

MINUTES OF THE PATTINGHAM AND PATSHULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 7th MARCH 2022 AT CROWN ROOM, BURNHILL GREEN

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

4 members of the public were present

15/22. Apologies for Absence.

An apology of absence was received from Councillor D Billson (Vice-Chairman).

Mrs C Clarke has resigned as a Parish Councillor, the notice for the public of the Casual Vacancy will be put on the noticeboard and website tomorrow.

16/22. Declarations of Councillors' Interest.

Councillor T Mason declared an interest in relation to the Land at Windsor Road (20/22) as it is owned by the District Council.

17/22. Public Forum - Democratic fifteen minute period / public question time

Standing orders were raised to enable members of the public to speak.

- The members of the public present were here to listen to the proposed development at Patshull Park and raised the following points of concern:-
- The application was received by SSDC at the end of January 2022, and has only just been published last week and the consultation is for only 3 weeks.
- Concerns over cars going to the wrong address, with the existing set up for golf club and weddings before it closed. The Lane is a single track with no passing places. The Burnhill Green Road is also a very fast road.
- Added impact for the Scouts access, which will also add problems.
- Sat Navs do not understand the road system and sends people through the houses as it thinks there is a link road.
- The planning application only has part of the land on it, for the 100 chalets and caravans, then what will the other land be used for? The area needs to have a marked boundary to stop people from the new development wandering into the gardens of the residents.
- Where will the traffic come from? From Wolverhampton they will come through Patingham Village. From the M54 they will come through Albrighton.

The Chairman informed members of the public that Patingham Parish are only a consultee and are 1 voice. If there are concerns of the residents, then everyone that has a concern or support the application needs to do so directly to the District Council.

The public present were not against the site being improved but feel the number of lodges is too high.

The Chairman explained that the Parish Council had not discussed the application and it is on the agenda later.

The District Councillor updated members of the public and the Councillors and stated that:-

- This idea for holiday lodges on the site of the Patshull Park Hotel was raised before the pandemic.
- The original application was for many more units, and they were advised to rethink their proposal.
- The application came in January 27th, the consultation was issued the 1st March, to neighbours and the press.
- 21-day standard consultation, he asked applicant to show the plans publicly to inform the residents of Pattingham and Patshull. He has contacted the applicant who will have a meeting if possible within the next 2 weeks. They want to do the development as it will bring employment, 100 is the minimum number to be financially viable. A new central feature will be for the lodges, public access to the facilities is wanted also. Compared to a 50-bed hotel there will be no increase in traffic movements.
- It was noted that if SCC Highways say that the access is ok and the roads, then the application cannot be turned down on those grounds.

County Councillor J Abrahams commented that this is the first time he had seen the application. He echoes the concerns of the residents re access etc. He will raise it with Highways directly.

Standing orders were reinstated.

18/22. To receive for confirmation and adoption, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th January 2022.

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

19/22. County / District Councillors to address the Council on any matters relevant to the Parish

District Councillor T Mason reported:-

Following the success of the High Street grant – a presentation took place at SSDC, and the District Council are setting up a Virtual High Street, it is free to list a business on it and all Pattingham business can be listed. The locality enablers will be visiting the business to see if they want to have free advertising, and it is thought they may be able to buy additional features to promote their businesses. The platform categorises the businesses.

County Councillor J Abrahams reported:-

Solar Farm – update is on the agenda.

He would like to spend his members fund on items for Pattingham, as last year it was spent in Perton and Trescott. In Pattingham the areas that are raised by the residents regularly are weed spraying, footpath condition, street cleaning etc.

The Highways village markers are agreed and awaiting for the final quote for Burnhill Green. The last quote received needs to be redesigned to meet the Highways required standard (the 40mph was not the correct size to comply).

The storm drains at the High Street / Westbeech Road crossroads need to be cleared.

20/22. To receive an update on Land off Windsor Road.

The land has been valued by SSDC for £35,000. This does have conditions on it also with an overage/clawback clause inserted into the contract that if the land is sold, an additional payment becomes due to the District Council to reflect any uplift in land value. The uplift in the value of the land to be split on a 50/50 basis.

Due to the valuation from SSDC, the members agreed it was not feasible to progress buying this land to ensure it is kept as public amenity space in perpetuity at this time. We could challenge the valuation, get an independent valuation for comparison, or seek to protect the land in the future by registering it as a Designated Greenspace or amenity land.

21/22. To receive an updated report from the PCSO on crime statistics in Pattingham

A report was circulated to members prior to the meeting starting. This was noted.

22/22. To receive an update on the Tiny Forest project

Councillor N Hill updated members, that the plot has been dug and is ready for planting. Social media feeds have been put out and the school have also put out information to get help for planting. The site has been moved slightly to make it easier for access to drop off the trees. Severn Trent have 10 volunteers, he has 10 – 15 people and about 6 District volunteers. The date for planting is Saturday 19th March starting at 8.30am and they aim to be completed by 2.30pm. Dittons had brush cut the area in January to tidy it up ready for Severn Trent. The Village Hall will be open for toilet facilities.

The notice prepared by Severn Trent is to be put on the website, Facebook page and the Noticeboard.

23/22. Update on High Street Grant expenditure

The grant was received in full for £5000 in January for the planters and the benches, the VAT sum of circa £800 has been returned to SSDC as per their request. The items had to be put in place by the 18th March to comply with the grant and be publicised. Everything has been installed and the publicity information forwarded to SSDC officer Rob Sharratt.

The Chairman thanked Paul Davies for his help in unloading and storing the picnic tables and thanked Neil Burton for helping to unload the planters into their locations at the front of the village hall.

