

MINUTES OF A PATTINGHAM AND PATSHULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 21st JANUARY 2019 AT PATTINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: Councillors R Lines (Chairman), D Billson (Vice Chairman),
T Mason, J Tomlinson, J Dyas, M Finch and Mrs A Davies

Also present Miss J Cree – Clerk

Members of the public present: PCSO Sian Fryer, Special Constable Jorga Whittingham, Mr Ian McCauley and Mr David Francis.

The Chairman reported that Councillor Stuart Hubble had sadly passed away on the 23rd December following being diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease in the middle of last year, his funeral took place on Thursday 17th January. Members paid tribute to him for the work he had undertaken on behalf of the Parish Council, the Playing Fields Committee and the Pattingham Community.

Stu was elected to the parish council in May 2015 and alongside his councillor responsibilities, put his practical skills to good use. He helped lay gravel to firm up some of our Public Right of Ways, installed new signs on the playing fields, helped paint the perimeter fence, and notably bought our football changing rooms back into use with fabric repairs and the sourcing of a replacement Steibel Eltron shower unit. He was the epitome of a good Pattingham councillor.

A minutes silence was held in his memory.

1/19. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors G Deane and W Hurford due to work commitments.

Councillors Mrs S Hughes and K James were not in attendance and did not send their apologies.

2/19. Public Forum – maximum of fifteen minute period for public question time, residents are invited to give their views and questions to the Parish Councillors (To include Christmas Light Competition presentations).

For note: The public participation is for the public to address the Parish Council on matters that they wish to. The Parish Council cannot comment or resolve action on any points raised at this time. If the item requires information being sent from the Council, the Clerk will do this following the meeting. If it is a matter for further discussion it may be added to a future agenda. All meetings are recorded and any member of the public not wishing to be recorded should advise the Chairman.

Members of the Council agreed to raise Standing orders to enable members of the public to speak.

A presentation was made to Mr Turner the winner of the 2018 Christmas Light Competition. He received a cheque for £50 which he will be donating to the Charity Shelter for homeless people.

Councillor Mrs A Davies reported that it was a group of local children that choose the winner of the competition each year.

Mr Ian McCauley thanked the Council for the installation of the SID, but expressed concerns that it may not be the best location, and its effectiveness may be better on a busier part of the road. He noted that it is not always the “younger” drivers that regularly speed through the village.

He also raised with the Police that were present ASB behaviour he had noted when walking late in the village. PCSO agreed to make a routine patrol at the time of concern in the village.

Mr David Francis, came to express his concerns that the position of the speed camera may not be in the best location as cars naturally slow down at the point of where it has been located as there is always a car parked there. He was concerned if we only had the area on a trial basis that it would not produce the results required to prove the speeding issues in the Parish.

The Chairman reported that the SID had been placed there as there was an available post so it allowed the sign to be installed as soon as possible. A new post has been purchased and will be installed in a suitable location.

Councillor J Dyas informed Mr Francis that the sign has been purchased by the Parish Council as a result of him applying for a grant, so it is not going to be returned after a trial period. The data sourced from the various locations will be logged and forwarded to the relevant authority to prove there is an issue of speeding throughout the Parish, but highlight the worst times of day etc...

PCSO Sian Fryer and Jorga Whittingham addressed the Council and the following points were noted:-

- Report on crime stats from 4th December to the 21st January.
- The Community Speed watch group have been out and about in Perton and they are finding this a useful way to slow down traffic, they asked if anyone from Pattingham had come forward to join Community Speedwatch, and to date there have not been any, although Councillor T Mason had placed an article in the Parish Magazine, and also put out information on the Facebook and webpages.
- Special Constable Jorga Whittingham reported that she will request that a special operation is performed in Pattingham to use the Laser Speed Device as this will benefit Pattingham residents and also help train further the new Special Constables.
- Since the 2 transit vans had been seized in Pattingham, there seems to be less of a problem with illegal scrap collectors.

Councillor M Finch asked if an incident had been reported to the Police on the 5th January, relating to someone trying vehicle doors in the Parish. Nothing had been reported to the Police, but if anyone is concerned they should call 101 or if in progress 999.

