent by the Clerk.
4. Kompan – further email sent regarding the repairs / renewal of the Zip wire posts. 8/1/19 phone call received, member of staff will make a site visit on 10/1/19 & report back to the Parish office. Phone call received 10/1 - Initial visit no problems found. R. Hart has visited the Kompan Milton Keynes offices & another site visit will be made.
5. Cast Iron Company – Enquiries regarding purchase of a Cavendish bench for the playing field.
6. NCALC – Agreement to offer of DPO Service
7. H. Howard NCC/Kierwsp – Query regarding ownership of land to middle of the highway. Reply received – will make further enquiries
8. E.ON – Query regarding PL93, Cornhill Lane – lamp can be installed on the wooden post

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| <b>FINANCE: Bank Balances:</b> | a) Community a/c        | £29497.13 |
|                                | b) Business Premium a/c | £16176.22 |

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

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| 1756 | HMRC               | Clerk's PAYE                  | 73.40                 |
| 1757 | Allseasons         | 20 bags of road grit          | 180.00 (VAT: 30.00)   |
| 1758 | E.ON               | Replace photocell Anna's Lane | 28.16 (VAT: 4.69)     |
| 1759 | E.ON               | Lighting maintenance x ¼      | 469.37 (VAT: 78.23)   |
| 1760 | E.ON               | Lighting supply x ¼           | 1597.79 (VAT: 266.30) |
| 1761 | A. Addison (Clerk) | Salary & Expenses             | 335.34                |

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**

- M. Mitton** Query regarding the Local Plan 2. Chairman explained the next steps  
Thanks for the Christmas mince pies
- B. Evans** Car parked at the Red Lion is being moved

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at: 9.22 pm

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019, 7.45 pm, Parish Hall**

**Signed by the Chairman**

**Dated**