

PATTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 10th November 2022, 7.30 pm in
Pattishall Parish Hall

PRESENT: Mr B. Evans, Chairman Mr David Hodges, Vice-Chairman
Mr D. Keeble Mrs F. Mytton
Mr M. Mitton Mr Nigel Banister

In the Chair, Mr Barry Evans, Chairman, who welcomed everyone to the meeting, and 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.

A 15 minute slot had been set aside at agenda item 6, Parishioners Points for parishioners to raise matters with the Council. The 'invitation' to attend the meeting could be found on the facebook page & PC website.

ATTENDING: 11 parishioners

APOLOGIES – Reasons for absence to be declared A. Burley (work), J. Hawtin (personal)

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.

The Chairman moved the planning item forward for parishioners to make comment on the following application. To note, due to work to be undertaken on the draft budget & precept setting & the unavailability of 4 Parish Councillors, planning applications have been discussed by members in between the October & November meetings Their comments are listed below along with the comments of parishioners.

WNS/2022/2111/FUL, Land South of Millfield Business Park, Banbury Lane, Variation of conditions to construct a portal framed building to create 6 units & 18 parking spaces.

Resident's concerns/objections:

- The application is on a dangerous corner of Banbury Lane where the highway surface is extremely poor.
- There have already been two fatalities at this site.
- Concern that the hedge has been removed & replaced by a green gate
- Query if the land is not on the public highway can additional units be built without planning permission.
- All residents had strong objections to the access onto Banbury Lane particularly if HGV vehicles were using the site.

Parish Council concerns/objections

- New larger building which is taller & now 2 storeys high
- One large unit instead of 'starter units'
- Issues around floor levels
- Original application was for use of existing tenants who needed additional space
- Deep concern that a large agricultural machinery business is involved
- Access should be declined as the Design & Access statement states that no changes will be necessary. This is not correct.
- The new access is on a hazardous bend particularly dangerous with large HGV machinery accessing the site.
- Increase in height of the building should be refused as the original application stated it would cause no visual intrusion & be invisible from any public viewpoint. This is clearly incorrect if new building is granted approval.

Planning Continued:

DHL

- Objections to the application to be sent to WNC & must relate to planning issues such as transport, size & height of buildings.
- Thanks to David Keeble for all his work on the matter.

REPORT FROM WEST NORTHANTS COUNCIL

Cllr A. Addison, Lead Member for Pattishall, Cllr K. Cooper, Cllr A. Brown

- Attended a planning 'peer review' to discuss the way forward
- Boundary Commission proposed alterations to WNC ward structures. WNC has made recommendations for the Commission to consider. At present there are 93 West Northants Councillors. It is suggested that the number will decrease to 77.
- Further consultations to the Local Plan opened on the 7th November until 19th December.

MATTERS FOR REPORT – New & Arising from the Minutes:

Allotments Association – Liaison – B. Evans

a) Stand-alone Association – will contact landowner

Lighting – F. Mytton – lighting bid for 2023/24 budget

- Quote to replace 4 lanterns agreed.
- Disconnect unused lanterns x 2 @ £189 agreed
- PL47 Butchers Lane obscured by trees. 1 on verge is Highways responsibility. 2/3 other trees – Chairman will speak to Mr Hawtin
- To note, PC has an additional light (110)
- Regarding the Valley End lighting problem – Clerk to Contact WNC Monitoring Officer for further advice & help.
- High cost of public lighting.
- Budget request for £21,000 to replace the remaining SOX lanterns with LED
- Part night lighting – advanced photocells can reduce power by 44% by turning lights off from midnight to 5.00 am. Advanced photocells cost £50 each.
- Concern from a resident – a dark village could increase rural crime.
- Residents do feel the PC needs to save money where it can.
- The Chairman will put an item on lighting cost in the next edition of Around Pattishall.

Highways & VAS Signs – D. Hodges

- Gully clearing vehicle has been through the village but not too successful as some drains have not been cleared.
- Still many potholes need patching.

Banbury Lane Report from N. Bannister

- Banbury Lane concerns
 - (i) Zebra Crossing needs updating. Highways are not prepared to repaint it
 - (ii) Pattishall sign is broken – replacement needed
 - (iii) Better VAS signs needed
 - (iv) Request for PC members to list their three top highways priorities

Grass Cutting – D. Keeble

- Hopefully no more cutting this season.

Village Maintenance – A. Burley – Nothing to report

School Liaison – J. Hawtin (written report)

- Friday 16th December, 1.30 annual Carols in the playground- all welcome
- Reception nativity to be held in the Church
- The Choir will be singing at Tesco & the school brass band is performing at various locations.
- 3rd December is the Christmas Fayre in the afternoon. With handicrafts & Father Christmas
- Funding is a crisis level with a 5% staff pay increase, £96,000 for supporting children with special needs

- New bespoke curriculum is being written & embedded
- Volunteers are always needed & welcome

Playground Equipment – Nothing to report

Defibrillator – It is understood the Parish Hall is looking not installing one.

Parish Council Face Book – Chris Sander has taken over the responsibility with thanks from the Parish Council.

Hedges, Trees, Churchyard & Old Burial Ground – N. Banister

- Old Burial Groundwork quotes
 - a) Heavily cut back & reduce height of hedge to 4 feet & ivy cut back & cutback lower branches of trees overhanging the footpath @ 875.00 + VAT
 - b) Cut clear & treat growth on headstones @ £320.00 + VAT
- Butchers Lane play area tree - Matt to look at tree - £300 for a report. Agreed
- Large fir tree found growing out of a headstone – will ascertain name.

Public Footpaths – J. Woollett & J. Russell

- RT18 trimmed
- Butcher's Lane stile – will create a small platform.

Bus Route 87 /Gayton & Tiffield minibus – Ann Atkin & Barry Evans

- Chairman to meet with Ray Spencer.

Around Pattishall – B. Evans – All in order

PARISHIONERS POINTS

- Would like a VAS sign for Astcote High Street
- Remembrance Sunday – would like to see some large poppies at the entrance to the Parish put onto lamp posts. Clerk will source for 2023.
- Astcote village sign – query when will it be replaced. Clerk to check.

PARISH HALL / PLAYING FIELDS

- Had an excellent fire work display.
- Senior's lunch on 3rd December – PC to donate £150.00.
- Drains to be cleared in the spring.
- Electrics to be checked.

FINANCE: Bank Balances:

a) Community a/c	£88,665.87
b) Business Premium a/c	£16,229.40

Monies Received

Allotment rents	£455.00
AP adverts	£275.00

2023/2024 Budget

- Draft Budget forms sent to all members
- Budget item figures discussed
- Clerk to forward final figures to all members
- Final precept agreement to be made at the December meeting

It was proposed seconded and resolved to pay the following invoices

Chq. No.	Payee	Information	Amount	VAT	Total
2110	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	83.80		83.80
2111	Pattishall Parish Hall	Hire of hall x 4	51.00		51.00
2112	Complete Ground Mang.	Grass Mowing	825.00	165.00	990.00
2113	E. ON	Replace lanterns	1080.00	216.00	1296.00
2114	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	335.93	58.17	394.10

CORRESPONDENCE: Has been dealt with throughout the meeting

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

- New dog waste bin sourced by N. Bannister to be installed.
- Concrete slab for seat in the Booth Close play area to be installed. PC is looking for someone to undertake the work.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Finalising the Budget & Precept requirement.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at: 10.00 pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, 8th DECEMBER 2022, 7.30 pm