

PATTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 11th July 2024, in Pattishall Parish Hall

PRESENT: Cllr B. Evans, Chairman Cllr D. Hodges, Vice-Chairman
Cllr D. Keeble Cllr F. Mytton Cllr M. Mitton
Cllr N. 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 **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: 28 members of the public, 6 scouts & Leaders, Greg Payne from National Highways, Steve Jarrett, Tiffield, Gayton & Pattishall Minibus

APOLOGIES – Reasons for absence to be declared.

J. Russell (personal), I. Illingworth (personal), S. Raper (Illness)

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Interest & nature of interest to be declared. None

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS – Greg Payne

- Mr Payne was introduced by P. Cllr Nigel Banister.
- National Highways deals with strategic roads & motorways, analysing data about road accidents, working closely with the police particularly where fatalities are concerned.
- Is aware of deep concerns about the A5 running through part of the Parish.
- Can confirm there are no large schemes booked for the A5 at present.
- Work is ongoing with the police regarding lowering the speed limit from 50 mph to 40 mph on the A5 but cannot give a timeline.
- Concern raised regarding the 2 years wait to change the speed limit, answers were needed.
- Both the support of the police & views from the public are needed to make any changes.
- It was suggested by Parishioners that the following items could help reduce the speed along this straight section of the A5:
 - a) 'Warning stripes' that warn vehicles they are approaching a 50 mph limit.
 - b) Flashing 50 mph warning signs.
 - c) Consider reducing the two lanes approaching Fosters Booth southbound to one, as has been done south of Towcester in the past.
- NH to note that the signage on the A5 close to the Pattishall / Cold Higham crossroads was too high making it difficult for vehicles to see what or if any traffic is travelling from Towcester or Weedon.
- The PC is given to understand that there is a need for 5 fatalities or accidents with sustained injuries before major works can take place.
- It was suggested the PC should get in touch with the police & request the speed awareness van visits the area.

The Chairman thanked Mr Payne for his attendance.

TIFFIELD, GAYTON & PATTISHALL MINIBUS – Steve Jowers

- Concern was raised regarding how long the 87 bus service would remain & therefore it was important to have access to the volunteer minibuss service.
- The community minibuss founded in 1987 and is subsidised by WNC. The previous grant aid totalled £4,200.00 pa but now has been reduced to £3,200.00.
- To note, the insurance costs are now £4,400.00 pa.
- The bus is now a charity & run by volunteers.
- It can be hired out for special functions.
- Iris will look at outside grant funding.
- WNC have refused to grant aid the bus for the next financial year.
- Donations from each of the Parish Councils will now be needed to keep the bus running.
- Pattishall PC has agreed to add grant aid funding to its next budget.
- Pleased to note that Pattishall's uptake is now 50%.

The Chairman thanked Mr Jowers for attending.

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

MATTERS FOR REPORT – New & Arising from the Minutes:

Allotment Association – Liaison – B. Evans – Nothing to report this month.

Lighting – F. Mytton

- PL8 – 12 watt LED lantern on trial. 2 further lamps to be considered
- PL107 & PL61 – Church & Simons Walk quotes to be obtained.
- P91 Greenway – overhanging growth is obscuring the light. N. Banister to speak to the landowner, Mr Wilks, asking him to cut the growth back.
- PL81, Birds Hill Road – tree opposite the light has branches hanging across the road. S. Bird, the landowner is happy for the PC to cut back the overgrowth at the PCs expense. Clerk to ask R. Branson, WNC tree Warden what the legal position is.

Highways safety, improvements & maintenance – N. Bannister

- Yellow lines work delayed due to the elections.
- Kier is due to micro surface Festival Road & Leys Road in September 2024.
- Church Street – waiting for Anglian Water to fix the drain.
- Drainage to be looked at by the Zebra crossing on Butchers Lane.

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

- Church wall – J. Woollett to inspect.
- Mowing held up in the Churchyard due to a new combination gate lock being fitted.
- Playing field re-mown, now neat & tidy for the weekend's festivities.
- Report from I. Illingworth regarding concerns raised about trees in Fosters Booth Road covering electricity cables & trees in Simons Walk blocking light. Trees inspected by D. Hodges & I. Illingworth - suggestion Weston Power to be contacted for Fosters Booth Rd. & tree surgeon for Simons Walk trees.
- Overgrown hedge in Festival Rd. Resident to be contacted once address is confirmed

Village & Playing Fields Maintenance – J. Russell

- ROSPA report received
- Zip wire report carried out by Ava Reconstruction.
- Booth Close access – no solution at present due to sale of No. 12.
- Curley Climber risk of entrapment. PC to write to the manufacturer.
- Corrosion & rusting of small slide. PC to treat
- Repainting of High Bars in red

- Repaint parallel bars. If in blue as requested by a young user will cost £30. If painted in yellow, no cost – Blue paint approved.
- Fix loose clamp on parallel bars
- Tighten bolts on 4 seater rocker.
- Snail rocker embedded by contractor
- Zip Wire – separate report. Cost with Kompan @ £1242.40 + VAT – Agreed.
- Booth Lane - new swings installed.

