

Annual Meeting of Pattingham & Patshull Parish Council
Pattingham Village Hall, Pattingham
Wednesday 18th May 2016 at 7.30pm

Minutes

Present

Cllr R Lines
Cllr D Billson
Cllr J Dyas
Cllr A Davies
Cllr M Finch
Cllr T Mason
Cllr S Hubble
Cllr J Burton

Also present, Mrs A Watson (Parish Clerk) L McDonald (SSDC), 2 members of the public

Public Forum

Council were praised for the pothole repair on Westbeech Road by a member of the public. Query raised regarding the digital speed sign and if it is on a timer. It is believed that it is active during peak times. J Tomlinson offered his service to ensure that it is working, received with thanks.

A concern was raised regarding the state of the roads and pavements within Pattingham, Cllr Lines advised that this has been brought to the attention of County Highways regularly and the Parish Council have been advised that the work is scheduled.

A concern was raised that during the week two PCSOs were present in the village and unable to control the parking issues. **Resolved** Clerk to request that a traffic warden is present during peak (school) times.

Concern raised that the storm drain is still blocked near the junction in Clive Road, this has been reported many times, Clerk will report again.

Concerns raised regarding Arriva buses parking in the zig zag lines once again. This issue had improved following contact with the company. **Resolved** Clerk to contact and advise the situation has reoccurred.

Council were advised that the repair to a pothole near Lower Barns at Clive Road was poor. Cllr Mason responded that the County Council are reviewing the sub-contractor due to complaints of the standard of work. Cllr James has expressed his concern to the Parish Council before regarding the standard of repairs.

Cllr Finch queried if budget cuts have impacted road repairs, Clerk has previously queried this and was advised that road repairs are prioritised.

Cllr Lines (as exiting Chairman) presented Cllr J Burton with a certificate of 40 years' service as a Parish Councillor and a picture locally sourced. Cllr Burton has enjoyed her the past forty years and has seen various projects materialise – Patshull Park was reduced in size, fought for a no fly zone over Bobbington, helped prevent a BT tower being erected in the parish, Patshull and Burnhill Green merged with Pattingham as a Parish Council, the Millennium walks were established, two football pitches have been re-laid, two tennis courts have been constructed, the church yard extended, the village hall re roofed, newsletters were produced and Cllr Burton has worked with 4 Clerks.

01/16

Apologies

Apologies and reasons of absence were received and accepted from
Cllr Deane (work commitment) Cllr Hughes (illness) Cllr Hurford and Cllr James were absent from the meeting.

02/16 Election of Chairman
 Cllr Burton nominated Cllr Lines as Chairman Cllr Mason seconded this. **Resolved** Cllr Lines is to be elected as Chairmen for a one-year period

03/16 Election of Vice Chairman
 Cllr Davies nominated Cllr Billson to serve as vice chairman, Cllr Finch seconded this. **Resolved** Cllr Bilson is to be elected as vice chairman for a one-year period.

04/16 Committees
 Due to the closure of the playing fields committee it was **resolved** to remove the committee membership. A Watson and Cllr Davies are no longer members of the Governing body at St Chads First School, a representative for the school is not legally required but can be implemented at the schools request at any point. **Resolved** to remove this committee requirement unless membership is requested by the school.
 Cllrs were provided with a copy of the interest/dispensation form to complete and return with urgency to the Clerk for declaration at SSDC.
 Committee structure for 2016:

3	Pattingham Village Hall	R Lines, A Davies, D Billson, M Finch
4	Old Peoples Welfare	A Davies, T Mason, S Hubble, M Finch, J Burton
2	Education Foundation Trust	A Davies, S Hughes
2	Local Transport	D Billson, M Finch
1	Sports Council/Inter Parish Games	M Finch
2	Burnhill Green Residents Committee	W Hurford, G Deane
1	Parish Youth Champion	J Dyas
1	Local Police Committee	M Finch, T Mason, J Dyas

05/16 Declarations of interest /dispensations
 Cllr Dyas, Cllr Burton and Cllr Finch declared an interest in item 12/16, Westbeech Parking restrictions and prohibited from discussion.