Standing orders were reinstated.

3/19. Declarations of Councillors' Interest.

Councillor J Tomlinson declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the School Crossing patrol agenda item.

4/19. To receive for confirmation and adoption, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd December 2018.

The minutes of the meetings detailed above were agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

5/19. County / District Councillors to address the Council on any matters relevant to the Parish

DISTRICT REPORT FOR JANUARY 2019 MEETING

The South Staffordshire Connect dial-a-ride bus service is back. On Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am to 3pm, it will be available in Codsall, Bilbrook, Tettenhall, Perton and Pattingham extending to Morrisons supermarket at Pendeford and parts of Tettenhall and Albrighton.

It is available to any resident of any age living in these areas who doesn't live near a regular bus route, finds it difficult to use regular bus services, wants to make a journey not covered by a regular bus route or has disability or motability issues. At a flat rate of £3 for a single journey or £5 return it is available for local journeys within the zone and you can be picked up from your home and dropped at your destination.

The drivers are trained to give assistance and the buses also cater for wheelchairs. Call 01902 910263 between 8am and 5pm up to 7 days in advance or up to 2 hours before travel. Full details at www.sstaffs.gov.uk/connect. This is to complement our normal bus services and is funded for a minimum of 2 years, BUT it needs to be used to justify further support.

Planning permission has been granted for the go ahead of an extension to the I54 business park with the potential to generate up to 1700 jobs in the region. However, the council recognises that some people face additional barriers making it difficult for them to find work. Through the Building Better Opportunities programme, we can assist in accessing online or face-to-face training, work experience, volunteering and confidence and team building skills using dedicated advocates to provide support and assistance. More information can be obtained by ringing 01902 696228.

Don't forget the Council's Good Life Energy team can help any residents or businesses with a no obligation review of their energy supplies to see if they can help talk you through the best available deals. Call Freephone 03333 058671 or email info@cebltd.com There has been no apparent resident interest in setting up a Community Speedwatch operation in the village.

Members thanked Councillor T Mason for his report.

6/19. Outstanding matters from the County Council

It was noted that any works to Orchard Close footpath surfacing would be taking part in the next financial year.

7/19. Update on Speed Indication Device – Cllr J Dyas

Councillor J Dyas reported that the sign had been delivered and installed on an existing post, the sign will be moved shortly once another post has been installed, the locations it needs to be used at are Westbeech Road, Wolverhampton Road and Clive Road. The post needs to be installed on

a grassed area and permission has to be given from County if it is in their ownership. It was **Resolved** that Cllr J Dyas will take a photograph of the proposed location, share it with members, if they agree the location the Clerk write to Mark Keeling and ask for permission to locate the post on the Wolverhampton Road.

8/19. To discuss providing a defibrillator for Burnhill Green.

As neither of the Councillors from Burnhill Green could make the meeting, this item was deferred. The Chairman asked if the Vice Chairman could approach the Landlord of the Dartmouth Arms to seek his approval for locating a defib on the wall of the public house or on a post near the building, and be connected to an electrical source for the internal frost heater in the defib cabinet.

9/19. Community Speedwatch update – Cllr T Mason

As previously reported in public participation, nobody had come forward to form a Pattingham Community Speedwatch Group, even though it had been proposed that if a group could be formed then they would form a Locality 4 group with Perton and Bilbrook and share the duties between the Parishes so members of the Community Speedwatch would not ever use the laser device in their own Parish.

10/19. Memorial Bench for the playing fields

Members discussed locating a bench or planting a tree on the Playing Fields in memory of Councillor S Hubble, it was agreed that a budget be set of £750, and the Chairman will consult Mrs Hubble on the matter.

11/19. Christmas light application for new power supply Burnhill Green to the lamppost and further discussion on extending lights in Pattingham

The Clerk has been trying to get a quotation from Western Power to install a new un-metered power supply point on the village green at Burnhill Green. She is still awaiting costings for this work. This would enable a second display of Christmas Lights to be lit on the green.

In addition it was agreed that a quote be sought for connection onto the lamppost by the Pattingham village hall, to allow lights to be placed along the hedge line towards the bus shelter.