School Liaison – I. Illingworth

- The School took part in Radio Northampton interviews about Pattishall. Mrs McClean took part.

Playground Equipment – I. Illingworth, J. Russell

Defibrillator – I. Illingworth

- Pad order not fulfilled – Clerk has written again. – acknowledgement received.

Parish Council Face Book – N. Banister

- 1280 people have connected with the PC face book page.

Grants & Notice Boards – I. Illingworth – Nothing new to report.

Community & Engagement - S. Raper

- It was agreed that the PC should link up with Cold Higham PC. Chairman to make contact.

Public Footpaths – J. Russell & team

- J. Woollett & J. Russell have continued to clear around stiles.
- Kissing gate for Hodge Close has been ordered from Pells who will liaise with Mike Stretton regarding installation.
- Several requests received from Parishioners to install a kissing gate by the Old Boot in Eastcote. M. Mitton will not agree to this request

Minibus Contact – N. Banister – nothing further to report.

Around Pattishall – B. Evans – Nothing to report this month.

PARISHIONERS POINTS

- Has noticed in Stoke Bruerne, cardboard cut outs of policemen on the footpath which appear to slow the traffic down.
- The Clerk reported the cutout school children outside the village school in Duston.

PARISH HALL / PLAYING FIELDS – S. Raper – No report this month.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received from:

1. Mike Day – JACS Village Gateways
2. P. Stratton – Poppys for lamp posts – would PC like them. Agreed.
3. IONOS – Website domain to be renewed.
4. R. Smith – concerns regarding the grass mowing – Clerk has responded.
5. J. Carrington – Squash Club thanks for donation towards the new defibrillator.
6. Ben Home – request for a bike park area. To note, this is a matter in the first instance for the playing fields.
7. N. Bannister – Online Mapping.

PLANNING: D. Keeble

Application	Location	Proposal	Comments
2024/1600/ADV	The Old Mill Race	Erection of signs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x fascia signs- South • 4 x fascia signs-East • 3 x flags • 1 x totem 	Split decision
2024/1869/FUL	Festal Grange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New rear access drive. • External swimming pool • 2 storey rear & side extensions 	Access drive withdrawn
2024/2174/FUL	Cortona House, Butchers Lane	Rear garden room	No objections.
2024/ FUL	Primrose Cottage, Astcote	Demolish & rebuild	No objections.

DHL

- The proposals have not been determined as yet.
- It is understood that they will go to the WNC planning committee in September.

FINANCE: Bank Balances: a) Community a/c £ N/A
b) Business Premium a/c £ N/A

Monies Received: From closure of Barclays a/c £143,095.27
National Grid £2.82

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

On Line No.	Payee	Information	Amount	VAT	Total
OL 7/1	Pattishall Parish Hall	2 x small hall bookings	40.00		40.00
OL 7/2	Npower Comm. Gas	Lighting	560.35	28.02	588.37
OL 7/3	E. ON	Lighting maintenance	254.50	50.90	305.40
OL 7/4	AVA Recreation Ltd	Capital Works Play Area	4082.30	816.46	4898.76
OL 7/5	Complete Grounds Maint.	Mowing	170.00	34.00	204.00
OL 7/6	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	386.66	162.08	648.74
OL 7/7	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	96.67		96.67

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.
- **Insurance** – to agree to renew the PC insurance cover. D. Keeble to make enquiries regarding other insurance brokers before renewing with Gallaghers.

Banking Arrangements:

- Barclays Bank has closed the PC bank accounts.
- Clerk has now received a Barclays cheque for the total amount that was in the current & savings accounts.
- PC to make decision whether to open an account with either the Unity Trust Bank which has no actual branches and is an online banking system only. OR to open accounts with Lloyds Bank which will also provide online banking as well as normal banking facilities.
- Clerk has spoken to three other PC Clerks asking who they bank with: Kislingbury - Barclays, Greens Norton – Unity Trust, Milton Malsor – Nat West.
- After discussion, it was agreed to open an account with Unity Trust Bank.
- The four lead members to be A. Addison (the Clerk & RFO), Cllrs D. Keeble, D. Hodges & B. Evans.

REPORTS from COUNCILLORS & THE CLERK:

- Bob Illingworth has offered to attend a PC meeting to discuss the website & any new additions.
- It has been noted that there is a lot of sweet paper litter outside the school. To note, there is a litterbin by the school.
- Concerns that it is difficult to get hold of Les Finn the stone mason – the lettering on the WW1 memorial stone still needs amending.

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Clerk's Contract update.
- PC Policies
- D. Keeble to report on NCALC insurance cover information.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55 pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER 2024, 7.00 pm

Please remember there is NO meeting in August

Signed:

Date: