

PATTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 9th February 2023, 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 Ms J. Hawtin Mrs I. Illingworth
Mr A. Burley

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.

The Chairman welcomed the Council's new member, Mrs Iris Illingworth.

A 15 minutes 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: 6 parishioners

APOLOGIES – Reasons for absence to be declared. N. Banister (Personal)

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Interest & nature of interest to be declared.

J. Hawtin: Place of work – Kier / WNC

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: These had been previously circulated & were duly proposed, seconded and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

REPORT FROM WEST NORTHANTS COUNCIL

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

- Budget to be finalised / agreed by all WNC members.
- A WNC Councillor is heading for Ukraine with a team & specifically itemised & requested supplies for the 'front line' – stretchers, medicines, bandages etc.

MATTERS FOR REPORT – New & Arising from the Minutes:

Allotments Association – Liaison – B. Evans

- Allotments looking good.
- Clerk has sent the end of year accounts to the treasurer.

Lighting – F. Mytton

- Noted that E. ON has been working at weekends to complete schedule work.
- Updating Parish lighting report
 - a) Further quotes received o 7/2/2023:
 - PL83 Gayton Rd. @ £625 + VAT
 - PL57 Birds Hill Rd @ £270 + VAT
 - PL5 Church Street @ £653 + VAT
 - PL6 Church Street @ £343 + VAT
 - PL99, PL22, PL36, PL37, PL38 & PL 110 @298 each + VAT.

- Valley End concrete column report:
 - a) Column inspected by E. ON & found unsafe.
 - b) Temporary date to remove & install new given by E. ON
 - c) Letter sent to all households in Valley End informing them of the situation. Further letter will be sent when a firm date for work to be undertaken is known.
 - d) Security tape ordered to cover the column. WNC Highways supplied security fencing.
 - e) Clerk has written to WNC requesting help with safety barriers for the site on health & safety grounds.

Fault Report – The Clerk

PL63 & 65, Astcote High Street

PL48 & 79, Astcote

PL101 Anna's Lane Dalscote – now out for over a month – reported several times.

PL94 – Clerk to contact householders re cutting back the branches of a tree in their garden that is too close to the lantern. Concern high winds would cause damage.

PL47 on Butchers Lane – highways tree needs cutting back as obscuring the light.

Future of some lights to be discussed.

Highways & VAS Signs – D. Hodges

- 6 monthly inspections of potholes undertaken. Noted that infills can take up to 6 months to be infilled.
- Festival Road surface in a very poor condition – need highways to inspect it & resurface.
- VAS sign – Clerk to ask for grant funding from the Police Commissioners fund.
- Clerk to ask for a site meeting with Highways.

Grass Cutting – D. Keeble

- Increased costs for the 2023 mowing season. Accepted & agreed.
 - a) Cycle A cut @ £440 + VAT
 - b) Cycle B cut @ £522 + VAT
 - c) Playing field @ £137.50 + VAT

Village Maintenance – A. Burley

- Agreed to look at the handrail by the Church steps.

School Liaison – J. Hawtin – waiting to hear from the head teacher.

Playground Equipment – J. Hawtin

- Seat in Booth Close play area – needs some TLC.

Defibrillator – S. Toll – all well.

Parish Council Face Book – C. Sadner – no problems.

Hedges, Trees & Churchyard – N. Banister

- Churchyard Maintenance
 - a) Luke will trim the ivy on the church wall.
 - b) Large tree by Burt's wall between Church & farm needs serious trimming. Quote from Luke @ £720.00 + VAT - agreed
 - c) Handrail on right of steps is very loose. Jamie Boniface to quote for repairs. Parish Council to take responsibility for repairs.
 - d) Memorial stone text – Clerk contacted R. Clarke who in turn has spoken to the stone mason.
 - e) Sycamore tree quote to trim - £560.00 + VAT. Correspondence to householder on hold.
 - f) Dog bins – new sites to be discussed.
 - g) Meeting with Helen Howard – date to be agreed. Suggested date – 15th February – PC would prefer later date to enable N. Banister to attend.
 - h) VAS signs - replacement for Butchers Lane sign. Grant aid to be sought. Police Commissioner has a community fund.

Public Footpaths – J. Woollett & J. Russell

- Some residents are concerned that a number of stiles are too high for dogs to negotiate.

Bus Route 87 – Ann Atkin – no news

PARISHIONERS POINTS

- The community café is open 4 times a week at the Parish hall. Attendance is constantly increasing. It is a 'warm space' for residents and is helping with loneliness. The PC will continue to support it.
- Concern expressed about the problems with the chemists in Towcester.
- Query when the relief road will be completed – It is believed to be completed by the end of 2023.

PARISH HALL / PLAYING FIELDS – Suzanne Raper

- Car park has been tidied.
- Hall electrical system to be updated.
- Drainage system to be improved.
- Replacement for 'Pippa's Mobile shop' – suggestions:
 - a) A farmer's market.
 - b) Italian pizzas are coming monthly.

CORRESPONDENCE:**Received from:**

1. 2 parish residents requesting burial plots – requests dealt with.
2. Ann Atkin – Request for Around Pattishall to become a monthly edition as there are many Pattishall residents who do not have or cannot access online information such as face book. Can the cost be mitigated by using a cheaper paper – less glossy.

Sent to:

1. C. Bullied, Church Warden – request for more land in Churchyard to extend the New Burial Ground.
2. R. Wincott, WNC – Change of post code for new build on Banbury Lane. Reply received – please confirm if loss of post is specifically deliveries from Royal Mail or from other companies.

PLANNING:

Application	Location	Proposal	Comments

DHL Report – D. Keeble

- PC responses have been sent to WNC.
- Greens Norton has highways concerns.
- Errors found in modelling data.
- Can support landscape & visual aspect.
- DHL has not followed the Supplementary Planning Document
- Query where all the excess water is going to.
- It is suggested that WNC employ an independent acoustic consultant.

FINANCE: Bank Balances:	a) Community a/c	£75,935.78
	b) Business Premium a/c	£16,238.45

Audit Report

- A new NCALC internal auditor has been appointed – Kirsty Buttle
- Preparing for the end of year accounts.

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

Chq. No.	Payee	Information	Amount	VAT	Total
2135	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	83.80		83.80
2136	Marcus Young Landscapes	Annual inv. Emptying bins	1331.20	266.24	1597.44
2137	Pattishall Parish Hall Assc.	Hire of small hall x 2	40.00		40.00
2138	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	335.93	55.82	391.75

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

- Gayton & Tiffield bus service to start in Pattishall on the 1st April 2023.
- Social Housing – query the number of properties owned by Bedford Pilgrims & Grand Union. Clerk to make enquiries.
- Playground equipment folder & rota information – Clerk to source.
- Annual Litter Pick – hall will be open from 9.30 am.
- J. Hawtin will ask the cubs & scouts to attend.

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, 9th MARCH 2022, 7.30 pm

Signed:

Date: