

PATTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 9th January 2025
7.00 pm, in the Parish Hall

PRESENT: Cllr B. Evans, Chairman BE Cllr D. Hodges, Vice-Chairman DH
Cllr D. Keeble DK Cllr F. Mytton FM
Cllr J. Russell JR Cllr N. Banister NB
Cllr I. Illingworth II Cllr S. Raper SR

In the Chair, Mr Barry Evans, Chairman, who welcomed everyone to the meeting, and reminded everyone that Parish Council meetings 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: 8 residents

1. APOLOGIES – Reasons for absence to be declared.

Cllr Mark Mitton (Illness)

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

John Russell - Save Towcester Now.

David Keeble - Save Towcester Now

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

4, PARISHIONERS' POINTS

		Action
1	Concern from residents of Simon's walk about street lighting being off from midnight to 5:30 am (GMT). Recent criminal activity has led the residents to feel insecure and to consider that the unlit road is a risk to their property.'	FM Contact police for advice. Investigate re- programming lights.
2	Concern about traffic hold up on A5	Resident informed of road works on A43 affecting other roads. A5 road works causing delays.
3	Resident wished to reserve a burial plot	DH TBA

5. MATTERS FOR REPORT

Chairman's Announcement

Mrs Ann Addison, Parish Clerk, has tendered her resignation to Pattishall Parish Council and her resignation was formally accepted by the council. The Chairman expressed his gratitude on behalf of the parish council for Mrs Addison's long service over 25 years and wished her well in her retirement.

		ACTION
Allotments	Nothing to report	
Lighting	<p>PL91 in Greenway. Letter to be sent to P Wilks, landowner, for foliage obscuring light to be cut.</p> <p>Street light on all night near Simons Walk. Timing to be checked.</p> <p>Credit from N power to be ascertained</p>	<p>FM to write</p> <p>FM to check</p> <p>FM to check</p>
Highways	<p>Highways - A5 Awaiting for National Highways to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Replace the 50 mph signs northbound * Re line the hatching lines following the white line re painting * Outcome of speed reporting during and after the school holidays * Whether they will add the yellow lines at the top of Fosters Booth Road <p>Parish highway issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Potholes on Banbury lane between 40 mph and Pound Lane now repaired (Thursday 10th) * No news on the requested extension of 30 mph limit in Eastcote * 40 mph roundels on the Banbury Lane have been requested * In principle, WNC Highways say a speed calming chicane could be installed on Butchers lane between Pool Close and the play area * Leys Road and Festival Road due to be micro surfaced by the end of Q1 <p>Outstanding issue from Kier:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Re surface of Dalscote to Tiffeld turn * Completion of patching on Church Street due to sunken Anglian Water drain cover * Hole filling and re surface of the footpath on Butchers Lane outside the play area <p>SID's update: Awaiting delivery from E M Pell of two new poles for Banbury Lane and Birds Hill All new SIDs delivered and stored Payment for these approved (9/1/25) 5 new VAS posts @ £617.52 + VAT TWM SIDs @ £32,024.04 incl. of VAT – amount already agreed & listed for payment..</p> <p>Licence and grant for SIDS ongoing</p>	<p>NB report</p> <p>NB</p>
Village Maintenance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waste bin at Eastcote crossroads. Bin delivered. Installed 11 12 24. Advise WNC re bin liners Replacement waste bin at Church St, 2. Flooding re AW long term solution to flooding at Butchers Lane.. 3. Church Wall – JR has contacted a Structural Engineer who has given a fee of £450 + VAT for a full structural inspection of the wall and possible solutions. 	<p>JR to contact WNC WNC awaiting delivery</p> <p>JR to write to WNC LLFA Agreed</p> <p>JR to contact David Smith Associates</p>

	<p>4. Markers received for grave positions and will install them when the weather improves.</p> <p>5. Salt supply for bins. Blacksmith Close bin needs salt and sign</p>	<p>JR/II TBA</p> <p>JR to order</p>
Grass cutting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 mowing completed.. • Garden of Remembrance – maintenance has been monitored but nothing needed to be undertaken at present. G. Mooney will check the area again in February. 	DH report
Trees	<p>Follow up to National Grid re electricity cable and tree concern at top of Fosters Booth Rd</p> <p>Sian Warner - Tel: 01604 875533 Email: swarner@nationalgrid.co.uk</p>	DH to contact
Churchyard/ Burial grounds	<p>Search at Northampton Record office for plans of Old Burial Ground to be undertaken.</p> <p>Tim Barret of John White Funerals has been contacted re survey of Old Burial Ground for unmarked graves. Awaiting reply</p> <p>Concern by a relative about extra soil deposited on a grave in New Burial Ground. A second grave also had soil deposited on it.</p>	<p>II to visit Record Office 23/1/25 II</p> <p>II to contact relative with findings.</p>
Playgrounds	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Awaiting dry weather for completing the painting jobs on Pattishall Play Area and new painted steps for the small slide to be installed. 2. Weekly play area inspections and monthly reports have been carried out and are up to date. No issues on play areas.. Still looking for suitable wording for disclaimer notices. <p>Costs for new 1500mm bench to Butchers Lane Play area Broxap -Brown £505 + £30 fixing kit + £189 delivery. Or green for £545 Total £724 or £764 Greenbarnes – Brown £466 + £33.60 fixing kit + £25 delivery. Or Green £509 Total £524.60 or £567.60 TDP – Brown Only £457 + Fixing Kit £27.80 Free delivery Total £484.80 Fixing for all say £250 All figures exclude VAT</p> <p>Note to be put on the Facebook page re possible donors for bench</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Consider replacing the grass matting to the Zip Wire and small section in front of the small slide due to erosion of surface. definite hole. The grass matting around the Carousel Supernova is disappearing into the muddy surround. 	<p>JR TBA</p> <p>SR to action</p>

