

PATTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 12th October 2023, 7.00 pm in
Pattishall Parish Hall

PRESENT: Cllr B. Evans, Chairman Cllr D. Hodges, Vice-Chairman
Cllr F. Mytton Cllr M. Mitton
Cllr J. Russell Cllr N. Banister Cllr I. Illingworth

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 warm welcome was extended to the group of Pattishall Scouts and their Scout Leaders

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

ATTENDING: Pattishall Scouts, L. Dark (Allotment Association), 7 members of the public

APOLOGIES – Reasons for absence to be declared. D. Keeble (work)

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 with the following 2 amendments:
P.247 – DHL application – correction, Towcester Town Council did not object, they raised a concern.
P. 247 – Public Footpaths, J. Atkins name to be added.

PARISHIONERS POINTS - None raised.

REPORT FROM WEST NORTHANTS COUNCIL

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

- WNC is preparing for the 2024/2025 budget setting.
- Poor air quality in West Northants discussed at full Council meeting.
- Climate Change discussed by members.
- Solar panels on industrial building discussed by members.
- Political balance & committee places discussed. To note: committees must be politically balanced.

MATTERS FOR REPORT – New & Arising from the Minutes:

Allotments Association – Liaison – B. Evans

- Report on the Allotment AGM meeting held at 6.30 pm, 12/10/23.
 - a) L. Dark has taken over the treasurers post due to the resignation of the post holder.
 - b) LD will continue to collect allotment rents & send to the PC Clerk to bank.
 - c) Committee is now very small, only 3 members. Support & help is urgently needed.
 - d) Shrubbery & trees need trimming. Clerk informed the meeting that the allotment association had a healthy bank budget & could employ a contractor to undertake the work.
 - e) Clerk would forward names & contact details of contractors to LD.
 - f) Query regarding dogs in the allotment site – Dogs should be kept on a lead & not allowed to run loose over and around growing plants & vegetables. I notice should be put onto the
 - g) allotment notice board.

- h) The PC Chairman asked for members of the allotment association to join the existing committee. Several members agreed.

Parish Council Vacancy

- The Chairman announced there was a vacancy for a coopted member of the Council. Anyone interested should contact the Clerk.
- One interested parishioner gave the Clerk his email address & will attend the November PC meeting to observe.

Lighting – F. Mytton

- Will be contacting E.ON.
- PL74, High Street – National Grid needs to remove the shrouding.

Highways - D. Hodges

- Potholes in Church Street & a manhole has sunk.
- Banbury Lane concerns due to the road ‘falling away’.
- Work along Banbury Lane from the School Road crossroads to Pool Close moved to 25th October.

Highways Improvements – N. Banister

- Fosters Booth Road parking problems – request made for double yellow lines.
- VAS signs – S. Barber needs to make another site visit.
- Village gateways.
- Application for a 40mph speed limit on Banbury Lane from Pound Lane to the 30mph limit has been agreed by the speed panel with a condition of a site visit..
- Highways has a limited budget for traffic calming. Match funding at 50% required.
- VAS signs:
 - a) Battery operated or electric use, or solar.
 - b) Does the PC want to take over the old NCC devices in Butchers Lane & school signage?
 - c) S50 licence needed.
- Eastcote waste bin – ordered from WNC.
- 30mph temporary road signs – some damaged will be repaired. Some residents like them some believe they are a waste of money as they don’t appear to slow the traffic down.
- Footpath behind Simons Walk & tidy overgrowth – quote @ £575 + VAT.
- Rear boundary of park – remove vegetation, cut back buddleia, crown lift trees @ £220 + VAT.
- Double yellow lines applied for, for Fosters Booth Road junction.

Grass Cutting – D. Keeble

- Church grounds not completed yet.
- Mowing now approaching the end of the season.
- Suggestion of wildflower verges – these would need a lot of care & work.
- Churchyard wildflower area now needs re-doing.

Village Maintenance

- Notice board for Eastcote – J. Russell to obtain quotes.
- 6 public benches have been repaired / updated.

School Liaison – I. Illingworth

- Swimming pool – new committee to be formed.
- Trees – some have been damaged by the fire & some have been felled on safety grounds.
- Waiting to hear the results of the OFSTED report.

Playground Equipment – I. Illingworth

- Have been in touch with KOMPAN & Wicksteed.
- Roundabout needs removing & storing to be repaired. Mr Hawtin has offered space in one of his barns & will help remove it. A parishioner has offered to help with the repairs. Remains of the roundabout will need fencing off on safety grounds.
- The zip wire sear has been raised & the wire tightened.

- Bearings on one set of the swings undertaken.
- Booth Close swings dealt with.
- Rocker grip wheel – handle on top needs replacing @ £400.00. J. Russell to deal with this.
- Booth Close tree & hedge work needed. D. Hodges to obtain name of landowner.
- Bird spikes for the top of the swings. J Russell to speak to J. Hawtin.

Hedges, Trees & Churchyard – N. Banister

- Churchyard tree branches to be trimmed – NB to obtain quotes.

Grants – I. Illingworth

- Have contacted Northampton County Grants for play equipment grant aid.

