

Meeting of Pattingham & Patshull Parish Council,
Small Hall, Pattingham Village Hall
Wednesday 27th January at 7.30pm

Minutes

Present

Cllr R Lines (Chairman)
Cllr A Davies
Cllr S Hubble
Cllr J Dyas
Cllr S Hughes
Cllr G Deane
Cllr M Finch
Cllr K James (arrived at 8.35pm)
Cllr D Billson
Cllr T Mason

Also present, Mrs A Watson (parish clerk) PCSO Terry and 2 members of the public.

Public Forum

A member of the public raised concerns regarding removing the bus shelter or moving it to the opposite side of the road because of possible congestion. PCSO Terry advised that the bus shelter is the village antisocial 'hotspot' and on the police problem solving system as an area issue for operation Athena. Moving the shelter to a well lit public space may assist in controlling this behaviour. Council was advised that there has been a light in the shelter but it was persistently vandalised.

It was brought to the Parish Council attention that there are significant areas of potholes along the High Street (Near the Crown public house) Clerk will query if highways will be returning to work in this area.

Meeting commenced at 7.45pm

158/15 **Apologies**

Apologies and reasons of absence were received and accepted from Cllr J Burton (family commitment) Cllr W Hurford (work commitment) Cllr James- to be in late attendance

159/15 **Declarations of interest and dispensations**

Cllr Hughes, Cllr Lines, Cllr Finch, Cllr Hubble, Cllr Dyas, Cllr Davies all declared an interest in agenda item 176/15 due to being a member of the various committee's requesting a grant.

Cllr Hubble declared an interest on agenda item 163/15

160/15 Signing of minutes
The minutes of the Parish Council held on 9th December 2015 and of the precept meeting held 13th January 2016 were signed as a correct and true copy.
Chairman referenced the minutes of 9th December 2015 – it has been confirmed that planning application 15/01009/FUL will result in a dwelling with a separate postal code.

161/15 Police matters
Crime in Pattingham/Burnhill Green from 10th December 2015 – Tuesday 26th Jan 2016

Burglary dwellings **2**

Copley Lane
Wolverhampton Road
All 9 offenders have been caught

Burglary of other buildings **3**

Burnhill Green – Shed forced entry forensics prints taken
Hollies Lane – garage , nothing taken on going enquiries
Wolverhampton Road- bikes taken and recovered returned to owners offenders caught

Theft of Motor Vehicles (TOMV) **0**

Theft from Motor Vehicles (TFMV) **0**

Robbery **0**

Violence against the person **1**

Wolverhampton Road – offenders caught

Drugs **0**

Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) **0**

Road traffic collisions **3**

x 2 Wolverhampton Road
Co-op

Criminal Damage **0**

Clerk has forwarded information on items believed to be omitted from the last report to PCSO Fryer

Cllr Mason- Disappointed that he has not received any response to the Smart Water scheme secured at a lower cost. **Resolved** Cllr Davies is to advertise the scheme on social media, councillors were encouraged to use the scheme.

Council advised that offenders do not like the Smart Water as it leaves a trace on their skin.

Cllr Dyas has intentions to utilise his football coaching skills to engage with the younger members of the community.

162/15 Clerks Report
Due to a computing error a report was not available

163/15 Site allocation document

Cllr Mason was invited to speak on this item. Initial publication of the document had an error regarding allocation for Pattingham. Clerk has confirmed that the site referred to is land off Moor Lane.

The current consultation ends in February. It has been a lengthy process with many elements for consideration. Cllr Mason advised that all aspects of the SAD are required to be covered to allow a guidance for housing needs. The current allocation for Pattingham has been met, however this may not prevent developers from submitting planning applications. Safe guarded land is needed for 2028-2038 to allow for anticipated growth of the Parish. It was confirmed that the houses for the current allocation have been found via 'windfall' developments – such as dwellings in West End Gardens. The Rural Exception Scheme is an entirely separate allocation that does not count towards the housing allocations in the existing Site Allocations Document.

Cllr James arrived 8.35pm

29 houses were identified as being the social housing need as per the survey conducted by SSHA. 19 of these houses have been developed and SSHA may apply to build the remainder at some point in the future.

Cllr Mason advised that SSHA presented to SSDC members and confirmed their intent to liaise with Parish Councils regarding the benefits of a RES. Communication from SSHA is expected. Cllr Mason confirmed that during the presentation it was made clear that the decision to develop a RES is very much a community decision lead by the Parish Council, in which the Parish Council have the ability to refuse the scheme.

C Riley (SSHA) advised Cllr Mason that the community reaction to the Hall End Lane planning application was greeted with shock at SSHA who thought that the scheme was welcomed.

Cllr Mason confirmed that to the best of his knowledge the original survey conducted is no longer valid, this was met with doubts and needs confirmation from SSHA. Cllr Mason to confirm.

Cllr Finch voiced his concerns that 'small steps' could be taken to impose a further development which are not recognised until they are in the later stage of development.