Community Engagement	<p>Around Pattishall Article to be prepared for March issue Deadline 10th February.</p> <p>Facebook/notice boards 268 followers. December had 878 posts with engagement of 279 Noticeboard by school is wobbly.</p> <p>Parish Hall and Playing Field Repair to hall wall where water was causing leak has been completed' Motorhome booking was successful and rebooked for Christmas 2025 Potential Defibrillator training with Cold Higham.</p> <p>School Liaison The school is planning to have a time capsule buried at the school and to be opened in 2050. Letter sent to parents from police re parking at school.</p> <p>Defibrillator Checked</p>	MM NB/SR/II SR report SR/ TBA II report II report
Footpaths	<p>Stile behind Suttons Walk – Swing gate installed. Pells due for payment Gate not shutting</p> <p>No news from Fix My Street regarding the repair to the footbridge between Pattishall and Bugbrook adjacent the railway embankment</p> <p>John Woollett and I have continued to trim vegetation around stiles locally but limited at the moment.</p> <p>Eastcote Chapel footpath - rubble from building work</p>	JR report JR to contact Pells JR to visit

6. FIVE YEAR PLAN

DK	Action
In hand. Reports required of proposals for the following: Trees Burial plots Village gateways	DK DH II NB

7. VE 80

Meeting with Cold Higham Parish Council 15/1/25 All councillors asked for availability to volunteer for events on 9/10/11th May	BE/SR/II NB/JR/FM MM/DH/DK
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8. LITTER PICK

Date arranged 15th March 2025.	MM to organise event
Plan and checklist with contact details to be sent to MM	II

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Received from

WNC	Permission to install Air Quality Monitoring device on lamp post outside 11 Church St. WNC are measuring household burners. There is a survey on WNC website for residents to complete.	For February agenda
Kier	Wood chippings available for delivery in March	JR to contact

Sent to

WNC	Request for copy of electoral roll	To be confirmed
WNC	Confirmation of 2025 elections	BE

10. PLANNING: DK

2024/44/72/FULL Land adj, 28 High St, Astcote	Applicants considering appeal. Parish council asked to support appeal if applied for	Parish council agreed to support if required
DHL Save Towcester Now	Public enquiry 18/2/25, The Forum, Towcester Request for financial donation towards legal fees and planning consultant for appeal at above enquiry.	JR Parish Council agreed to donation of £1500

10. FINANCE: Bank Balances:

Bank Balances:	a) Current a/c	£ 1083.41
	b) Savings Account a/c	£ 114,172.14

Monies Received: Interest £ 759.56

- Due to the resignation on health grounds of the Clerk, it was agreed to appoint

Councillor David Keeble as Responsible Finance Officer ...

in the interim.

Online Ref	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT	Total
OL 1/1	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	96.67		96.67
OL 1/2	E. M. Pell Inv: PELL 5589	Supply & erect hand gate	659.36	131.87	791.23
OL 1/3	Patt. P. Hall Inv: PVH 929	2 x Dec small hall bookings	48.00		48.00
OL 1/4	Patt P. Hall Inv: PVH 933	4 x small hall bookings	96.00		96.00
OL 1/5	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	386.66	50.00	436.66
OL 1/6	J. Russell	Reimburse Grave markers	95.12	18.95	114.07
OL 1/7	TWM Traffic Contr.Syst. Ltd	SID systems a/c: PAT001	26,686.70	5337.34	32,024.04

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.
- To note, VAT reimbursement is applied for annually in April.
- To note: Unity Bank has charged £4.50 relating to their cash & cheque services. The account is automatically debited.
 - a) 14 x allotment cheques sent @ £4.20
 - b) 1 x Allotment cheque sent @ £0.30
- To further approve the following additional payments under Financial Regulations 6.5:
Authorised by: **David Keeble**

Online Ref.	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT	Total
OL 1/8	Complete Ground Maintenance	Mowing Invoice 9831	588.75	117.75	706.50
OL 1/9	Save Towcester Now	Donation S137	1500.00		1500.00

11. REPORTS from COUNCILLORS & THE CLERK:

- Quote received from E.M. Pell for complete set of new village signs '£4835.00 + VAT
- Village Gateway @ £817.62 + VAT – funding offer to be considered.
- Sharman's have offered funding for Village Gateway and sign.
- Suggestion for article in Around Pattishall and Facebook for sponsorship of signs.
- Parish mapping meeting - OS licence number needed.

12. REPORT FROM WEST NORTHANTS COUNCIL

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

- WNC will be discussing its approach to Devolution on the 9th January.2025. The Government's white paper sets out plans to create more unitary councils (UC), combined authorities (CA) & strategic mayoral authorities (SMA).
- WNC members will consider devolution plans & whether they should support proposals to progress a strategic mayoral authority with Bedford, Central Bedfordshire, Luton, Milton Keynes & North Northamptonshire. This is the first step to consider agreeing to look into joining with the other 5 Councils. The final decision will be made by the new WNC Council after the local elections in May 2025.
- There will be a period of public consultation.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Emergency Planning document
VE 80 update
Save Towcester Now report
Website and Parish Mapping update
Air quality measuring in Pattishall

Meeting ended at 9.06pm.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, 13th FEBRUARY 2025, 7.00 pm

