

PATTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 11th April 2024, immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting in Pattishall Parish Hall

PRESENT:

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

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 **Parishioners Points** for village residents to raise matters with the Council. The 'invitation' to attend the meeting can be found on the facebook page & PC website.

ATTENDING: 6 parishioners

APOLOGIES – Reasons for absence to be declared. None received.

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 one point of clarification from J. Russell.

- Clarification of his portfolio.

MATTERS FOR REPORT – New & Arising from the Minutes:

Community Day – De-brief.

- Thanks go to everyone (over 200 attendees) who attended and completed the improvements questionnaire.
- Pleased to see many organisations supporting the event.
- Grateful thanks to the Pattishall WI who baked cakes & served tea.
- PC to consider another similar event in the future.
- WI pleased to have recruited two new members due to the day.
- Keep fit has recruited another member.
- Improvements requested & noted:
 - a) Road safety measures through the Parish.
 - b) Improvements to road surfaces & footpaths.
 - c) Further play equipment.
 - d) Kissing gates for public footpaths.
 - e) Establish some wildflower areas.
- Concerns raised:
 - a) Safety measures on the A5 especially at the Cold Higham crossroads.
 - b) DHL development close to Towcester which will have an affect on Parish roads.

D Day Commemorations.

- A display of poppies to be arrange in front of the Parish Hall.

Allotments Association – Liaison – B. Evans

- New agreement has been signed by both Mr Hawtin & the Clerk.
- Wet weather is hampering work.

Lighting – F. Mytton

- Quotation for 10 part night cells received @ £350.00 + VAT. All agreed to accept the quote as this was part of the lighting update work.
- Reserve fund @ £6383.00 + VAT agreed by members for further invoices for the new lighting.
- Birds Hill Road light – difficulties with quotation due to the foliage. E. ON have now found a larger / longer bracket @ £205.00 + VAT. Agreed.

Highways safety, improvements & maintenance – N. Bannister

- Patching surfacing now complete except the Dalscote to Tiffield turn road.
- Received complaints regarding state of footpaths in Eastcote due to the building works.
- Church Street collapsed drain has been fixed.
- Work on Festival & Leys Roads now on hold.
- Snagging works on School Road being undertaken.
- Greenway corner is still flooding in heavy rainfall. Farmer will attend to ditches after lambing.
- Parking in Astcote High Street poor. Note sent out on PC face book & the community page.

Grass Cutting, Churchyard, Hedges & Trees – D. Hodges

- First cut & strimming undertaken.
- Mowing out of cinque due to the weather – next cut will be next week & thereafter once a fortnight.
- Booth Close tree work undertaken.
- Garden of Remembrance – new contractor needed to keep the area tidy. [Clerk to make enquiries.](#)
- 5 Leys Road – hedge needs cutting back as it hangs over the footpath. [Clerk to contact Grand Union,](#)

Village maintenance

- New locks have been put on the noticeboard doors.
- Eastcote crossroads new litter bin not installed – [Clerk to contact WNC again.](#)

Playing Fields Maintenance – J. Russell

- Playgrounds inspection made.
- Booth Close area gate needs widening – this would help with the grass mowing.
- Bird spikes have been installed.

School Liaison – I. Illingworth

- School is on its Easter break.

Playground Equipment – I. Illingworth, J Russell

- Proposals for the 5 year plan.
- Basket swing & grass matting for Booth Close.
- Slide & wet pour to be monitored.
- Booth Close play area will be organised in time for the summer school holidays.

Defibrillator – I. Illingworth

- Cornhill Squash Club request for help to fund a defibrillator on site. They have a £200.00 shortfall. It was agreed the PC would donate £200,00 towards the defibrillator. Pads to be purchased by the club.
- [Clerk to order new pads for the school defibrillator from First Responders.](#)

Parish Council Face Book – N. Banister**Grants & Notice Boards** – I. Illingworth

- £500 grant awarded towards the community hub hall hire.

Community & Engagement - S. Raper & I. Illingworth**Public Footpaths** – J. Woollett & J. Russell, Bob Illingworth

- Waiting for better weather.

Minibus – N. Banister

- Grant for 2024/25 to be checked.

Around Pattishall – B. Evans

- Articles for the next edition are coming in.
- The Chairman’s report for the APM will be included.
- Biodiversity item to be included.

