

MINUTES OF THE PATTINGHAM AND PATSHULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 26TH JULY 2021 AT PATTINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: R Lines (Chairman), D Billson (Vice-Chairman), L Billingham, A Freeman, N Land, T Mason, J Tomlinson, M Finch, N Hill, Mrs C Clarke and Jak Abrahams (County Councillor)

Members of the public present Mr D Bowden, Mr D Jewkes and Mrs P Price.

80/21. Apologies for Absence.

An apology of absence was received from Councillor Mrs A Davies.

81/21. Declarations of Councillors' Interest.

Councillor T Mason declared an interest in relation to the Land at Windsor Road as it is owned by the District Council.

82/21. Public Forum - Democratic fifteen minute period / public question time.

Standing orders were suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

Members of the public present addressed the Council:-

Mrs Pat Price expressed her concern re speeding on Clive Road and increase in heavy traffic also, she feels that the increase is very frightening, especially when they approach the crossroads. She has witnessed an accident previously involving a child. She requested the option of moving the speed indication sign onto Clive Road is considered.

The Chairman reported that the sign has remained sited at its current location because it acts as a traffic calming measure for vehicles entering the village along Wolverhampton Road. The practicalities of moving the device around are not simple and changes in legislation at Staffordshire County Council, require any new locations to be erected on a hinged pole. The District Council have acquired a number of SID's to be shared around the Locality. They have indicated that once their operatives are trained we may see a SID installed during August. It will not be a permanent fixture, but we are hopeful that a speed sign will be installed for a set period of time at a location along Clive Road.

Traffic calming measures have been discussed previously by the Council, speed reduction bumps may not be allowed on either Clive Road or Wolverhampton Road due to these roads being designated bus and coach routes.

With regard to the heavy goods vehicles, a sign is on Westbeech Road stating unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles has recently been replaced. The Co-Op deliveries, school coaches and the flower delivery lorry in her opinion cause issues on the Clive Road from the Fox Inn into the village. Signage sited at the junction with Bridgnorth Road stating 'unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles' may help. Cllr J Abrahams responded by stating that he can look into this as a possibility.

Mr David Jewkes introduced himself as the Admin for Pattingham Today Facebook group. He has a lot of posts re speeding on the site. He asked for the speed sign data, which has been passed to him via Cllr T Mason and he has reviewed this data. He has extracted data for the period of February to April 21 for over 36mph 4400 vehicles that exceeded the speed limit. The next set of data was for June – July there was 1106 exceeding the speed limit. Cllr T Mason responded by saying we need to look at Data in time frames, 3 speed violations per hour, however, with 66 per

day of these speed violations 50 are not within the hours of 8am and 6pm for the speed camera van can operate. 3 were on a Sunday. If these are proportionate to all violations this has an impact on the statistics. The second set of data 6 were in speed camera hours, the Parish Council have discussed the matter with the PCSO previously but with this data it does not warrant the police to take action. The only way that we can pressure for a Police presence is to set up a Community Speed Watch group. Previously, only two volunteers came forward: Mr and Mrs Mason. There were 8 people that previously complained at a Council meeting re speeding. They were invited to join Community Speedwatch and they were approached by Cllr T Mason directly but they did not want to come forward. A minimum of nine people need to join the scheme to make it viable. Burnhill Green have 13 volunteers and they are moving forward with their new Group. To help resolve the issues raised by prospective volunteers of operating in their own area, Cllr T Mason contacted Perton and Codsall speed watch Groups to join together and rotate the volunteers to operate the device in another Parish not their own. This still did not bring forward any volunteers, and still there were only 2 volunteers.

Councillor T Mason and Mr Jewkes will work on the future data, and bring the results to the Parish Council and to the Police.

With regard to the Speed Indication Device - the Chairman stated that it is not just about collecting data. It is a visual reminder to drivers to check and moderate their speed when entering the village. With regard to the orientation of the device, he felt it more important to slow traffic entering the village than leaving it, and that the location near the edge of the village was not ideal for turning it around 180 degrees.