12/19. To discuss and agree allowing a Duke of Edinburgh student to undertake work experience with the Parish Council

It was agreed that Alfie Dyas, completes his 12 weeks D of E litter picking on the park.

It was agreed that the Clerk contact the 2 teams that use the field and remind them to not throw the sock tape onto the field / pitch after the games. This is part of the contract issued to both Teams.

It was noted that there are quite a few leaves in the Tennis Courts, Councillor J Dyas will arrange to collect the leaf blower and clear them over the next couple of weeks.

13/19. To discuss entering and expressing an interest in the BKV Competition for 2019

Members agreed to register an expression of interest in relation to the 2019 BKV competition.

It was noted that for the posters this year for the wording is changed from Hanging Baskets to hanging baskets / tubs and troughs. This was agreed.

14/19. Planning applications / Appeals

18/01000/FUL North Barn, Land East of Westbeech Road, Pattingham, - Conversion of North Barn for residential use.

18/01026/FUL Westbeech Manor, Nurton Rd Pattingham, - New entrance gates and portico
These were noted.

15/19. To receive information on Casual Vacancy

The following email was received from SSDC re filling casual vacancy:-

It is entirely up to the Parish what you wish to do with the vacancy, you can either co-opt now or leave the vacancy open until the elections in May.

For further clarification, information is available on the Electoral Commission website under Parish elections.

Regards
Clare

Clare Jackson

Assistant Technical Officer (Elections)

This was noted.

16/19. Report from the Clerk

The following matters were noted:-

Update on school crossing patrol

“Thank you for your email dated 20 November and regarding funding for school crossing patrols.

Staffordshire County Council (SCC) is currently undertaking public consultation about the proposal to withdraw funding for the School Crossing Patrol Service and we would encourage all members of the community to take part. Please access the consultation information at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/patrols. The consultation concludes on 31 December 2018 and the results will be available in February 2019.

In the meantime SCC is exploring the possibility of funding from other sources. A number of School Crossing Patrol sites in Staffordshire are currently funded via their local schools, with the

funding generated from a variety of sources including local businesses, parish councils and the school itself. Under a Service Level Agreement with each school the County Council retains employer responsibilities to: appoint each Patrol; ensure their adequate training and qualifications; and provide the required clothing and equipment. This ensures the Patrol has the necessary legal powers to stop traffic. Funding in the region of £4,000 per year is required for each Patrol.

In answer to your query regarding the patrol in Pittingham, they are employed to cross all school age children regardless of whether they are accompanied or not and the site assessment is based on this.

I hope this answers your queries.

Kind regards.”

Locality 4 Police Forum

“I would like to invite you to the next Locality 4 Police Accountability Forum, which will take place on;

• **Wednesday 6th February 5 – 6.30 pm at Bilbrook Village Hall, Joeys Lane, Bilbrook,** Chief Inspector Mark Ward will be updating on the new police model that commenced in July 2018. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions regarding the new model and to discuss other issues relating to Crime and Disorder in their locality.

Parishes, can you please nominate 2 parish councillors to attend in addition to any district or county members that may attend. **Parish clerks can you please inform me who your representatives will be and if you aren't proposing to send any representatives.**

Regards
Helen Marshall”

Councillors T Mason and M Finch will be attending the meeting.

Defibrillator at Village Hall

The pads and battery need to be replaced and have been ordered at a cost of - G3 battery for £225 and a sets of pads for £70. Both will be + VAT and delivery.

Letter sent to Church re grants.

“Dear Geoffrey

Sorry for the delay in responding to your email dated 8th November 2018. As you suggested I have consulted NALC, SPCA, and also the Corporate Director Governance at South Staffs Council regarding your comments, and to check any change since the NALC Legal Briefing issued in February 2018.