Cllrs from the previous Parish Council confirmed that they did not feel that there was an option for the Parish Council to refuse the RES.

164/15 Finances

The following income and expenditure was accepted as correct

08.12.15	722603	a watson dec office expenses	45.98
09.12.15	722604	acp architect fees	600.00
09.12.15	722605	ditton services third instalment	995.00
09.12.15	722606	a watson petrol reimbursement (courses)	49.50
11.12.15	722607	staples ink, paper, notebook	90.74
12.12.15	722608	lcr ,membership	17.00
12.12.15	722609	slcc membership	149.00
30.12.15	722610	a watson dec wage	835.11
30.12.15	722611	hmrc ni employee and employer	47.27
30.12.15	722613	a horton gardening	140.00
03.01.16	722614	shaw and sons minute book	149.69
03.01.16	722615	d shotton drainage work	24107.47

Income received: 8.01.16 £598.00 Tennis court project (Sport England)

End of month balance sheet and inc/exp sheet accepted

Clerk presented an invoice for Flix in the Stix expenditure to the Village Hall Committee, **resolved** to reimburse the Village Hall Committee with the costs of £741.00 to be paid from Community Participation.

165/15 **SPCA Course**

Resolved for Clerk and Cllr Finch to attend the 'Land acquisition' course ran by SPCA at a cost of £20 for the first delegate and £15 for the second delegate.

166/15 **Garden competitions and planters**

Current annual cost for maintenance of the planters is £400.00. a discussion took place regarding if these could be incorporated into the Best Kept Village Competition. **Resolved** for Clerk to request that a representative of Watkins and Jones meets with Cllr Hughes to discuss ideas for the planters.

There were varied views on the competitions run during the summer period to aid the BVK, **resolved** to continue with the competitions and encourage participation. Winners to be awarded a voucher in denominations 1st place £20, 2nd place £10, 3rd place £5 (Hanging basket competition and Best front garden competition on both wards, a joint Sunflower competition)

SSDC to assist presentation of the parish by ensuring that verges are tidy.

167/15 **Dittons Service Contract**

Cllr Lines and Clerk met with J Broadhouse of Ditton Services to discuss the three year ground maintenance contract as resolved previously. Amendments were agreed subject to Parish Council approval:

- Pitch cutting (option) is to be included within the first year, as well as years 2 and 3
- Maintenance (grass cutting) of the village green at Burnhill Green included
- Maintenance of the notice board area at Burnhill Green included
- Cutting back of trees (up to 3 metres) included (Burnhill Green oak requires attention)
- Payments will be £4500 annually – fixed for the 3 year period

- The additions represent value for money with a total contract for a three year committed period £13,500.00

Resolved to accept the changes made in the contract and commit to a three year period at a cost of £13,500.00

168/15 Dodds Field

Responses to the questions posed by the Parish Council have been received, **resolved** that these responses are sufficient

Cllr Lines has received a request to meet with C Riley from SSHA for an informal discussion, Cllrs were asked if they had any queries they wished to raise. **Resolved** to query what element of the section 106 allows homeowner to sell a property and move into a rented SSHA one.

Cllr Mason proposed to move standing orders to 10.30pm, Cllr Davies seconded

The revised Street Naming Report was considered, and **resolved** to be a more accurate account. It was noted that in previous developments (eg West End Gardens) the consultation procedure was recorded in parish council minutes, thereby recognising that there is precedence for such matters.

169/15 Allotments

The Pattingham Church Estate Trustees have responded to the request to consider the lease extension and advised that they would consider a 20 year lease with a rent review every five years. It was noted that clause 6.1 states that the Trustees are able to serve a three-month written notice period to the tenants should the land be required for building. After discussion it was **resolved** that the lease detail needs more consideration. **Resolved** Cllr Lines, as Chairman, is authorised to liaise with the Pattingham Church Estate Trustees and negotiate more favourable terms, and report back to the Parish Council at the next available opportunity. It was noted that there is no budget for legal expenses in the precept. **Resolved** costs are to be kept to a minimum to the Parish Council.

170/15 Police Accountability forum

Resolved Cllr Dyas and Cllr Finch are to attend the forum as representatives of the Parish Council, Cllr Mason is to attend as district member. All attending on 13th April 2016.

171/15 Celebration for the Queens birthday

Resolved not to light a bonfire beacon due to health and safety issues. Noted that St Chads First School are holding a celebration event.

172/15 Pension

Clerk advised rates as being: employer contribution 21% and employee contribution 5.5% on the Local Government Pension Scheme. Cllr Mason raised concerns that these amounts were incorrect following information received from SSDC on their Pension Scheme offer and noted that the NEST

scheme has a lower contribution rate. Clerk advised that it is a clause in the NALC contact signed by Clerk and Chairman of the Parish Council that the LGPS is offered. Previously resolved that Clerk will enter the scheme with effect from April 2016.

