

# PATTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 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 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.

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.

The Chairman welcomed the Scout group to the meeting.

**ATTENDING:** Scout Leader & 6 scouts, 5 parishioners

**APOLOGIES – Reasons for absence to be declared.** J. Hawtin (Personal), S. Raper (meeting)

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

**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**

- WNC budget for 2023/2024 has been agreed by full council members.
- Cost of green bin pa is ow £55.00.
- The Boundary Commission has published its draft report on changes to West Northants Council's Wards and number of Councillors from the 2025 elections. The public are invited to comment on the draft proposals.

## MATTERS FOR REPORT – New & Arising from the Minutes:

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

**Lighting – F. Mytton**

- Audit of all lights undertaken – report sent to all members.
- Cost of upgrading – projected spend @ £53,000.00.
- New lanterns – 15 completed remainder should be completed within 2 weeks.
- Quote for 10 more updates agreed by members.
- Incorrect numbering noted – PL38 should read PL88.
- PL74 is obscured by foliage. An extended bracket discussed. Problems:
  - a) Lamp is on a pole that the National Grid have a lot of high powered cabling attached.
  - b) E. ON is unsure if they can attach an extended bracket to the pole.
  - c) Situation complex & ongoing.
- Concrete columns all replaced with steel columns.
- Footpath lighting – priorities: should be well used, paved paths, no alternative route for pedestrians.

- Change of photocells – apart from 3 main junctions, light will be turned off from midnight to 5.00 am thus making a saving.
- Barrier for Valley End light – work completed; barrier removed by E. ON to their Moulton Park Depot. Highways will collect.

#### Fault Report – The Clerk

- PL50, Church Street, opposite Stonescote has been reported.

#### Highways – D. Hodges

- Banbury Lane/Butchers Lane post code & street signs alterations being pursued.
- Pothole Watch – work undertaken on Church Street. Deep holes in Scurf Lane, Clerk to report.
- Site meeting with H. Howard, highways – report from N. Banister
  - a) Banbury Lane concerns discussed.
  - b) Temporary ‘slow down’ signs to be put up.
  - c) Festival Road concrete surface discussed. It is on the Highways waiting list to be repaired / re-surfaced.
  - d) New VAS signs discussed.
  - e) Overhanging trees on verges discussed

#### Grass Cutting – D. Keeble

#### Village Maintenance – A. Burley

- Church steps handrail – AB to check.
- Quote received from J. Bonifas.
  - a) Remove old brickwork.
  - b) Relay brickwork & coping
  - c) Secure handrail
  - d) Reinstate soil to brickwork.
  - e) Quote: labour @ £900.00 + materials @ £280.00 = £1180.00

#### School Liaison – report read by N. Banister.

- Monthly letter from Head Teacher received & sent to all members.
- The swim club Chairman is stepping down. More people needed to join the team so the children can continue to use the pool.
- School is short of funding for children with special needs.
- Road Safety Heroes scheme started.

#### Playgrounds & Equipment – J. Hawtin

- New equipment to be discussed in new financial year.
- Bench to be stained.

#### Defibrillator – S. Toll – no report

#### Parish Council Face Book – C. Sander

- All requested reports loaded.

#### Hedges, Trees & Churchyard – N. Banister

- Has spoken to contractor regarding tree & hedge trimming – to include the sycamore tree.
- Dog waste bins – consideration to be given to installing larger bins in certain locations. NB to check sites.

#### Notice Boards & Grant Funding – I. Illingworth

- All PC notices put onto the notice boards.
- School Road board is wobbly – A. Burley to check.
- Will be looking into grant aid for the new VAS signs.

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

- Have walked some paths but will walk more when the weather is better.
- Ivy has been cut back.
- To note, it should be remembered that the stiles are for people not for the convenience of dogs.

**Around Pattishall – B. Evans**

- Note of thanks to Andy Stewart for his work on producing the newsletter which is enjoyed by everyone.

**PARISHIONERS POINTS**

- Concern at Speed of traffic on School Road by the playing field particularly when sporting events are taking place such as football.
- Speed signs to be considered.