Mr Jewkes also reported that traffic signs are obscured by overgrown vegetation and they need clearing. The matter was referred to County Councillor Jak Abrahams who was present at the meeting.

Standing orders were reinstated.

83/21. To receive for confirmation and adoption, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th June 2021.

The minutes of the above meetings were agreed as an accurate and true record of the meeting.

84/21. County / District Councillors to address the Council on any matters relevant to the Parish
County Council Jak Abrahams presented his written report as below:-

Road sinkage on Clive Road

Following my meeting with Mark Keeling earlier this month, I now Highways Officers attending the location on the on the 27th July to inspect the area and see what can do be done to resolve the issue. Councillor J Tomlinson will join the meeting.

It was requested that the old temporary loose chipping and no yellow line signs need to be removed.

Moor Lane

I have leafletted all relevant properties surrounding Moor Lane in regard to flooding and will await a response from both residents and the flooding team.

Speed of traffic

The Parish might be interested to hear that I have instructed Highways to perform a traffic count in Trescott in order to start the process of reducing the speed through the village. This has been an ongoing concern for the residents of Trescott, but this will also have a positive impact for neighbouring residents in Pattingham. The first phase is that a traffic count to record movements then the legal process would start after data has been analysed.

Staying on speeding, I have had several complaints from residents in regard to the Pattingham County Lane junction with the A464, as a result I've asked for road safety analysis to be carried out so the situation can be evaluated.

Orchard Close

I raised the issue of pavement repair in Orchard Close with Mark Keeling and stressed that I wanted to see action taken on this considerably lengthy issue. I've stated that I'm happy to fund the repairs if necessary, to make this a priority.

Public footpath- Nurton Hill Road

Concerns have been raised in regard to the state of footpath off Nurton Hill Road between Deer's leap and Upper Westbeech Farmhouse, I will update the PC as soon as the area has been inspected.

Boundary reforms

I have formally submitted my response to the ongoing boundary reform consultation, making my position abundantly clear that under no circumstances should Pattingham and Patshull be merged with Perton. I will continue to lobby to ensure the character of both villages are maintained through separation.

Great Moor Road

We have a dangerous stile on the public footpath at the bottom of Great Moor Road, if the PC does not have any objections I would like to fund this to be changed to a kissing gate. The Parish Council has no issue with this.

Signs

I am awaiting the information of the village gateway makers the PC would like for Burnhill Green. Please let me know the details.

Councillor T Mason reported on the following matters:-

The Chairman has submitted a draft response which has been circulated to all members for submission to the District Council re the proposed changes in the Boundary Review. The main argument is Perton is a semi urban area and Pattingham is Rural. Perton has 5 Councillors and it is only marginally larger than Pattingham, Patshull and Burnhill Green. Due to the rural nature of our Parish, Perton Councillors all agree that the status quo should remain with regard to Pattingham & Patshull. It was agreed that the Clerk submit the prepared response on behalf of the Council.

He received a briefing from Staffordshire County Council on Covid, the rates for our area have trebled in 4 weeks. However, the current case rate is 469 per 100,000 people in South Staffordshire, 100 are in the 11-18 age group, 120 in the 19-24 group, 100 are in the 25-34 group. There are 12 cases in Pattingham. The data seems to support those that have been vaccinated are not contracting Covid.

A vaccine booster is being looked at for September for those over 70, but younger people may be able to get the booster after.

For information, the reason the bin collections are late, if anyone tests positive for Covid a whole crew is lost, and another crew have to work over to cover and they are working Saturdays to catch up.

85/21. Update on Land off Windsor Road.

The Clerk has emailed and resent the forms (originally emailed and sent in the post), no response received. She has received nothing in response to emails sent. The Clerk to send in the request again and copy in Mrs Jackie Smith and David Heywood and progress this matter urgently.

86/21. Update on Parish Map

A first draft map of Pattingham has been received, but needs to have additional details added. Members were circulated with the draft map, and comments were made that it was not in a format expected and items of interest were missing. Cllr N Hill agreed to look at the map and make comments back to the supplier and request a further proof. Concern was expressed that a more aesthetically pleasing map was expected similar to the Millennium Walk Map, this to be raised with the supplier.