Resolved Cllr Mason to check information given by SSDC and discuss at the next meeting.

173/15 Bus Shelter

It has been confirmed that the Bus shelter is not on the local list or a listed building.

Concerns were raised with installing a shelter at the shops, that traffic congestion may occur on that side of the road. Siting of a new shelter would need consideration as the telephone box cannot be removed because one is required in the village for emergency calls, and moving it would be too expensive. **Resolved** to consider options further. Proposed by Cllr Lines, seconded by Cllr Billson: **resolved** to set up a working party to consider points raised and report back to the Parish Council at the next meeting. Cllr Lines, Cllr Finch, Cllr Billson and Cllr Hughes are to form this party.

Proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded Cllr Billson to move standing orders to 10.45pm

174/15 Dog Fouling

Recent concerns raised regarding dog fouling in the village were discussed. SSDC advised that dog bins had not been emptied over the Christmas period and were done following a request made by the Clerk. Cllr Mason has confirmed his attendance to training for spraying signs on the pavements. There is a group set up that are very proactive and wish to be of assistance, **resolved** to invite the group to the next meeting to ask their thoughts on what can be done.

175/15 Playing Fields

The Playing Fields Committee requested that the Parish Council consider applying for planning permission on a 6 column by 8 metre floodlight system. There is no additional charge for the planning application previously rejected. The Playing Fields Committee are aware there are no funds to purchase floodlights but recognise that if planning permission is approved, there is a 3 year time period to look for grant funding.

Clerk contacted four companies to quote for the compound concreting and path development for the tennis courts.

The Parish Council previously **resolved** to budget for the building of a storage hut, agenda item 93/15 revisited and the decision to build a storage area considered: **resolved** not to continue with this development. Instead it was **resolved** to concrete the storage area and construct an access path around the side of the tennis courts to provide ease of access and encourage dog walkers' to walk the perimeter rather than through the courts. This will be funded from the remaining grant allocation from Sport England (£4257) and the balance required (£1111.80) will be paid by the Playing field precept and/or Playing Fields Fabric Fund. Authority to use the grant for this purpose has been received from J Harrison at Sport England. **Resolved** to appoint J Teague to complete the works for a total cost of £5,368.80

176/15 Grants

Grant applications were received from the following organisations: Playing Fields Committee Village Hall Committee, Baby and Toddler Group, **resolved** to award the Playing Fields Committee £900 precept, Village Hall Committee £900 precept and Baby and Toddler Group £500 precept. A request was received for support from the Citizens Advice Bureau, **resolved** to make a donation of £300. Queries were raised regarding the statistics - these cannot be seen to be a true reflection

as there is not a CAB solely for the use of Parish Residents therefore difficult to ascertain the frequency of use, Clerk to request information.

177/15

Councillor Reports

- District report

The “Preferred Options SAD” has now been published. As this is already an agenda item, I do not propose to go further on this matter in this report, other than to remind everyone that consultations will close at 12 noon on Friday 12th February 2016.

I have also received complaints regarding dog mess around the village, but again this is subject to a separate agenda item.

I have previously advised that I have been able to negotiate a discounted rate for “Smartwater” property security marking. There has been no contact with me regarding how to obtain this. I find this disappointing considering a number of thefts in and around the village. I must congratulate the police on the arrest of nine suspects on 18th/19th January in relation to a number of offences.

There have been a number of planning applications for consideration, most of which have resulted in no valid objections. However I have supported County Highways concerns regarding access in relation to application 15/01069/ful in respect of Grange Farm, Hollies Lane.

- County Report

Due to the Christmas and New Year Break. There has been a limited amount of information to report since the last Parish meeting on the 9th December 2015,

It was stated at the last County meeting on the 10th December that the County Council will need to adjust their finances to attain a £160 million pound saving over a period up to 2020. This will mean a limited rise in Council Tax to meet the Target set by the reduction in the Government Support Grant. Other measures that are being looked at are the savings that can be made to adjusting services and projects presently carried out by the County Council.

The Local Liaison Meeting arranged for the 12th January was postponed until 26th January. An appointment has been made with the Highways Manager for the 22nd February to review issues outstanding and any other matters that need to be dealt with.

Awaiting feedback on the Westbeech Road consultation.

Additional potholes are hazardous at Pattingham High Street , Cllr James to action.

Queries raised at County level about the effectiveness of the NHT work. **Resolved** to write to M Keeling advising that the Parish Council did not receive a good standard of service in summer 2015. No update on Burnhill green straight.

178/15

Items for future consideration

Potholes were reported on County Lane – Clerk to contact Cllr James for an update
Cllr Mason advised he is able to provide a District Member grant and suggested it is spent on the notice board renovation, Clerk to agenda for the next meeting.

A quotation has been received for the Christmas lights 2016, Clerk to agenda for the next meeting

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Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th March 2016 7.30pm at Crown Rooms, Burnhill Green

Meeting closed 11.15pm

Signed.....date.....