24/22 To receive an update on marking the Queens Platinum Jubilee

Further to our January meeting, The Chairman and Cllr Mrs A Davies met with members of the Parochial Church Council and other interested parties in Pattingham to create a programme of events. Cllr Mrs A Davies had agreed to coordinate events and reported:

- A meeting took place with the PCC and members of the community.
- PTFA are buying bookmarks for the children.
- The Head Teacher thought that coins / badges or mugs would be good options. Coins were out of stock, when checked but more supply may be coming forward. The coins cost slightly more than the mugs. It was agreed to look at the best option and order either the coins or mugs when we know supply.
- An afternoon tea is taking place on the Thursday 2nd June - 2pm start, 3pm afternoon tea served. Aged 40+
- Friday 3rd June - 10 – 4pm funday for children, bouncy carousel ride, ice cream van, hook a duck. In the evening a barn dance at the village hall that's ticketed with a hog roast.
- On Saturday Breakfast fit for a queen and picnic baskets at the Pigott 2 sittings 9 – 10 or 10.30 – 11.30. On the afternoon their will time for peoples own street parties with judging for the best party.
- On the Sunday there will be St Chads Thanksgiving service at 10am and at Pattingham Club live music and BBQ tickets required.
- The flower club will have done 23 arrangements in the Church from Thursday to Sunday in Jubilee colours for the public. A grant request may be fourth coming to support them for this event.
- Best Garden competitions will take place to encourage colourful gardens for the weekend.

A big thanks was made to Cllr Mrs A Davies for her organising the events so far.

25/22. To discuss proposal for Pepperhill Solar and battery Farm

The Chairman introduced the item, this is a solar farm and a battery farm. The District Councillor informed the meeting that Battery storage may involve very large buildings and is a very large development in the Greenbelt. The development is in Shropshire but comes to Pattingham boundary. There is to be a consultation taking place at the village hall, to inform people of the proposals. At this time there has not been a planning application submitted, but members noted this information.

26/22. To discuss correspondence from SSDC re EV Charging points

South Staffordshire District Council reported that part of their plans to help tackle climate change, they are keen to look at opportunities for Electric Vehicle charging points across the District on publicly available land and on our own enterprise parks. As part of the initial scoping of this they are looking at having a conversation with yourselves a Parishes to see if they have your own car parks/car sites that may also fit into the strategic approach. At this stage options of deliverability in terms of feasibility are only at a very early scoping preliminary stage and this is just early scoping. If you are aware of any Parish Car Parks in your areas that may be suitable please do let me know. Naturally we have info in relation to our own SSDC car parks so the information that the Parish may be able to share will be able to complement this.

Members agreed to refer this opportunity to the Village Hall Management Committee to look at this and see if they would like to have an EV point installed on their carpark.

27/22. To discuss adult gym equipment for the playing field

Councillor A Freeman presented his thoughts for installing equipment on Pattingham Playing Fields. Funds have been received from the proceeds of the scarecrow festival and also the Parish Council has reserved funding for outdoor adult gym equipment. A draft list of equipment and proposed location was circulated to members with the agenda papers.

Members thanked Councillor A Freeman for looking into this. Members preferred the cluster approach for the layout. Good matting needs to be looked at under each piece of equipment. A site visit will be organised by Councillor A Freeman with the supplier to look at the best solutions.

28/22. To discuss erecting a fence by the Skate Park.

This was deferred until a future meeting.

29/22. To discuss planning applications received and make recommendations to SSDC

22/00136/FUL, The Meadleys Farm Westbeech Road Pattingham - Construction of straw storage building – no objection.

22/00083/FUL / 22/00084/LBC - Patshull Park Hotel Golf And Country Club Patshull Park Burnhill Green - Proposal: Demolition of modern hotel extensions and removal of hard standing car parking, retention of the listed Temple, siting of 100 holiday lodges and construction of new Boathouse Central Facilities Building, including associated access, parking and servicing.

The main concern at this time is the consultation deadline, and that there are very few residents aware of the proposals, and greater public awareness needs to happen. District Councillor Terry Mason had been in contact with the applicant advising that a public presentation would be very beneficial.

Members agreed that Cllr Mason continue discussions to bring about a public meeting with the applicant to explain the proposal. Based on feedback, it may, or may not, be necessary to have an extraordinary meeting of the parish council to discuss a response to the consultation.

30/22. Report from the Clerk.

2 x volunteers have come forward to see if we need any help – Lorraine Wootton and Nicola Jones,

Suggest the Tiny Forest, come and meet us!

Correspondence re bollards being damaged on corner of Moor Lane and Clive Road.

To see if there is support for the BKV competition for 2022 – the Parish Council agreed that we would enter if it goes ahead.

Increase to Gardening costs for 2022/23 – agreed at £160.00

31/22. Accounts for payment

The accounts for payment listed below were agreed:-

723566	A Horton	Gardening	£150.00
723567	HMRC	February	£183.40
723568	Administration	February	£661.22
723569	SSDC	Repayment of VAT	£842.67
723571	Viking Direct	Stamps	£18.12
723572	R H Electrical	– VAT element of invoice	£270.00
723573	T Smith	Changing room cleaning	£80.00
723574	Color Frog	Sign for park	£39.84
723575	Dittons Grass	Cutting	£472.50
723576	HMRC	March	£264.40
723577	Administration	March	£781.37
723578	A Horton	Gardening	£150.00
723579	T Smith	Changing rooms	£60.00
Total			£3973.52

32/22. Items for future Meetings

To be with the Clerk by the 2nd May 2022

33/22. Date of Next Meeting –

18th March Public meeting

TBC Extraordinary meeting - if required

25th April 2022 (APM)

9th May (AGM)