87/21. To receive an updated report from the PCSO on crime statistics in Pattingham

A report was circulated to all members prior to the meeting. This was noted. Cllr Jak Abrahams asked that we request a member from the Police attends the next Pattingham & Patshull parish council meeting, as they are always present at other parish council meetings. With crime falling in Perton, but rising in Pattingham, he could not understand their absence.

This was agreed.

88/21. To receive an update on the reopening grant for the High Street

The contract documents have been completed and returned to the Officer at the District Council. The Clerk to forward a copy of the emails to Cllr T Mason as soon as possible and the Clerk to continue progressing this matter.

89/21. To discuss speed information (Cllr J Tomlinson)

Cllr Tomlinson expressed his concern that he wants the speed sign turned around towards the village to record speeds of vehicles leaving the village. He proposed that the sign is turned around, Cllr M Finch seconded this proposal, on a vote this was lost with 6 against and 2 votes for.

Members agreed to ask Cllr Jak Abrahams to get a quote to have a speed count undertaken on Wolverhampton Road and Clive Road if possible. He agreed to get a quote and report back.

Members discussed the practicalities of moving the SID because it is much more work than anticipated when the sign was initially acquired. Cllr N Hill agreed to take on responsibility for changing the battery in the device and the Chairman will provide instruction when it next needs doing.

Members of Pattingham Ward were asked to look at starting Community Speed Watch, to get a minimum of 9 volunteers. Awareness needs to be raised of the impact of Community Speed Watch and the data.

Speed indication devices are awaited from SSDC as previously reported under public participation.

90/21. To discuss over hanging branches Westbeech Road obscuring unsuitable for heavy goods, school and give way warning signs (Cllr J Tomlinson)

It had been raised earlier that speed signs were obscured due to overgrown hedges. Cllr Jak Abrahams will look into this problem.

Cllr J Tomlinson reported that there is an issue of branches overhanging the road from the park trees. This will be discussed under the next agenda item.

91/21. To discuss additional Playing field maintenance

The Chairman reported that an issue had been reported in relation to the matting under some equipment on the play park. Quality top soil and grass seed is required to cover the areas that are exposed.

Some tree and hedge maintenance is required on the park and the matter of some low tree branches that may impede larger vehicles travelling along Westbeech Road.

Cllr M Finch expressed his concerns over the width of the adult swing seats because he had witnessed people slipping off them. He suggested that wider swing seats should be fitted. The park is for children, not adults, and the swing seats are junior swing seats that have been in place since the park was installed, and annually inspected. Cllr Finch was insistent that the swing seats presented a safety issue and it was agreed that the Clerk would get a quote for replacement swing seats and check the dimensions were suitable for the equipment and wider than the seats currently installed.

Cllr Finch also reported children / youths using bicycles on the skate park and riding their bikes from the skate park area onto the field vehicle entrance, effectively using it as a BMX style jump. It was unclear what Cllr Finch was suggesting the council do about it? But he wanted to bring it to councilors attention. This was noted.

The Chairman has written to the supplier/installer of the skate park to ask for advice on perimeter fencing.

Cllr Nick Hill suggested the Youth Shelter may need repainting. The Chairman suggested Cllr Hill approach some of the youths and ask what they would like to be done.

Cllr Mrs C Clarke left the meeting at 9.15pm

Cllr T Mason proposed a budget of £3000, to allow us to progress these items. This was seconded by Cllr L Billingham and on a vote this was agreed.

92/21. To discuss having Parish council email address for each Councillor as per NALCS guidance

NALC have sent a guidance note out, stating that Councillors should have an individual email address specifically for Parish Council business. The reason for this is due to GDPR, if a FOI request happens, then your personal email would be vulnerable and you would have to declare all of the emails relating to the topic. It was agreed that the Clerk set up an email address for each member.

93/21. Report from the Clerk.

Correspondence relating to memorial bench on the playing field – previously agreed by the Council

Correspondence re Queens Platinum Jubilee.

