

PATTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 14th February 2019, Pattishall Parish Hall

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

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: 10 Parishioners

APOLOGIES – Reasons for absence to be declared NCC Cllr A. Brown (meeting)

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

• Cricket Club

- a) To note: SNC has approximately £1.5m funding available for ‘Parish causes’
- b) Large applications would have to be match funded.
- c) Cricket Club asking for support for an application of £999 from the New Homes Bonus Fund to help fund a new artificial pitch due to the original matting becoming unplayable. The manufacturer has now gone into liquidation & although the Court found in favour of the Cricket Club’s claim, there is now a need to fight for compensation. The club was advised to put in a NHB application for £1,000 by the 28th February.

Old Burial Ground Hedge Removal

- a) Residents surrounding the area are concerned about the removal of the old Holly hedge stating that the workmen had simply ‘ripped out’ the hedge leaving the area in a poor state. The Chairman explained that due to the state of the hedge, it had been a difficult job to undertake & that a new hedge would replace the old one.
- b) The Clerk explained that the residents whose gardens backed onto the site had been written to.

b) County & District Councillors

SNC Cllr Roger Clarke

- Unitary – waiting for news from the Government
- Towcester Relief Road – could be finished by 2021
- Norwood Farm development of 7,000 houses discussed

MATTERS FOR REPORT – Arising from the Minutes:

Village Pre-School

- Information pack sent to all PC members
- No members of the pre-school committee attended.
- Councillors comments included
 - a) Opening hours & length of hours need to be considered especially during the holiday period
 - b) As the number of children in the Parish is declining, the pre-school should be looking at a wider area such as small surrounding villages and a closer link with the village school
 - c) Need to fund raise & then the PC could match fund.

- d) Clerk to contact the committee & suggest they attend the next PC meeting

Casual Vacancies

- Advert put onto website
- Applicants: Jayne Hawtin & Phil Parris
- Date to be arranged for interviews to take place.

Allotments Association – Liaison – B. Evans

- Pleased to note that work on plots has already started.

Grass Mowing Contract – D. Keeble

- D. Keeble to liaise with I. Illingworth regarding cutting the playing field grass which was getting long & needed to be cut now to enable the footballers to use the pitches
- Has spoken to the mowing contractor regarding a start date for the 2019 contract.
- Village Spring Clean to take place on Saturday 23rd March.
- Chairman has obtained equipment from SNC – litter pickers, sacks & gloves
- Scouts & school have been informed.

Lighting – R. Clarke

- Out of order lighting reported to E.ON by the Clerk:

PL 87 34c Gayton Rd.	PL107 Church gate	PL208 Church Farm
PL45 Booth Close	PL26 Simons Walk	PL93 Cornhill Squash Club
PL94 Home Close		

Highways – D. Hodges

- Leys Road has been marked for pothole repairs, to note, repairs of concrete roads are difficult to deal with.
- Chairman & M. Gardner had a meeting with H. Howard, NCC Highways regarding the state of School Road
- NCC has no money to undertake work other than statutory repairs. Work needed along School Road would be done more cost effectively with a private contractor. To note, all private work must have permission from NCC in the first instance.

Village Maintenance – R. Hart

- Grit bins – all full of grit.
- Zip Wire – At the first site visit by Kompan, the PC was informed that there were no serious problems with the equipment. It was discovered by R. Hart that the leaning post had not been concreted in on installation.
- PC has received a quote to ‘make good / repair’ the situation @ £3358.80. As the work on installation was defective / incorrect workmanship, the PC will fight for compensation.
- Chairman to write to Kompan

School Liaison – B. Evans – nothing to report

Hedges & Trees – R. Clarke

- Work at the Old Burial Ground & Churchyard – all surrounding householders have been informed of the undertaking & hours of work
- Grass verge on School Road – R. Clarke & M. Gardner to meet with NCC H. Howard
- Tree in Simons Walk – site visit made by Chairman. Luke Warren to be asked to undertake the necessary work

Public Footpaths – J. Woollett & J. Russell

- Stile has been repaired

Bus Route 87 – Ann Atkin

- Information regarding cost for 2018/2019 @ £3,343.75. No invoice received as yet.
- Due to an available grant, the cost to the Parish Council could be reduced to £2319.75
- Main invoice will go to Towcester Town Council who will bill the PC for its portion of the costs
- Chairman thanked Ann Atkins for all her hard work & persistence.