06/16 Enforcement Training by L McDonald SSDC
 The Parish Council invited L McDonald to attend the meeting to deliver training on enforcement and how the PC can assist with the removal of fly posting. Cllrs were given a handout for the presentation identifying the key points (L McDonald is to forward a copy to

the Clerk) Due to budget cuts SSDC are requesting that Parish Councils undertake some responsibility for fly posting. Cllrs were given clear examples of what constitutes as fly posting. There is a set procedure which must be followed: a nominated individual, **resolved** to be the Clerk, will report the item suspected of fly posting to SSDC. SSDC will contact the the owner and request that the item is removed within a 48-hour time period if the sign is not removed the enforcement team will contact the PC and ask them to remove the item and will prosecute the sign owner.

Advertisement for charities, local organisation fundraisers are generally not to be considered for removal but must adhere to guidelines of not advertising any more in advance than 14 days. The sign must be removed as soon as possible and no later than 14 days after the event.

It was queried if the red bollard signs outside the Co-Op constitute as fly posting – L McDonald will investigate.

The Town and Country act holds the power to remove posters and provides the power for Posters to be used for items such as elections.

L McDonald urged the Parish Council to report the item for removal so that all legalities are followed, Clerk to report and appoint a volunteer councillor to remove when agreeable **Resolved** to officially wrote to L McDonald and agree to assist with the enforcement of fly posting.

07/16 Signing of minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council held on 9th March 2016 were signed as a correct and true copy.

08/16 Police/crime report

No report given in advance and there was not a representative at the meeting.

Cllr Finch queried if the recent report layout could be separated between Perton and Pattingham so that a true reflection of crime in the parish can be identified. It was confirmed that reports will no longer be in their previous format due to the amount of police time lost to compiling the reports. PCSO's are seen to be using social media as a vehicle to advise of crime, the Parish Council were updated with items that have been presented on this platform, cars seized due to lack of insurance and complaints regarding the use of a scooter. **Resolved** Cllr Dyas to query with PCSO Price why there was not a representative present.

9/16 Clerks report

A copy was previously distributed. No queries raised

10/16 Burnhill Green

A bollard is requiring repair; **Resolved** Council is happy with the standard of work completed by J Teague and to request that he replaces the bollard at a cost not exceeding £50.00. The item will require further discussion if this amount is insufficient

Cllr Finch recalls a query raised by a Cllr Deane or Cllr Hurford regarding the padlock on the Gate, **resolved** to contact Cllrs for clarity.

11/16 Bank accounts

The audit report for 2014/15 highlighted that non council members were authorised as signatories on the fabric fund accounts. **Resolved** to remove existing signatories on the Playing fields fabric fund account held at Nationwide and replace with Clerk, Cllr Mason and Cllr Burton. **Resolved** to remove existing signatories on the Village Hall fabric fund and replace With Clerk, Cllr Billson and Cllr Davies

12/16 Westbeech Road Parking restrictions

Feedback has been provided from the County Council from the consultation held with residents. 43% of responses were in favour of the restrictions and 57% opposed (a 39% response rate was received)

Concerns raised that the current restrictions are ignored, enforcement should be prioritised. St Chads School regularly remind parents of road safety and request that safe parking is taken into consideration. However, enforcement of additional lines may prove problematic. It was previously resolved that the Clerk will contact SSDC to request more presence from traffic wardens.

Cllr Billson expressed opposition to the extension of the lines. **Resolved** to vote on 'should the Parish Council extend the current yellow line to the turning for College Farm Close?'

Result: For 3, against 1 abstain 1. (councillors who declared an interest in the agenda item were not permitted to vote. **Resolved** to request via Cllr James that the parking lines are extended as per the consultation proposal.

13/16

Highways

A concern has been raised by a Parishioner regarding the SSDC bin lorries using the grass verges along Patshull Road to park the vehicles, as a result the grass has churned preventing access for walkers. As there is no pathway the parishioner felt that measures should be taken to prevent vehicle access to the grass verge. The pavements on Patshull Road running by St Chads Church are in poor condition and the Parish Council have been asked to address this issue too. The parishioner advised they have been unsuccessful on reaching a resolution with Staffordshire County Council. Clerk forwarded these concerns to S Griffiths (SCC) who advised that this pavement, along with the pavements at Orchard Close and Hall End Lane have been scheduled for repair but this may not be until 2017, advice is that Cllr James can consider these repairs under his Divisional Repair Programme budget. **Resolved** to agenda for the next meeting due to the absence of Cllr James.

