

MINUTES OF A PATTINGHAM AND PATSHULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23RD JANUARY 2017 AT PATTINGHAM VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, PATTINGHAM

Present: Councillors: R Lines (Chairman), D Billson (Vice Chairman), T Mason, S Hubble, M Finch, K James, J Dyas and W Hurford and Mrs A Davies

Public Forum

The Chairman presented the cheque for the winner of the Christmas Lights competition to Dr and Mrs Norton.

A member of the public reported that there had been 2 more incidents of the Arriva bus double parking on the zig zags by the school and this was of great concern to him. Cllrs T Mason / Mrs A Davies along with himself have spoken to the drivers of the vehicles parked in the time – restricted section of Westbeech Road outside St Chads School, some did move their vehicles others didn't.

The Clerk will request that the Parking Warden is asked to come to Patingham at some of the problem times and will copy the PCSO's in on this action.

He also raised concerns over the lack of gritting in the Parish, the road is sinking along Clive Road and a large pot hole on the corner also (the reference number for this to be passed to the County Councillor to progress repairs).

A concerned resident raised the following issues relating to the SAD Consultation:-

“Why for the second time in 4 years has SSDC completely ignored the view of local people in Patingham and pursued its own agenda?

SSDC suggest that consultation with the community has been met – despite selecting the least favoured site from the Site Allocation Document “A Community View” dated 14th November 2014.

I am concerned about the lack of transparency – and lack of explanation regarding the change of location from the SAD “Preferred Options” Consultation published in December 2015 – in which Moor Lane (site 255) is referenced.

SSDC have failed to show that the best sites in planning terms went forward to the second stage of assessment.

If Moor Lane was discounted in the Discounted Sites paper (2014) – why was it included in the December 2015 SAD ‘Preferred Options’ Consultation? And Hall End Hall Lane, completely omitted?

A number of professionally produced documents have emerged revealing a significant investment by a landowners of site 251 (Hall End Lane) to promote their land for development / safe guarded land. It would appear that the site owner / developer has influenced site selection at Patingham and is effectively “buying planning permission”.

Why are wealthy landowners allowed to influence planners – and the views of local people disregarded – when our views should be taken into consideration?

There are 11 stages to site selection – including statutory requirements. The stages of site selection and discounting sites for Pattingham is compromised and SSDC planners are trying to bury their mistakes, and the influence from landowners at 251, by hiding behind a “Greenbelt Review”.

SSDC have failed to show that the best sites in planning terms went forward to the second stage of assessment. They have failed to properly follow a consistent methodology in terms of public consultation for Site Assessment and Discounted Sites and the process is fundamentally Unsound – if not illegal.

Will Pattingham & Patshull Council please make representations to SSDC regarding the Unsound methodology of the SAD publication Plan?

Members thanked the public for their participation.

7/17. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs Mrs J Burton MBE, G Deane and Mrs S Hughes sent their apologies for the meeting due to a prior commitments.

8/17. **Declarations of Interest/ dispensations**

Councillors D Billson, T Mason and R Lines all declared an interest in the SAD Consultation.

Councillor D Billson took no part in the debate or discussion relating to this agenda item. Councillors T Mason and R Lines had taken legal advice from the Monitoring Officer at SSDC, and they could present the documentation to members, as long as they act objectively and in the public interest. Which they agreed to.

9/17 **Site Allocation Consultation (16/1/17 to 27/2/17)**

The SAD Consultation is summarised below and taken from the SSTAFFS website:-

“This is the SAD that, after all the consultation and evidence gathering, we think contains the right policies and right sites for South Staffordshire. The public consultation is different than previous consultations in that instead of general comments on the suitability of sites etc, responses need to be about the legal soundness of the document. In planning terms it has to be legally compliant and ‘sound’. Any comments made to the Publication SAD will be sent to the independent Inspector who will preside over the public Examination, which we hope will be later in 2017.”

The Chairman ran through events in date order of the consultation so far:-

- In July 2014 the District Council came to a church fete to gather the views on Sites for Pattingham.
- In November 2014 a Discounted Sites paper was published and the Moor Lane site was included this document.
- The SAD ‘Preferred Options’ consultation in December 2015 was to safe guard land at the Moor Lane site (255) with no reference to Hall End Lane (251).
- The January 2017 SAD Publication Plan consultation has removed the Moor Lane site and replaced with the Hall End Lane site.

