

MINUTES OF THE PATTINGHAM AND PATSHULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021 VIA ZOOM SOFTWARE

Present: Councillors: R Lines (Chairman), L Billingham (Vice-Chairman), D Billson, Mrs A Davies, A Freeman, N Hill, N Land, T Mason, J Tomlinson, M Finch and Mrs C Clarke (arrived at 7.40pm)

16/21. To receive Apologies of absence

An apology of absence was received from Councillor K James.

17/21. To receive members declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None were declared.

18/21. Public Forum - Democratic fifteen-minute period / public question time.

Standing orders were suspended.

Members used the public forum time to discuss an email received from a resident in Clive Road who is concerned about the amount of quarry lorries using Clive Road and Westbeech Road. If the vehicles are from Shipley Quarry there is a section 106 agreement that details approved and prohibited routes for quarry traffic. It was agreed to investigate the matter further and put the item on the next meeting agenda.

The planning application for the Stone Cottage is being looked at, for retrospective change of use from Agricultural to Equestrian use. It was noted that the application is an acceptable change of use although the applicant motives of applying retrospectively for change of use was questionable.

Standing orders were re-instated.

19/21. To receive for confirmation and adoption, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

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

20/21. To receive the County / District Councillors report / address to the Council on any matters relevant to the Parish

Councillor T Mason reported that there is a boundary review being commissioned, to look at reducing the number of District Councillors. The possible impact for Pittingham is incorporating the District Councillor for Pittingham with Perton. This is a great concern to lose the direct link (not shared) for the people of Pittingham. It was agreed that the Chair respond to the consultation on behalf of the Parish when appropriate to do so.

21/21. To discuss any progress on outstanding items relating to County and District

The main item of the 40mph speed reduction limit has been implemented.

The other outstanding items are the road potentially subsiding on the Clive Road, flooding in the Parish (areas have been put forward as problem areas to Ryan Taylor who is looking into flooding matters), Primary Gritting Routes and school transport.

22/21. Update on Christmas Lights

The Clerk has spoken to the electrician and he says it is not a problem to connect the lights for a tree on the green, and he has suggested that she contacts the supplier as he feels the bulbs for the string lights are faulty. The Clerk contacted the supplier of the bulbs, and they said that the bulbs are not water tight, the seal from the holder on the festoon makes them waterproof. It was agreed that the Clerk return to the electrician with this information.

Councillor L Billingham is talking to the residents to make sure they are ok with an additional tree being put on the green. He is looking to plant a tree as soon as possible.

23/21. To discuss protecting amenity land within the Parish

The Chair has written to the District Council expressing our interest in acquiring the land at Windsor Road to protect as open space for future generations. The District Council have responded saying the senior leadership team will be meeting shortly to consider the matter.

The Chairman has also contacted Knight Frank, and Savills to express interest in acquiring the land the parish council currently lease at Burnhill Green. Knight Frank indicated the Crown Estate are not considering any sales for at least 12 months. Although Savills have no instruction to dispose of this land, they will report all expressions of interest to their client (Crown Estate).

24/21. To receive an updated crime report from the PCSO

The Clerk contacted PCSO Sian Fryer to ask for a police report for the meeting and also gave her all of the upcoming meeting dates. As it has not been received, so the Clerk will ask for a report again and circulate it to members when it is received.

25/21. To discuss replacing the Map by the shops

The Clerk found a mapping company, for a 2m x 1m map (you choose area) laminated its about £27. It was agreed that the Parish wanted something more substantial. There is a similar map at Perton and the Clerk will contact their Clerk to ask for details on their supplier.

26/21. Request funds for litter picking equipment for Burnhill Green residents - say 10 x pickers and 10 x hi-vis? The residents would like to create a litter picking group you see.

It was agreed to purchase 10 sets of equipment including hi-vis vests, litter pickers and gloves at a cost of circa £90.

27/21. Request received to set up a bouncy castle at Burnhill Green Park for a child's Birthday who is resident in the village.

It was agreed that this was not something that could be permitted on the grounds of it being against the current Covid restrictions and health and safety grounds. Councillor L Billingham will let the resident know the Council's decision.

28/21. To discuss the CCTV system

This item has been discussed previously and councillors agreed to offer the Village Hall Management Committee responsibility for the cctv system that is housed in their building (March minutes 2020). Due to COVID 19 restrictions the village hall management committee has not met to discuss the pros and cons of taking on the responsibility of the cctv system. The cons are obviously the costs of running the BT line and broadband, together with electricity costs that they are already paying for, along with securely housing the DVR. Because of government lockdown measures, the village hall has been either fully closed, or partially open to a small number of groups that met the 'educational' criteria. By opening to support those groups the village hall made significant operational losses. It was proposed that the councillors agree to provide a financial subsidy via an annual grant application of £1,000, so that the village hall operational costs are not impacted further. The proposal keeps with the original benefit of investing in the cctv system as a deterrent to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the area. This was agreed and will be discussed at the next Village Hall Management Committee meeting. In addition the Village Hall can use the WIFI for their hirers of the hall. They will also need to add this to their insurance policy and the Council will remove it from their insurance and asset register when the Village Hall has accepted the system.

29/21. To discuss and agree the replacement of the cradle swings at Pattingham Park

One of the childrens cradle swings, a bolt had come out, it has been temporarily repaired, but both seats need to be replaced as the rubber has perished, cost is £143 and £12 to refit them. It was agreed to purchase the cradle swing seats and ask the lengths-man to install them.

30/21. To discuss football to not charge any fees for the coming years football teams.