Climate change meeting to be held on the 8th September 2021 via Teams.

The Chairman has presented flowers to Mr and Mrs Taylor for their Diamond Wedding and they have phoned to thank the Council for them, saying how beautiful they were.

94/21. Accounts and Accounts for Payment.

Theses are attached as appendix 1 to these minutes. They were agreed and noted.

95/21. Items for future Meetings
None were reported, deadline for the next agenda is Friday 27th August 2021.

96/21. Date of Next Meeting –
6th September 2021

Financial Summary - Cashbook

Summary between 01/04/21 and 06/07/21 inclusive.

Balances at the start of the year

Ordinary Accounts

Santander £27,153.38

Short Term Investment Accounts

Redwood Bank £55,045.55

Santander Deposit account £1,615.97

Total £83,814.90

RECEIPTS	Net	Vat	Gross
Council	£26,967.40	£0.00	£26,967.40
Total Receipts	£26,967.40	£0.00	£26,967.40

PAYMENTS	Net	Vat	Gross
Council	£20,365.38	£728.76	£21,094.14
Total Payments	£20,365.38	£728.76	£21,094.14

Closing Balances

Ordinary Accounts

Santander £33,026.64

Short Term Investment Accounts

Redwood Bank £55,045.55

Santander Deposit account £1,615.97

Total £89,688.16

Signed

Chair

Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer

Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/21 and 06/07/21 inclusive.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/21

		2021/2022	Actual Net	Balance
INCOME				
Council				
100	Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
101	Precept	£47,750.00	£23,875.00	-£23,875.00
103	Football Income	£1,400.00	£0.00	-£1,400.00
104	Misc Items	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
110	Interest on Santander deposit acc	£60.00	£0.00	-£60.00
111	Redwood Bank Interest	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Council		£49,210.00	£23,875.00	-£25,335.00
Total Income		£49,210.00	£23,875.00	-£25,335.00
EXPENDITURE				
Council				
1	Administration	£500.00	£2,547.47	-£2,047.47
2	Audit Costs	£550.00	£275.00	£275.00
5	Best Kept Village Competition	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
6	Burnhill Green don't use	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
8	CCTV	£600.00	£130.80	£469.20
9	Chairmans Allowance	£250.00	£250.00	£0.00
10	Play Park Loan	£6,500.00	£0.00	£6,500.00
12	Christmas Lights	£5,000.00	£0.00	£5,000.00
14	Clerks Salary	£9,500.00	£0.00	£9,500.00
15	Defribulator	£0.00	£131.95	-£131.95
16	Elections	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
17	Footpath Maintenance	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
18	Gardening	£1,800.00	£150.00	£1,650.00
19	Insurance	£1,300.00	£1,253.36	£46.64
25	Playing Flds Maintenance	£10,000.00	£245.27	£9,754.73
26	Grounds Maintenance don't use	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
28	Grants / Other exp	£7,500.00	£3,665.00	£3,835.00
29	Subscriptions	£450.00	£0.00	£450.00
30	Training	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
34	STORAGE AT THE VILLAGE HALL	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00
36	FOOTBALL EXPENDITURE	£700.00	£0.00	£700.00
37	VILLAGE MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENTS/LITTER	£5,600.00	£425.31	£5,174.69
38	FOOTBALL EXPENDITURE don't use	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Expenditure		£52,950.00	£9,074.16	£43,875.84
Total Income		£49,210.00	£23,875.00	-£25,335.00
Total Expenditure		£52,950.00	£9,074.16	£43,875.84
Total Net Balance		-£3,740.00	£14,800.84	

Accounts for payment

Cheque	Total	Supplier	Details
723487	£661.62	Administration	June
723488	£183.40	Inland Revenue	June
723493	£798.00	Location Maps	map
723494	£104.28	Med - Uk	defib supplies
723499	£661.22	Administration	July
723500	£500.00	Scarecrow festival	Grant
ddbttune21	£53.04	British Telecom	Phone line
ddeejune	£20.64	EE Limited	Mobile phone
dduwjune	£26.38	Utility Warehouse	Changing rooms
Total	£2,821.09		