The District Councillor provided the following comments from his meeting with the SSDC planning department:-

- The reasons given for the change of the site location is that development has already been allowed at the Hall End Lane location, and an extension of this would have the least impact on the Greenbelt. Another reason for the Hall End Lane site not being suitable in the first round of consultation as there is in the location a water tank owned by Severn Trent that they said should not be removed, this has now changed and they have agreed for its removal.
- The housing allocation for Pattingham is 0 at the present time, but the District Council have to in their Local Plan identify potential development sites for further housing if it is required in the future. If a Local Plan is not in place it opens up a Parish for development possibly anywhere, the control element is lost.
- Also in changes in Government Policy Local Authorities have to work together with potential sharing of dwellings across the borders if it is required.
- The land in Pattingham is for potential development in the next phase of development and possibly would not be called into play until at least 2028.
- Also he informed members that one of the reasons Moor Lane had been removed from the SAD safe-guarded land was because the site was too large for Pattingham's housing allocation. This logic is questioned on the basis of how do they know what the future allocation is going to be?

The Chairman reminded members that the question for the consultation is not about the site locations but the soundness of the process of the 11 stage consultation. Members are very concerned that there are flaws in this process and agreed that a response should be sent to the District Council. A draft response is to be prepared for an extra ordinary meeting to be held on the 20th February at Pattingham Village Hall. The Clerk and the Chairman to be prepare a draft response and circulate it to all members as soon as possible. Members of Council to look through add any comments they feel may be appropriate and raise any questions with District Councillor T Mason who will endeavor to get a response from the District Council and report back.

10/17. **Report from the District and County Councillors**

Councillor T Mason had put on the agenda the items he wished to discuss and share with members.

Councillor K James reported the following:-

Further to the flooding issues on the Pattingham to Perton Road approaching Jenny Walkers Lane. This has been drained around the culvert there and a drainage channel installed to prevent the build up of soil that had caused blockages to the flow of rainwater during periods of heavy rain coming off the adjacent fields onto the road surfaces. The work has been carried out by using my Highways Fund to finance the operation.

The County Council has indicated that their budget for the forthcoming year is reaching completion and I understand it will be published at the end of the month. To create a balanced budget as required by law. There will be changes to make savings in view of the reduction in the support grant finances received by local authorities. It has become clear that this will affect services provided by the County Council to achieve objectives set out in their reviews.

The Your Challenge Panel Meeting was held to look at features of the County Council and District Council grants to outside bodies and this included the work of the Citizens Advice Bureau and the work carried out by Village Agents. Recommendations were discussed and these will be passed to the Standards and Scrutiny Committee to assess the need for any changes or alterations to the financial support presently received by these agencies in future support.

In addition to the above West Beech Road is still waiting to be inspected.

Staffordshire County Council have invested in the purchase of a new machine to repair pot holes, but it can only be used in the summer months.

As raised in the public forum County Councillor K James will progress the outstanding road issues relating to potholes on Clive Road and the Summerhouse junction with the A464. The Clerk to forward the references numbers to Councillor K James as soon as possible.

Councillor K James left the meeting at this point.

11/17. **Minutes of the previous meetings held on the 12th December 16 and the 9th January 17**

The minutes of the above 2 meetings were approved as an accurate record of those meetings.

12/17. **Digital Services – Cllr T Mason**

Councillor T Mason reported that the final meeting of the Challenge Panel had taken place earlier in the day, the Committees recommendations will be going forward to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in March. Councillor T Mason is arranging for the Parish Council to work along with the District Council to trial linking a Parish website with theirs so news and information is passed directly to the Parish Council's website.

13/17. **Dog Fouling**

Members of the Parish were invited to attend the meeting to discuss the problems of dog fouling within the Parish. At the present time, the incidents are not being reported to the District Council and therefore as far as the District Council are aware there is no problem in the area. Members of the public are being encouraged to use the mystaffs app on their phones to report such incidents then the Enforcement Officer J Littleton can take action and visit the area to try to resolve the issue.

14/17. **Litter in the lanes and fly tipping**

Councillor J Dyas is going to organise a community clean-up day to clean the lanes in the village to be coordinated through the Facebook page.

15/17. **Good Life Champion – Cllr M Finch**

There was no update on this item. Councillor T Mason reported that Jan Wright had asked for a meeting with the Parish Connector, the Chairman and the District Councillor on the 7th February 2017.

16/17. Update on changing rooms energy supplier – Cllr J Dyas

Councillor J Dyas reported that he had given Scottish Power the updated meter readings and the Council is due a refund of circa £800. He will be taking the meter readings monthly and sending those to Scottish Power. The direct debit has been set at £20 per month for now.