A parish council can appropriate land which it owns for some other purpose, or purchase land either by agreement or compulsorily. However, there is no explicit provision in law for parish councils to make donations to churches and, as it made clear in the Legal Briefing issued in February 2018, NALC is of the opinion that the Local Government Act 1894 section 8 specifically prohibits expenditure by local councils on property relating to the affairs of the church, irrespective of a parish council's status as a burial authority. NALC argues that even giving money to churches for the maintenance of open churchyards (i.e. grass cutting) is 'not legally valid' and that councils that make such contributions run the risk of being challenged. We are unable to

comment on any legal advice sought by Codsall Parish Council, or the specifics in which they are providing a discretionary payment to St Nicholas Church. That really is a matter for them. Responsibility for maintenance of churchyards closed to further burials by Order in Council may be transferred by the parochial church council to the relevant local authority (Local Government Act 1972, s.215). If the parish or town council does not wish to accept that responsibility, notification will need to be given to the relevant district or metropolitan council within three months. If so, the district or metropolitan council must accept that responsibility.

Regards
Jenny Cree
Clerk to Pattingham & Patshull Parish Council”

Letter from a local contractor offering hourly work rates for Lengthsmans duties (i.e litter picking, general tidying etc). This matter was noted and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Councillor T Mason left the meeting at this point at 9.28pm

Email from Anton Horton for increasing his contract rates for April 2019:-

“Would you please advise the Parish Council at the January meeting that the charge for ground maintenance from April 2019 will be £141 per month. “

The above increase was agreed.

It was noted that a complaint had been received from a member of the public over scrambler bikes being used on the edge of the village off Clive Road/Rudge Road. The Clerk had reported this to the Local Authority.

17/19. Accounts for Payment

The accounts as set out below were accepted:-

Ratification list for January Pattingham Parish Council

Chq No.	Payee	Description	Amount (inc VAT)
723015	Morelock Signs	Charger and battery	163.20
723016	Morfe Valley	Tree work at Burnhill Green	395.00
723017	D Roberts	Christmas Trees	176.00
723018	Christmas Lights		29.98
723019	Numbers Plus	Annual charge for Defib at Village hall	118.80
723020	Christmas light festoons		100.00
723021	R H Electrical	Erecting trees and lights	1500.00
723022	Cleaning of changing rooms	October / November	60.00
723023	Dittons	Grass cutting	375.00
723024	Pony's for Burnhill Green	Light switch on	50.00

723025	Wix Editor	Domain name registration	33.18
723026	Cleaning of changing rooms	December / January	75.00
723027	A Horton	January payment	135.00
723028	J Cree	Wages January	582.45
723029	Inland Revenue	January payment	154.27
DD	EE	Monthly charge	14.00
DD	Utility Warehouse	Monthly charge	11.60
DD	BT	Monthly charge	46.08

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Income

Burnhill Green Residents Committee	200.00
Wombourne Pool Bar	325.00

Financial Summary - Cashbook

Summary between 01/04/18 and 07/01/19 inclusive.

Balances at the start of the year

Ordinary Accounts

Cash in hand	£0.00
Santander	£14,210.15

Short Term Investment Accounts

Nationwide Playing Fields 1373/704060866	£0.00
Nationwide Vill Hall Fund 1136/708023140	£0.00
Santander Deposit account	£32,327.22
Total	£46,537.37

RECEIPTS	Net	Vat	Gross
	£64,412.83	£0.00	£64,412.83
Total Receipts	£64,412.83	£0.00	£64,412.83
PAYMENTS	Net	Vat	Gross
	£30,885.09	£1,511.84	£32,396.93
Total Payments	£30,885.09	£1,511.84	£32,396.93

Closing

Ordinary Accounts

Cash in hand	£0.00
Santander	£46,095.98

Short Term Investment Accounts

Nationwide Playing Fields 1373/704060866	£0.00
Nationwide Vill Hall Fund 1136/708023140	£0.00
Santander Deposit account	£32,457.29
Total	£78,553.27

18/19. Items for future Meetings

BKV Poster amendments and 2019 competition,
Update on SID location,
Power supply and festoons for Christmas 2019,
Lengthsmans services,
AGM May – representative from Burnhill Green to join Old Peoples Welfare committee,
Changing room cleaning
Defib Burnhill Green and Pattingham Village Hall
Speeding issues Burnhill Green / Traffic calming / SID
Internet banking

19/19. Dates of Next Meetings –

4 th March 2019	Crown Rooms, Burnhill Green
8 th April 2019	APM Pattingham Village Hall
13 th May 2019	AGM / first meeting of the new Council