Public Footpaths – J. Woollett & J. Russell, Bob Illingworth, J. Atkin.

Bus Route 87 & Minibus – N. Banister

- 5 Pattishall residents are using the service.

Around Pattishall – B. Evans

Questions from the Scouts:

There was a range of questions fielded by the Scout group including:

- What interaction is there between Parish Councils** – The Chairman explained that joint planning applications and highways matters were often discussed between neighbouring Councils. The Clerk stated that she often spoke to surrounding Parish Clerks, particularly if there was a change in financial regulations & when new NCALC updates occurred.
- Where does the Parish Council get its money from** – It was explained that every year in November & December the PC has to produce a budget for the following year on items needed to keep the Parish running smoothly. PC members then decide how much money, the precept, they need to ask WNC for. In the 2023/24 financial year the Council asked for £60,500.00. This is to be spent on items such as lighting, grass mowing, village maintenance, signage & playground maintenance & equipment.

PARISH HALL / PLAYING FIELDS

- Bonfire night is on 4th November. There will be food & drink.
- There will be a senior's Christmas lunch.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received from:

1. Request for grave space received – burial ground plan & fees notice sent to resident. To note there are only 8 plots available. Peterborough Diocese & PCC have still not responded to the PC request for additional space in the Churchyard. Concern due to burial law stating everyone within the Parish has a right to be buried in the Parish burial ground.
2. Kier – notice received they will replace the broken Festival Road sign.
3. Pam Billyeald-Doughty – road junction concerns.
4. Air Ambulance Service – request for funding. Not considered.

Sent to:

- Greens Norton RBL – request 10 large poppies & 1 poppy wreath. Clerk to order, collect & deliver to I Illingworth.
- WNC Steve Dadswell – request for map showing Home Close grass verges.
- A. Burley – Thanks for work & time given to PC.
- H. Howard – request for a site meeting on 21/9/2023. – agreed.

PLANNING:

Application	Location	Proposal	Comments
2023/7150/FUL	Holly Tree House, Astcote	Single storey rear extension	PC Comments: No objections
2023/6849/RM	Fairfield, Butchers Lane	Variation to conditions 2 & 4, reserve matters application S/20201898/OUT	PC comments: <input type="checkbox"/> WNC contacted re. lack of explanation for alterations. <input type="checkbox"/>
Approval has been given to the following Applications:			
2023/6396/FUL	15 High Street, Astcote	Alterations to porch, front roof raised, & alterations to rear roof	WNC approval
2023/6797/LDP	23 Simons Walk	Lawful development certificate. Conversion of attic.	WNC approval

DHL – No report

FINANCE: Bank Balances: a) Community a/c £69334.79
b) Business Premium a/c £16,336.16

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

Chq. No.	Payee	Information	Amount	VAT	Total
2219	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	92.20		92.20
2220	SGL Print & Design Ltd	Printing Around Pattishall	539.00		539.00
2221	J. Russell	Play area repairs items	62.85		62.85
2222	PKF Littlejohn	External audit fees	315.00	63.00	378.00
2223	Npower	Lighting supply, 3 invoices	996.44	49.82	1046.26
2224	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	369..34	Exp. 74.14	443.48
2225	E. ON	Renumbering lamps x 112	560.00	112.00	672.00
2226	Greens Norton RBL	10 large poppies + wreath	150.00		150.00
2227	S. Fitchett	G of R garden work	33.00		33.00
2228	N. Bannister	Flowers	30.00		30.00
2229	Pattishall Produce Show	Grant	150.00		150.00

Finance Issues

- Please note that individual members cannot order works to be undertaken without the consent of the Council. Members cannot authorise payments without the consent of Council.

COUNCILLOR & CLERK REPORTS:**Remembrance Sunday, 12th November 2023**

- 10 large poppies for display on the lamp posts are ordered.
- The poppy wreath for the Church ceremony has been ordered.

- Request for R. Hawtin to cut back the hedge on left side of Birds Hill Road.
 - Pool Close flooding – drains are clear but noted there’re springs in this area.
 - Query regarding Harefield Farm. There appears to be a lot of activity.
 - To cut back the tree behind Simons Walk @ £575.00 & £220.00 for further tree work. Agreed. N. Banister to arrange.
 - School electronic signs – WNC want to know if the PC are willing to take over the responsibility for the signs. The Chairman to make further enquiries.
 - Playground signs – J. Russell to make enquiries.
 - Site visit to Leys Road by H. Howard & Cllr P. Larratt who agreed the concrete surface was in a poor state & would speak to N. Henstock of WNC highways regarding resurfacing.
 - Bund in Booth Close – trees to be trimmed by I. Illingworth.
 - Townsend family would like to put a gate across the footpath by their home. D. Hodges to speak to Mrs Townsend.
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- Have Your Say** – On Friday 22nd March 2024 the Parish Council will be in the Parish Hall from 3.00 pm to 7.00 pm for residents to learn about the proposed 5 year plan for the Parish. Members look forward to seeing you there.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, 9th NOVEMBER 2023, 7.00 pm

Signed: **Date:**