The contract for the power is up in March and Councillor J Dyas will investigate the best supplier for the changing rooms. He will look into obtaining costs without a standing charge to bring the bills as low as possible. The Chairman asked if Councillor J Dyas could do a more regular check of the meter to work out the weekly usage.

17/17. Removal of Clothing and Book Banks

The recycling banks on the village hall car park are attracting fly tipping and the area is untidy for this reason. Also there is a sign pointing to the area stating “mini recycling centre” on the post on the village green. Members agreed that the Clerk should write to the District Council and request the removal of any containers and signs as soon as possible.

18/17. Speed bump for entrance to Dodds Field

Following numerous neighbour complaints, the Chairman asked that members consider requesting a speed table / sleeping police man to the entrance of Dodds field, to slow down the delivery vans that access the site. Members asked the Clerk to contact the Housing Association and the County Council to request that this is looked into asap.

19/17. Planning applications received

The following planning application has been received:-

16/01124/FUL The Dower House, West Beech Road, Pattingham – new access and works to estate wall.

17/00035/FUL 32 Clive Road, Pattingham – First floor front extension above the garage.

Members had no objection to these planning applications.

20/17. Precept request / grant from St Chads Church £3000 requested

The Church has requested a grant for 2016/17 of £3000. They were given a grant earlier in the financial year of £2075 which related to 2015/16 as it was claimed late. Members agreed to give a grant of £2000 for the 2016/17 claim as that is what has been budgeted for and the £75 towards the costs for the Church Clock.

21/17. Lease for Burnhill Green update

No further update has been received.

22/17. Accompanied Horses warning signs update

The costs for the signs are £250 per sign and £250 per post, therefore a total cost of £1000. Support is required from the County Councillor for the signs to be progressed along with exact locations of the signs.

Members agreed that signage is required for the local horse riders and those riders from the Mill Riding Centre. Therefore, in the first instance members agreed that the riding school should be asked if they would be willing to make a contribution to the cost of the signs on perhaps a 50/50 basis. The Clerk to contact the riding centre to ask for their support.

23/17. Police Matters

Copy of reported crimes received from Insp G Parsons for January:-

“In the last month we have had:

2nd & 3rd January 2017 – 2 incidents at the Co-Op which were theft of meats and crackers, Stills have been taken off the CCTV, enquiries are continuing to identify the suspects. (These incidents are in no way similar or related to the robberies at the Co-op’s in Kinver & Brewood)

3rd January 2017 - Theft from motor vehicle, entry was gained to vehicle and wires were cut to remove the orange lights on top of vehicle. Also padlock was cut to garage but no entry gained because of vehicle parked in front.

3rd January 2017 - Vehicle criminal damage, door handle on van was broken but no entry gained.

3rd January 2017 – Report theft of two screens at St Chad Church, one was stolen 4-5 days prior to this but was not reported to us at the time and was reported when the second screen was stolen believed to be on 2nd January 2017. Church was insecure when screens taken.

4th January 2017 - Theft other, the owner of a shed and garage never locked / secured the doors and at some point the offenders have opened the doors and had a look in but nothing taken.”

In addition to the above in November there were 11 crimes reported in Pattingham and 1 in Burnhill Green.

This was noted.

24/17. Replacing Bollards at Burnhill Green

It was agreed to engage the services of J Teague to replace the 2 missing bollards at a cost of £100 for the works.

25/17. To discuss improvements to Christmas Lights using £1000 County fund received

Members agreed to use the £1000 County Council money to purchase 2 new festoons of lights approximately 50m long and 200 x B22 white LED High Power festoon bulbs.

26/17. Proposal to amend standing orders re Precept

It was proposed by Cllr S Hubble and seconded by Cllr Mrs A Davies that standing order 56 item 1 is amended to “The Council shall approve written estimates for the coming financial year at its meeting before the end of the month of November.”

On a vote this was agreed.

27/17 To discuss having a Parish website Maintained / designed by the Clerk

The Clerk has prepared a website using Wix Editing software, the software is free, but to host the web pages per annum the cost is £93.13, and each domain name per annum is £9.30, these figures are net of VAT. This was agreed.

28/17 CPI Bid to discuss engaging J Teague to lay materials supplied by SCC

The funds have been received from the County Council for the CPI bid to improve footpaths within the Parish. The bid included the purchase of equipment and materials to improve some of the paths. The Councillors agreed that the Chairman should purchase the agreed equipment and 4 x Bulk Bags of MOT Type 2 Gravel for the first path by Dodds Field as the Council have received complaints regarding the state of the path in the past month.