PARISHIONERS POINTS - None**PARISH HALL / PLAYING FIELDS – S. Raper**

- A motorhome club have asked to use the Parish Hall car part for the second weekend in December.
- The Clerk has checked with WNC if either planning permission or a licence was needed. Due to the event only being held over the weekend, neither planning nor a licence is needed.
- Neither the Parish Council nor the Parish Hall has any objections to the weekend event.

CORRESPONDENCE:**Received from:**

1. John White Funeral Directors – query regarding a new burial – Clerk has responded.
2. Nigel Emson – enquiry regarding using the Parish hall car park & facilities over a weekend at Christmas for a 20 to 30 motorhomes.

Sent to:

1. S. Fitchett – query if he will continue to keep the G of R tidy this season. Reply received – unable to help. Clerk to contact another handyperson.
2. WNC Planning – query why 2 planning applications have not been put onto the planning portals when they were sent to WNC on the 26th March 2024.
3. Mrs Frost – Street light enquiry
4. Delivery Manager WNC / Kier – queries regarding the Urban Mowing grant system.

PLANNING: D. Keeble

Application	Location	Proposal	Comments
2024/1062/FUL	Valley Fields	Change of use for 5 glamping units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC objects • Request for alterations to the blue & red lines. • Further queries sent to WNC planning & Mr Joyce.
2024/1214/FUL	10 Leys Road	Construct a 2 bed dwelling	PC no objections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application smaller than previous application. • More suitable for size of plot • Design, & materials in keeping with character & appearance of the area.
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2024/1600/ADV	Millfield Business Park	Advertisement consent 3x 8-10m flag poles with flags & a 7.5m pole sign for main franchise	PC to query if signs are to be illuminated.
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2024/0395/PIP	Land rear of 14 Birds Hill Road	Permission in Principle to demolish existing buildings & erect 1-2 new dwellings	<p>PC objects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Majority of land & site of proposals is outside the village confines. Land is part of a larger area of 'open countryside' which separates the villages of Eastcote & Pattishall. The residents want to keep green spaces between Pattishall, Eastcote & Astcote. Concern that the plot is served by a small private unmade road / driveway which it is understood is only approved to serve 5 properties and is already used by more than this number. As such it is not appropriate to add 2 more houses.
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- Local Plan Settlement Confines**

- a) PC response sent to WNC. Acknowledgement received.

FINANCE: A. Addison (Clerk & RFO), B. Evans

Bank Balances:	a) Community a/c	£88,409.13 (19/3/24)
	b) Business Premium a/c	£16,454.36 (28/3/24)
Monies Received:	Interest	£61.31
CIL Receipts:	2021 – 2024 x 5 payments	£39,558.45

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

Chq. No.	Payee	Information	Amount	VAT	Total
2292	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	96.67		96.67
2293	Pattishall Parish Hall Assc.	Hire of halls x 2	192.00		192.00
2294	R. A. Hawtin	1 st ½ allotment rent	200.00		200.00
2295	E. ON	Lighting Maintenance	254.50	50.90	305.40
2296	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	386.66	60.78	447.44
2297	NCALC	Annual Fees	961.36	68.40	1029.76
2298	Npower Comm. Gas Ltd	Lighting supply Jan-March	888.78	44.44	933.22
2299	Complete Ground Man. Ltd	Mowing & Spraying	853.75	170.75	1024.50
2300	Npower Comm. Gas Ltd	Supply	36.89	1.84	38.73
2301	E. ON x 2 invoices	PL50, PL62 improvements	951.00	190.20	1141.20

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.
- CIL – advisory note received from WNC – CIL reconciliation is underway. PCs will be receiving remittances at the end of April 2024.
- Draft accounts sent to all members.
- Clerk has contacted Olamide Busari, Barclays Bank liaison officer requesting change of bank mandate & updated bank statement.

REPORTS from COUNCILLORS & THE CLERK:

- I. Illingworth – Need to obtain a green waste bin for the Church / cemetery. II to contact WNC.
- M. Mitton – Thanks to all PC members who are undertaking so much for the benefit of the Parish.
- J. Russell – Noted the grass verge was being cut in Home Close. Spoke to the contractor.
- D. Keeble – Ask probation for work to be undertaken on Birds Hill footpath & the school path.

REPORT FROM WEST NORTHANTS COUNCIL

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

Cllr Addison presented her report at the Annual Parish Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.07 pm

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

Please remember this will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Nominations for Chairman & Vice Chairman to be sent to the Clerk no later than 2nd May 2024

Signed:

Date: