



MINUTES OF PATTINGHAM AND PATSHULL PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26th JULY 2021 AT PATTINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: R Lines (Chairman), D Billson (Vice Chairman), L Billingham, J Tomlinson, C Clarke, N Hill, A Freeman, T. Mason and Jak Abrahams (County Councillor)

Member of the public present David Jewkes.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies of absence were received from Cllr Mrs A Davies, Julie Wood – Pattingham over-65 Christmas Lunch

Councillors M Finch and N Land were not in attendance.

2. Minutes of the previous meetings held on the 20th July 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th July 2020 were agreed as an accurate and true record of that meeting.

3. To discuss any matters arising from the previous Annual Parish Meeting of the 20th July 2020

None were reported.

4. Report of the Chairman

The Coronavirus pandemic and subsequent lockdowns have been the backdrop of the last 12 months. Many events were cancelled, including the Over 65's Christmas Lunch and the parish council successfully applied for a small grant to buy some food hampers and gift bags for those needing a little extra support.

With a number of parish council meetings postponed, or cancelled, activities have been somewhat restricted. We did get our World War themed benches installed in August, and whilst we missed the VE Day 75th Anniversary, they were in place for VJ Day.

We successfully brokered a project to implement some flood defences behind properties in Moor Lane that had been inundated by Storm Dennis in February 2020. Our thanks go to the Inett farmers for their support.

We successfully lobbied for a speed reduction from 60mph to 40mph on a section of Burnhill Green Road extending in both directions from the junction with Snowdon Road. The 40mph zone came into effect on the 11th December 2020.

A new annual rolling agreement was signed with Harlaston Packington/Mercer Farming to keep the majority of Millennium Walks open. The Chairman also discussed the safety of walkers returning to the village along Westbeech Road, (particularly when exiting the Rifle Range Walk) and Mr Mercer agreed to extending the walk inside the hedgerow back to the Pool Meadow walk. The same company are the new owners of Patshull Park Hotel & Leisure, and the Chairman also discussed on-going difficulties regarding access to St Mary's Church. Mr Mercer said they are more than happy to keep access routes open for St Mary's Church via their land.

Some tree maintenance along Westbeech Road was completed, together with opening up the paths through the old Forest School area of the playing fields.

At our precept meeting in November, members approved repaying the outstanding loan to the District Council that was originally used to part fund new play park equipment. We were also pleased to report a reduction in parish council tax for 2021/22.

Cllr Rob Lines
Chairman 2020 - 2021.

5. Parish Reports

Over 65's lunch report

There was no meal for the over 65's last year and no grant received from the Parish Council. We have nothing to report, so Sharon and I will not be attending the meeting.

Kind regards

Julie and Sharon

6. Matters raised by the public present

None were reported.

7. Date of next APM meeting – 25th April 2022

Meeting closed at 7.40pm