14/16

Subscriptions

It was **resolved** to renew membership with the Community Council of Staffordshire for £25 and the SPCA for £425.00

15/16

Finance

No comment, a total is to be added

16/16

Councillor Reports

- District report

On 12th April I attended a presentation on the proposed West Midlands Rail Freight Interchange. Some of you may have heard about this in the press.

The development will be known as West Midlands Interchange.

- A company called Fours Ashes Ltd has been set up to oversee the proposed development.
- The developed area will cover 6 to 8 million square feet.
- The planning process will take around 36 months to complete.
- The planning application will be determined by the Secretary of State and not by South Staffordshire District Council.
- The projections indicate that there will be 10 rail freight journeys a day departing from the interchange.

- Between 6,500 and 8,500 new jobs will be created as a result of the West Midlands Interchange – 35% admin, 50% skilled or semi-skilled, 15% managerial.
- Business rates will attract between £12.5 to £14.5 million per annum.
- Although the planning application will be determined by the Secretary of State the Council would set the local conditions and requirements.

QUOD will now carry out an extensive public consultation and engagement exercise. More information on the proposal can be found at www.westmidlandsinterchange.co.uk.

There has been a request from Patshull Activity Centre based on the Patshull estate for my and the Parish Councils support for plans to develop a new facility on the outskirts of Burnhill Green. In common with other occupiers of property on Crown Estate land their occupancy of their current site is under threat. The Crown Estate have indicated however that they are willing to release a currently undeveloped area of land on either a freehold or long leasehold basis. This would necessitate the building of new residential and other facilities on what is currently greenbelt and may have difficulty in satisfying planning criteria. This facility for the scouting fraternity has been on the Patshull Estate since it was created by the Earl of Dartmouth 100 years ago although this was originally on a different site. The group intend to hold presentations in both Pattingham and Burnhill Green and hope that the parish will support continuing their operations in South Staffordshire.

Applications 16/00057/FUL and 16/00058/LBC both relating to The Bothy at Patshull which generated significant comment prior to the last meeting have both been withdrawn.

I have been informed of concerns that activities are being undertaken at Hall End Lane Farm which are not covered by present permissions. A request has been made that this is investigated by the District's enforcement team.

At the Annual District Council meeting, on 10th May, I was appointed to the new Asset Investment Scrutiny Panel as vice chairman. This panel is the vehicle to provide oversight into the council's investment plans for development of its commercial rental portfolio which is considered necessary to generate additional income for the council to mitigate reduction in local government funding. I was also appointed to the position of vice chairman on the authority's Audit Committee.

County Councillor report was unavailable.

17/16 Butchers alley stile concerns

Complaints have been received regarding a new stile that has been erected along footpath number 17. Resident are unhappy that the stile does not allow for dog users. **Resolved** Cllr Davies has regular contact with the land owner and will request that the stile is adapted to allow dog access. Parish Council will fund this once quotes have been received for the work.

Since the agenda was sent a new issue has arisen with the alley. Clerk received a complaint that the stile was blocked by a plank of wood, on visiting the ally a large fridge with 'footpath closed' wrote on was found to be blocking the alley way. The reason for this is unknown. P Rochfort from SCC and A Cousins from SSDC have been notified.

18/16 Plaque

It was **resolved** to invite Mrs A Moore to receive a Pattingham Plaque in recognition of 30 years as Teacher at St Chads First School

19/16 Items for future agenda

Councillors were reminded that a full proposal of the item should be sent to the Clerk with sufficient time to be added to the agenda. If a proposal is not received, then it cannot be considered.

Items for future agenda with proposals to be sent are;

- Traffic warden representation
- Over signage
- Enforcement
- Litter

Thanks were given to Cllr Hubble for adverting the best kept village competition.

Meeting Closed at 9.40pm.

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 the likely effect of the exercise of those functions and to do all that is reasonably can 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.

Signed:

Dated: