

MINUTES OF THE PATTINGHAM AND PATSHULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 17TH JUNE 2021 AT PATTINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

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

66/21. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies of absence was received from Councillors D Billson, N Hill and Mrs C Clarke .

67/21. Declarations of Councillors' Interest.

None were declared.

68/21. Public Forum - Democratic fifteen minute period / public question time.

No members of the public present, however the Chairman informed members that the Scarecrow festival will take place this year, in September on the 24/25/26th this was noted.

69/21. To receive for confirmation and adoption, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th May 2021.

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

70/21. County / District Councillors to address the Council on any matters relevant to the Parish
County Councillor Jak Abrahams reported that:-

- Early this month joined flood risk management officers, on Moor Lane, the report has been forwarded to all members. He will survey all properties to see if there are any further actions. Noted farmer has changed planting, and further action may be needed. He was requesting that the drain gullies are cleared in Moor Lane. The Chairman requested the gullies at the junction of Clive Road/High Street/Westbeech Road are also cleared as they are prone to flash flooding problems.
- The County Council have pushed back the suggestion of adding Wolverhampton Road to the Primary Gritting Network. He understands the Parish Council wish to have a minimum of one main road into the village on the Primary Gritting Network and will continue to make a case.
- Awaiting an answer on School Transport.
- Village gateway markers at Burnhill Green could be funded from the County Fund. The Chairman thanked Councillor Abrahams for the offer and said the Parish Council would be willing to part fund if necessary. It was agreed to send a list to the County Councillor of the type of sign and location.
- Mark Keeling is coming to the Parish on the 30th June to review the road sinking in Clive Road. Any other areas to be forwarded to him.

District Councillor T Mason reported that:-

- It was noted that the Boundary review and the grant for the High Street are agenda items for discussion later in the agenda.
- He has sent a response to the Clerk re the Speed Indication Sign. The District Council have agreed to install their sign in the location identified on Clive Road at the junction with Greenway Gardens, for traffic on incoming to the village near Lamp post 11.
- He will be meeting Robert Mercer to discuss their plans for the Patshull Park Leisure Centre next week.

71/21. Update on having a dog Waste Bin located at Wildicote Bridle Path

The Clerk raised the issue with Bob Taylor at SSDC, he says the locations are too remote to send the Street Scene Team to empty bins, in discussions he suggested signage asking people to remove dog waste or do as other local authorities support a stick and flick policy to get the waste into the undergrowth away from the path. With regret this was noted, and the clerk requested to inform the resident that raised the issue.

72/21. Update on Land off Windsor Road.

The Clerk to progress where this item is with Jackie Smith and copy Councillor T Mason in on the request.

73/21. To receive an update on the Christmas Tree at Burnhill Green.

A tree has been sourced at a cost of £595 from Wyevale Garden Centre that's in a large pot, the Clerk to raise a cheque for the tree. Councillor L Billingham will organise the delivery / planting with the remaining budget.

74/21. To discuss Community Speed-watch at Burnhill Green

Councillor L Billingham reported that he has received the leaflets / sign up sheets for volunteers from the Community Speed-watch Team to be completed by the volunteers and 9 have been received back already with 3 more to be returned. Then training can be arranged. The training cost is circa £300 / speed device / signage / tuning is £389. This expenditure was agreed for this project.

He is organising the volunteers into groups of 3 to go and undertake the speed monitoring. Neighbouring authority have also expressed an interest in the Community Speed-watch and in looking at reducing the speed limit on the Shropshire part of the road adjoining the Staffordshire reduced limit of 40mph.

75/21. To note the Boundary review for South Staffordshire

Councillor T Mason reported that the Boundary review is out for consultation at the present time until August 2nd.

The presentation from this evenings seminar is to be sent out the Parish Councillors for the public to also view.

The main issues raised by the draft proposals are to reduce the number of Councillors and change the areas they are responsible for. Pattingham is a rural village and should not be merged with

Perton which is an urban area. If the proposals were to add parts of Trescot to the Pattingham District Council seat this would be a sensible solution as both areas are similar rural designation and reduce the number of Perton Councillors by 1.