**PARISH HALL / PLAYING FIELDS**

- ‘Warm Hub’ – thanks go to Suzanne Raper & the WI for organising the Parish warm hub in the Parish Hall.
- The Parish Council is continuing its support.

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

1. J. Hawtin – contact details for Steve Barber at Kier regarding VAS signs.
2. J. Bonifas – quote for church steps handrail @ £900.00 + VAT.
3. B. Smith – Overgrown hedge outside 5 Leys Road making it difficult to use the footpath. Clerk has made a site visit.
4. Zurich – insurance information received.
5. Police – ASB inquiry & request for PC to install alleyway gate. PC reply sent – alleyway most likely to be Highways responsibility.
6. Suzanne Raper – report & request from the Community Café.

**Sent to:**

1. H. Howard, Highways – request for speed signs. Reply received – none in stock at present, will send out when arrive.
2. J. Bonifas – request for posting address.
3. H. Howard – Valley End barriers are at the E. ON depot. Highways will collect.
4. Mr Anstead – request to prune back tree which overhangs public light. Work completed.

**PLANNING:**

<b>Application</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Comments</b>
WNS/2021/1819/EIA	Land North of Bell Plantation, Towcester	Hybrid application. New roundabout access from the A5 & internal spine road for Towcester Town Football Club	Concerns
WNS/2022/1595/FUL	Harefield Farm	Change of use of land to equestrian manage	WNC approval
WNS/2022/2347/FUL	6 Hill House Court	Attic conversion & flue	WNC approval
Full Planning	Land west of High Street, Astcote	2 storey detached dwelling. Design & build	WNC approval
Certificate of lawfulness (existing)	Harefield Farm	C of L to establish siting of detached dwelling	WNC approval

**DHL Application**

- New documents coming through raising a number of questions & queries.
- The Tove roundabout capacity and peak times traffic
- Some of the modelling is not consistent.
- Noise impact statement – WNC should appoint their own assessor.

- The Towcester relief road – still not completed. Andrea Leadsom MP has spoken to Persimmon.

**FINANCE: Bank Balances:**

a) Community a/c	£75,460.23
b) Business Premium a/c	£16258.60

**Monies Received** Burial account fees £265.00

### Audit Report

- New NCALC internal auditor – Kirsty Buttle
- All 2022/2023 internal audit work to be undertaken ‘on line’. KB will not be visiting the office.

**NB:** Invoice sent to WNC for the mowing grant of £959.22. – funding received.  
Accounts close at the end of March for auditing.

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

Chq. No.	Payee	Information	Amount	VAT	Total
2139	HMRC	Clerk’s PAYE	83.80		83.80
2140	Npower 6 small amounts	Lighting supply	6.32		6.32
2141	R. Illingworth	Website fees	45.00	9.00	54.00
2142	Anglian Water (Nat.) Ltd	Allotment water supply	33.35		33.35
2143	Pattishall Parish Hall	Warm Room support x 4	80.00		80.00
2144	E. ON	Remove lanterns 51 & 93	378.00	75.60	453.60
2145	E. ON	Missing invoice PL95	260.00	52.00	312.00
2146	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	326.00	51.29	377.29
2147	B. Osborne	Payroll Services x 3 months	67.50		67.50
2148	J. Bonifas	Bench footings Booth Close	380.00		380.00
2149	E. ON	PL21 & PL24 replace part night cells	63.50	12.70	76.20

### COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

- NB
  - Booth Close seat – need tape to put round it whilst work is being carried out – tape for PC use in bin store in the playing fields.
  - Will be meeting with Les Finn the stone mason to alter the lettering on the German War Memorial.
  - Phone call received regarding the knocking down of the Red Lion on Watling Street.
- DK – Hedge in the Old Burial Ground will be attended to.
- BE – Gayton & Tiffield minibus not ready to start picking up Pattishall residents yet.

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at: 9.50 pm

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023, 7.30 pm**

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....