

MINUTES OF A PATTINGHAM AND PATSHULL PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 AT PATTINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

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Present: Councillors: Councillors R Lines (Chairman), D Billson (Vice Chairman), T Mason, A Freeman, N Hill, J Tomlinson, L Billingham, Mrs C Clarke, N Land, and Mrs A Davies

Also present Mrs J Neal - Clerk

158/19. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies of absence were received from Councillor M Finch and County Councillor K James.

159/19. Declarations of Councillors' Interest.

Councillor T Mason declared a pecuniary interest in relation to item 161/19, as he is a District Councillor, and therefore took no part in the discussion or decision on this matter.

Councillors Mrs A Davies, R Lines, Mrs C Clarke and D Billson declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to item 160/19.

160/19. Consider request from Village Hall Committee for balance of ring-fenced money towards fabric repairs.

The Parish Council has held contingency funds on behalf of the village hall totalling £7062.59 in their reserves, and recently released £3042 for new security doors to the village hall agreed by the Parish Council.

The Village Hall are requesting the balance of the contingency funds totalling £3060.59, for fabric repairs to the Village Hall. It was noted that this instruction exhausts all reserved money held as a contingency fund to support the Village Hall.

It was proposed by Councillor N Hill and seconded by Councillor L Billingham that the funds are released of £3060.59 immediately. On a vote this was carried unanimously.

161/19. Repay outstanding balance on loan from the District Council that funded the new play park in 2013.

Members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of repaying the loan early. As councils have no legal powers to hold revenue reserves other than those for reasonable working capital needs, or for specifically earmarked purposes, it was proposed by Councillor R Lines and seconded by Councillor L Billingham to pay the loan balance off of £7500 using funds held in reserves. On a vote the motion failed with 4 votes for and 5 against. Therefore the motion failed and the balance owed will not be paid off early.

162/19. Councillors Allowance.

District Member Remuneration Panel

Members discussed the option that the Parish Council may provide for a Councillors basic allowance, and this is something that some neighbouring Parish Councils already do. If members wished to do this, then there would be an increase on the precept. There are conditions attached to the allowance, the main ones being that only elected members (not co-opted) members can

receive the allowance, and that this parish basic allowance has to be approved by a District Member Remuneration Panel. Members of Pattingham & Patshull Parish Council acknowledged their voluntary role without financial reward and it was proposed by Councillor J Tomlinson and seconded by Councillor N Freeman that the Parish Council should not pay a Councillors Allowance. On a vote this was unanimous.

163/19. To set a precept for 2020/21 and associated budget including 3 year projections

The Clerk reported that there is a balance of £32505.33 held at the current time, in the deposit account which is broken down below:-

Village Hall contingency £3060.59 + £3042 to be transferred from savings to current account for payment for village hall.

Reserves for contingencies £10178.11

Elections £1030.00

Uncommitted balance £15194.63

In addition, at this time we are showing a projected underspend on this year's budget of £2979.45.

The Clerk/RFO prepared a basic budget based on this year's expenditure to date, the Clerk/RFO and members agreed the following budget for 2020/21:-

### Proposed Draft Budget for 2020/21

	2019/20	2020/21
<b>INCOME</b>		
100 Donations / Grants	£0.00	£0.00
101 Precept	£48,790.00	£48,790.00
102 Football income	£1,650.00	£1,300.00
104 Misc Items	£0.00	£0.00
110 Interest on Santander deposit	£60.00	£60.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£50,500.00</b>	<b>£50,150.00</b>
<b>EXP.</b>		
1 Administration	£1,800.00	£1,000.00
2 Audit Costs	£550.00	£550.00
5 Best Kept Village Competition	£600.00	£500.00
8 CCTV	£750.00	£750.00
9 Chairman's Allowance	£250.00	£250.00
10 Play Park Loan	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
12 Christmas Lights	£4,750.00	£5,000.00
14 Clerks Salary	£9,000.00	£9,250.00
15 Defibrillator	£100.00	£100.00
16 Elections	£3,000.00	£1,000.00
17 Footpath Maintenance	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
18 Gardening (Village Green)	£1,750.00	£1,750.00
19 Insurance	£2,000.00	£1,300.00
25 Playing Flds Maintenance	£8,000.00	£8,000.00
28 Grants / Other Exp	£9,000.00	£9,750.00
29 Subscriptions	£500.00	£500.00
30 Training	£500.00	£500.00

34	Storage at the Village Hall	£150.00	£150.00
36	Football Expenditure	£700.00	£700.00
37	Village Maintenance / Litter	£3,600.00	£5,600.00
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£50,500.00</b>	<b>£50,150.00</b>
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£50,500.00</b>	<b>£50,150.00</b>
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£50,500.00</b>	<b>£50,150.00</b>
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>

It was proposed by Councillor T Mason and seconded by Councillor Mrs A Davies, that the precept is set at £48790.00 for 2020/21, the income and expenditure budget as set out above is accepted. On a vote this was carried unanimously.

The three year projections and reserves including a full budget comparison and bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> October will be presented / discussed at the December meeting.

164/19. Items for future agendas

Items to be with the Clerk by the 21<sup>st</sup> November.

Play area/park concerns about dogs, and misuse of equipment.

Reserves and 3 year projections including bank account balances as of the 31<sup>st</sup> October and a full breakdown of current expenditure.

Change to the operation of the Defibrillator call out system at Pattingham.

School Transport issue.

165/19. Date of next Meeting –

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 at Pattingham Village Hall

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Pattingham Village Hall