Government lockdown restrictions have stopped all amateur and junior football. It is likely league competitions in season 2020/21 will be once again abandoned as there is no way they can catch up such a long downtime. That will be two seasons in a row that teams have been unable to complete their season. For both of those seasons we have taken full pitch/changing room fees. It was proposed by Councillor R Lines and seconded by Councillor T Mason that we offer a free season (2021/22) to our current customers (Wombourne Poolbar FC and Trysull Tigers FC) assuming they want to continue playing at Pattingham.

On a vote this was carried.

31/21. To receive the report from the Clerk.

The Skate Park area has been cleared and nearby foliage cut back. There was a recent incident of graffiti on one of the ramps which has been quickly removed by our lengthsperson.

Graham and Barbara Tritton celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on 20th February. They were married in Wellington, Somerset on Saturday 20th February 1971. A thank you email has been received also.

Request to use the Tennis courts for Netball practice, was noted.

Email from Ryan Taylor – re the council is currently working on a new approach to how we work across the three tiers of local authority and engage with our communities based around the localities model. This will bring together existing data sources, staff specialisms and identify what community assets we have within the district. Most importantly we would like to see how we can make best use of and develop these assets on the ground. This was noted.

Information relating to Zoom attendance and the 6 month rule.

Planning Application - 21/00098/FUL by 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling, Location: Upper Westbeech Farm Nurton Hill Road Pattingham This was noted.

Transport correspondence email from David Williams – this was noted.

A request has been received to install a rustic style memorial bench on the lower playing field. Subject to siting, it was agreed to allow the bench to be installed at their cost.

32/21. To receive the accounts for payment and accounts up to 31/01/21.

These were detailed under Appendix 1 to these minutes, and were agreed and accepted. The Play Park Loan settlement figure is £7500, and a final invoice is awaited.

33/21. Items for future Meetings

Quarry traffic accessing prohibited routes and review the litter picking role in the Parish.

34/21. Date of next scheduled meetings

5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 APM – It is not legal to conduct the Annual Parish Meeting remotely and the April meeting date has been rescheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 when government restrictions will likely be lifted for individuals to meet indoors.

10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 AGM – it was noted that current legislation will not permit the meeting to be conducted remotely via zoom software and if physical meetings indoors are restricted the AGM may be postponed.

26<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## Financial Summary - Cashbook

Summary between 01/04/20 and 06/02/21 inclusive.

Balances at the start of the year

### Ordinary Accounts

Santander £9,000.86

### Short Term Investment Accounts

Redwood Bank £30,000.00

Santander Deposit account £26,594.12

Total £65,594.98

RECEIPTS	Net	Vat	Gross
Council	£55,070.88	£0.00	£55,070.88
Total Receipts	£55,070.88	£0.00	£55,070.88

PAYMENTS	Net	Vat	Gross
Council	£31,165.57	£2,959.37	£34,124.94
Total Payments	£31,165.57	£2,959.37	£34,124.94

Closing Balances

### Ordinary Accounts

Cash in hand £0.00

Santander £29,924.98

### Short Term Investment Accounts

Redwood Bank £55,000.00

Santander Deposit account £1,615.94

Total £86,540.92

Signed

Chair

Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer

# Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/20 and 06/02/21 inclusive.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/20

		2020/2021	Actual Net	Balance
<b>INCOME</b>				
<b>Council</b>				
101	Precept	£48,790.00	£48,790.00	£0.00
103	Football Income	£1,300.00	£1,400.00	£100.00
110	Interest on Santander deposit acc	£60.00	£21.82	-£38.18
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£50,150.00</b>	<b>£50,611.82</b>	<b>£461.82</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>Council</b>				
1	Administration	£1,000.00	£1,003.46	-£3.46
2	Audit Costs	£550.00	£550.00	£0.00
5	Best Kept Village Competition	£500.00	£264.85	£235.15
8	CCTV	£750.00	£424.00	£326.00
9	Chairman's Allowance	£250.00	£250.00	£0.00
10	Play Park Loan	£1,500.00	£0.00	£1,500.00
12	Christmas Lights	£5,000.00	£3,990.99	£1,009.01
14	Clerks Salary	£9,250.00	£8,193.12	£1,056.88
15	Defibrillator	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00
16	Elections	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
17	Footpath Maintenance	£2,000.00	£0.00	£2,000.00
18	Gardening	£1,750.00	£1,305.00	£445.00
19	Insurance	£0.00	£1,226.18	-£1,226.18
25	Playing Flds Maintenance	£8,000.00	£8,389.26	-£389.26
28	Grants / Other exp	£9,750.00	£444.02	£9,305.98
29	Subscriptions	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
30	Training	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
34	STORAGE AT THE VILLAGE HALL	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00
36	FOOTBALL EXPENDITURE	£700.00	£685.18	£14.82
37	VILLAGE MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENTS/LITTER	£5,600.00	£2,550.93	£3,049.07
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£48,850.00</b>	<b>£29,276.99</b>	<b>£19,573.01 Total</b>
Income	£50,150.00	£50,611.82	£461.82	
Total Expenditure		£48,850.00	£29,276.99	£19,573.01
<b>Total Net Balance</b>		<b>£1,300.00</b>	<b>£21,334.83</b>	

## Accounts for payment

723457	£960.00	Ditton Services	Grass cutting
723458	£1,476.00	R H Electrical Ltd	Xmas Lights
723459	£660.62	Admin	February
723460	£184.69	Inland Revenue	February
723461	£660.62	Admin	March
723462	£184.69	Inland Revenue	March
723463	£145.00	A Horton Gardener	Gardening
723464	£145.00	A Horton Gardener	Gardening
723465	£120.00	Neat - N - Tidy	Lengths mans work
723466	£144.00	R H Electrical Ltd	Xmas Lights
	£4,680.62		