There are concerns that the Electoral Commission do not appear to favour single member wards. Concern is expressed that if Pattingham is absorbed into part of Perton that we would lose the identity of the area. The other option mooted is looking at incorporating Seisdon and Trysull which are in Locality 5 not 4, so this would have an impact on the Locality areas.

If we become part of Perton we would lose Pattingham and Patshulls identity. A meeting is coming up Monday night for Locality 4 on Monday night, and Councillor T Mason will represent the views of the Parish at this meeting. He will put some detail into his Parish article which is due to be published shortly.

When the first draft of the Boundary Commission is published a second consultation will take place. Concern is expressed that up till March 2022 when the decision is being made for or against needs to be commented upon. This is for taking affect from the May 2023 elections.

Perton have 3 councillors representing 4500 – 1500 each, at Pattingham we are representing 1800, incorporating the addition of Perton Ridge would increase the number of residents to a suggested figure of 2300, this would be inline with this figure.

Members agreed to support keeping a dedicated Pattingham and Patshull District Councillor.

74/21. Report from the Clerk.

Flooding -In the Parish

In February 2020 Storm Denis hit the UK and flooded a residence in Moor Lane. The Chairman liaised with the farmer, and he made a substantial ditch/wall to act as a catchment pool behind the properties. The changes were successful and prevented flooding in the winter of 2021. However, if similar circumstances to 2020 were to repeat themselves with a similar storm on saturated ground, there is no guarantee the catchment pool would be sufficient. The flood risk officer spoke with the land-owner, who was very helpful and the County are looking into this matter further for a more permanent resolution to the issue. A questionnaire has been issued to all local residents in the area of concern. County Councillor will distribute the questionnaire again to all of the residents concerned, the results will then be evaluated, as the area has been identified as being a problem. Also, he will chase any previous correspondence that MP Gavin Williamson has received / sent out. This was noted.

It was noted that gulley maintenance needs to be looked at on Clive Road / High Street / West Beech.

Email from resident re pavements – referred them to SSDC and the County Council.

Planning Application received:- Application No: 21/00562/FUL, New House Broadwell Lane Pattingham, for the erection of a two storey side extension, alterations to the roof including increase in eave and ridge height, roof lights, and replacement double garage – this was noted.

Accident by skate park – young 4 year old child came off push bike whilst using the skate park. The concerns raised by Councillor Mrs A Davies on behalf of the parent of the child were noted. It was noted that the footpath / alley way leading to Letchmere Close needs to be trimmed back. The Clerk to request that the Street Team look into it as a matter of urgency.

75/21. Accounts for Payment.

The accounts for payment as detailed below were accepted:-

Expenditure between		01/05/21		and 15/06/21	
Tn no	Net	Vat	Gross Invoice date	Supplier	Details
651	£167.25	£0.00	£167.25 19/05/21	Inland Revenue	May
652	£634.68	£0.00	£634.68 19/05/21	Admin	May
657	£661.62	£0.00	£661.62 19/05/21	Admin	June
658	£183.40	£0.00	£183.40 19/05/21	Inland Revenue	June
650	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00 26/05/21	A Horton Gardener	gardening
	£1,796.95	£0.00	£1,796.95	Total for May 2021	
655	£45.05	£9.01	£54.06 01/06/21	Defib Store	pads 1 set
659	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00 01/06/21	A Horton Gardener	gardening
660	£2,500.00	£0.00	£2,500.00 01/06/21	Pattingham & Patshull	grant
661	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00 01/06/21	Robert Lines	chairman's allowance
	£2,945.05	£9.01	£2,954.06	Total for June 2021	
Total	£4,742.00	£9.01	£4,751.01		

76/21. To receive an updated report from the PCSO on crime statistics in Pattingham

The crime statistics were circulated prior to the meeting. County Councillor Jak Abrahams will request a police officer to attend a future meeting.

77/21. To receive an update on the reopening grant for the High Street

The bid has been successful for planters, improved seating and planting. Councillor T Mason reported that we had been successful in the bid and has been approved and can be progressed to the next stage, with a funding agreement that needs to be signed.

78/21. Items for future Meetings

To be with the Clerk by the 16th July.

79/21. Date of Next Meeting –

26th July 2021 – APM at 7.30pm / Full meeting at 7.45pm.