Around Pattishall

- Cold Higham PC have been asked for a contribution towards their copies of the newsletter

- A £50.00 one off payment for 2019/2020 with a review of future contributions as part of the budget setting process. They also agreed that should there be sufficient underspend at the current year end, a payment of £50 could be made. Accept – Clerk to contact Cold Higham

PARISH HALL / PLAYING FIELDS – I. Illingworth

- PC Loan to the Parish Hall – cheque for £396.00 given to the Clerk as part payment. Remaining loan stands at £3,000.00
- Drainage, bonfire mat & tree work have been undertaken
- Hall car park – tarmacking is now too expensive, therefore will be looking at block paving. Will apply for an SNC grant & will be fundraising.
- Query when the grass mowing start as the pitches need cutting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received from:

1. NCC Highways – notice of Gayton Road closure – information sent to all members
2. Police – Fire Service priorities – access via the internet at www.northantsp.cc/policandfireplans
3. B. Osborne – payroll services increase in 2019/2020 charges to £21.50 per run = £64.50 per ¼
4. Police – appealing for information regarding an attempted burglary on Birds Hill Road. Concerns raised regarding travellers
5. Marcus Young – Emptying dog waste bins service – increase in charges for 2019/2020
6. NCALC – Lighting workshop on 4th March at the Saxon Hall, Raunds
7. NCC Highways – confirmation of the annual mowing contribution of £959.22 for the 2019 season.

Sent to:

1. H. Howard – Query regarding litter picking equipment. Reply received – NCC no longer supply any items
2. Mr Powell – Second request for wheel bins to be moved onto his property after being emptied. Phone call to Parish office received – bins were moved onto his garden.
3. Mr & Mrs Darby – information regarding CCTV cameras. To note, there is a CCTV camera pointing at the bus stop & seat in Butchers Lane. Clerk to contact NCALC for advice.
4. Mr & Mrs Darby – confirmation that a PC letter would be sent to the ‘occupants’ of 12 Simons Walk regarding inconsiderate vehicle parking.
5. NCC H. Howard – query regarding ownership of ‘sub-soil’ beneath the highway. Reply received.

PLANNING:

- SNC Local Plan Part 2 - Clerk has sent a web link to all members.
- It was noted that some items that the PC had objected to, had in fact been put into the Plan.

FINANCE: Bank Balances:	a) Community a/c	£26,777.11	
	b) Business Premium Savings a/c	£16,176.22	<u>42,953.33</u>

Funds set aside in the Savings a/c (i) Allotment Association £1279.05

Audit Report

- Clerk attended the annual Audit training session at NCALC
- It is understood that PKF Littlejohn the new external auditors will be making alterations to last year’s audit paperwork.

New Homes Bonus

- Consideration to be given for new play equipment at the Booth Close play area.
- The Clerk has a meeting arranged with Sarah Burns the SNC grants officer.

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

1762 HMRC	Clerk’s PAYE	73.40
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1763	Marcus Young Landscapes	Annual invoice emptying dog bins	1092.00 (VAT: 182.00)
1764	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	322.20
1765	Pattishall Parish Hall	Hire of hall x 6	126.00
1766	E.ON	Lighting repair Simons Walk	75.72 (VAT; 12.62)

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at: 9.30 pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, 14TH MARCH 2019, 7.45 pm, Parish Hall

Signed: **Date:**