29/17. Clerks Report

The following items were noted:-

- A) Enforcement cases logged for Patshull Hall Listed building issue.
- B) Telephone box at Burnhill Green to be removed by BT.
- C) SPCA Training course being held on Wednesday 8th February at Stafford for "How to respond to planning applications" cost £20 per delegate, time 7-9pm.
- D) Thank you letter from Pattingham Village Hall for supplying the Christmas Trees, and thanks were given for the extra lighting that was in place this year.
- E) SPCA Bulletin 22/12 and 15/12.
- F) Donation from Pattingham Scouts and Guides for £1750, the Clerk has written to thank the organisation.
- G) Correspondence sent to Arriva Bus Company re buses double parking.
- H) Thank you letter from Amy Watson for her leaving present.
- I) Parish summit notes from the meeting held on the 25th November 2016
- J) Gavin Williamson MP newsletter.
- K) Gritting policy update from Cllr K James.

30/17. Accounts for payment

Accounts for Pattingham Parish Council December to January 2016

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Inc VAT</u>
722750	LPGRS	£94.71
722751	Village Hall Hire	£132.05
722752	A Watson Wages	£12.99
722753	Amy Gift Vouchers	£20.00
722754	J Williams litter	£420.60
722755	A Watson Wages	£686.82
722756	LPGRS	£194.71
722757	A Watson Exp.	£45.98

722758	Numbers Plus (Defibulator)	£118.80
722759	St Chads School Book grant	£185.00
722760	SCC Pest Control	£460.00
722761	A Raymond Flowers	£13.40
722762	J Spaul Microsoft Office	£104.49
722763	Burnhill Green Committee	£50.00
722764	J Spaul Wages Dec	£484.55
722765	Blue Fin Allotment Insurance	£77.33
722766	Inland Revenue Dec Tax and NI for J Spaul	£121.00
722767	EE - mobile phone bill	£28.16
722768	David Austin Roses - J Burton MBE	£21.50
722769	Edge IT Systems - Accounts software	£408.00
722770	Dittons Services - Grounds Maintenance	£1,125.00
722771	Edge IT Systems - increase in band width for accounts as income exceeded £100k	£102.00
722772	J Spaul - Wages January	£558.57
722773	Inland Revenue - tax and NI January	£144.30
722774	Pattingham Village Hall - Flicks in the Sticks	£568.07
722775	Pattingham Village Hall - CCTV Running costs	£79.41
722776	A Horton - 2 months payments	£250.00
722777	Pattingham Village Hall Rent for room hire	£41.32

Total **£6,548.76**

Income

Pattingham Guides and Scout Group Donation for Play Equipment	£1,750.00
Staffordshire County Council	£1,000.00
VAT	£6,384.74
Pattingham Church Council	£150.00
Staffordshire County Council	£640.00
Interest from Santander Deposit Account	£5.30
	£9,930.04

The above accounts were noted.

Councillor W Hurford left the meeting at this point.

31/17. **Items for future agendas**

SAD Documents meeting of the 20th February 2017
 Playing Fields – including new kissing gate, the football pitch grass yellowing, refurbishing changing rooms
 Damson Tree project
 Replacing CCTV system
 Pattingham Village History and Civic Society

32/17. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting which is an extra ordinary meeting is to be held on **Monday 20th February** at Pattingham Village Hall, Pattingham. The next schedule meeting is on **Monday 6th March 2017** at Crown Rooms, Burnhill Green.

Future meetings

10 th April (APM)	Pattingham Village Hall
15 th May	Pattingham Village Hall
19 th June	Pattingham Village Hall
24 th July	Pattingham Village Hall
11 th September	Pattingham Village Hall
16 th October	Crown Rooms, Burnhill Green
TBC November	Precept - Pattingham Village Hall
4 th December	Pattingham Village Hall

Crime and Disorder Implications

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a duty on local authorities to consider the crime and disorder implications when exercising its functions with due regard to likely effect of the exercise of those functions and to do all that is reasonable to prevent crime and disorder in its area.

Where relevant any decisions made at the Parish Council meeting have taken this duty of care into consideration.

Code of Conduct Dispensations

The only way in which a Councillor can speak about an item that they have an interest in is if they have been granted a dispensation by their Council. A request for a Dispensation has to be made in writing to the Clerk and to be granted by decision of the Council, so it must form an item of business on the agenda.