

MINUTES OF THE PATTINGHAM AND PATSHULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020 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 and Mrs C Clarke

126/20. To receive Apologies of absence

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors K James and J Tomlinson due to being unable to join the meeting via Zoom, their apologies were noted and accepted.

Councillor M Finch was not in attendance but sent his apologies whilst the meeting was taking place.

127/20. To receive members declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations were made.

128/20. Public Forum - Democratic fifteen-minute period / public question time.

Standing orders were suspended.

There were no members of the public present, and Members took this time to discuss the Christmas Fund available from South Staffs Council to help parishioners that may need some assistance over the Christmas period. Members decided to make up hampers and distribute them to those in need through St Chads Church and St Chads First School.

Councillor Mrs A Davies agreed to co-ordinate this with the Church and the School.

The Clerk and Chairman to complete the formal application for funding from South Staffs Council.

Standing orders were re-instated.

129/20. To receive for confirmation and adoption, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September and 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

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

130/20. To receive the County / District Councillors report / address to the Council on any matters relevant to the Parish

District Councillor T Mason reported on the following items:-

- He has reported the following to the District Council in relation to flooding problems within the Parish.

Moor Lane (in the vicinity of number 25)

Westbeech Road/County Lane will still flash flood (where they shored up the bank) because no drainage plan was provided - only supporting the bank. This is just before the Shropshire border. After years of reports the banking was reinforced but the drainage opposite to allow an egress for the water has never been resolved.

Westbeech Road/High Street/Clive Road junction will flash flood - mostly because of drain blockage - and not enough preventative maintenance/cleaning of gullies. (For instance, NOW is when they should send the gully tanker to both Moor Lane and this location). It has already been reported to highways on a number of occasions that this drainage issue needs investigation as it is now causing road subsidence. The only time Westbeech/High Street/Clive Road junction didn't flash flood when we had 24 hours of heavy rain was when they had done gully maintenance the previous week. Funny that..?

Pattingham/Wolverhampton Road (near the top of Nurton Bank) floods across the width of the road. Happened just a couple of days ago.

Top of Chesterton Road/High Street has issues. The drain on the right as you enter Chesterton Road is constantly blocked and again had been reported numerous times.

In addition the District Council have been discussing with Severn Trent the problems that may need to be resolved such as the suspected collapsing pipes in Moor Lane.

- Please see below rates per 100,000 for Staffordshire District's and Boroughs that were provided at the Health Board meeting today for the 3<sup>rd</sup> December data.

Newcastle Under Lyme 231  
East Staffordshire 212  
Staffordshire Moorlands 202 (155 excluding Care homes)  
Cannock Chase 183 (156 excluding Care homes)  
Stafford 171 (145 excluding Care homes)  
Tamworth 157  
South Staffordshire 154.8  
Lichfield 153  
Staffordshire overall 185.1  
Stoke 348.7 (second highest in the country)

Compared to the  
West Midlands 163.9  
England 147.8

For comparison purposed South Staffordshire's 54.8 rate per 100,000 over the last few days was

1<sup>st</sup> December 167.2  
30<sup>th</sup> November 179.7  
29<sup>th</sup> November 199.2  
28<sup>th</sup> November 209  
27<sup>th</sup> November 222.3

Pattingham and Patshull's figure for 7 days up to the 20<sup>th</sup> November were 4 cases and 176.8 per 100,000. Up to the 27<sup>th</sup> November 7 cases and 309.3 per 100,000. Up to 13<sup>th</sup> November 9 cases and 397.7 per 100,000.

- The District Council have had printed bags for life, to encourage people to shop local, you should start to see these around our high streets over the next day or so. They are part of our shop local shop safe campaign.

131/20. To discuss any progress on outstanding items relating to County and District

The following outstanding items were noted:-

- The yellow lines outside the Crown and Pigot have not been repainted yet, but dressing works are scheduled in this area for February next year, and it is believed that they will be repainted at the same time.
- The 40mph zone on the Burnhill Green Road, will come into effect from the 11<sup>th</sup> December. The signage is currently being installed. It was agreed that the Clerk look into the possibility of the SID sign being moved to that area to help inform drivers of the new speed limit on this stretch of road.

132/20. Update and further action to be discussed on access to St Marys Church

It was noted that Harlaston Packington/Mercer Farming are the new owners of Patshull Park Hotel & Leisure. Rob Mercer has said they are more than happy to keep access routes open for St Mary's Church. The Chairman has spoken to Mr Mercer and he is happy for the access to remain open, without the need for a formal agreement. Vehicular access will still be allowed, and those that require access will be given the code to the new security gates when they are installed.

The Chairman has also discussed the safety of walkers returning to the village along Westbeech Road, (particularly when exiting the Rifle Ranger walk) and Mr Mercer had agreed to review extending the walk inside the hedgerow back to the Pool Meadow walk. Elsewhere, some minor changes have been made to the entrance/exit points for Nore Hill walk along the Patshull Road section.

133/20. Update on the reinstallation of the Burnhill Green traffic bollard

The 2 new bollards have been delivered to the Chairman and will be passed to Councillor L Billingham to have installed in the New Year.

134/20. Update on the #2minutelitterpick Board

The replacement overlays have been received in a postal tube. They have not been applied yet to the board as it won't be being used until next year. There are 5 litter pickers ready for use. Councillor Mrs A Davies has kindly agreed to put the board out during the school run. We have now paid the original invoice in full, following the original cheque being lost in the post.

135/20. Update on the installation of a mini electric column for the Christmas Lights at Burnhill Green beech tree and discuss any additional installation cost advised by E.ON

The cost to install lighting supply next to the beech tree was quoted by EON as £940.00. This would allow the lights to be safely placed on the tree without the need to have cabling from lamp posts crossing any roads. This was agreed previously by the Council, However when EON came to install the cable, they hit a problem, their email is below:-

"Unfortunately we were unable to carry out the works as planned as the WPD cable that we intended to connect to was not installed in accordance with the WPD cable records. Regrettably we will be required to undertake extensive works to carry out the connection, we have carried out a temporary backfill at the site. Could you please advise if you would like us to requote for the additional works."

The additional cost is now £1200, but we are unsure if this is on top of the original price or the new total cost, the Clerk has asked for clarification. It was agreed that if the cost is £1200 then the Clerk is authorised to arrange the installation of the new column, if it is more than this costs the Clerk to bring the matter back to the January meeting. This was agreed unanimously.

136/20. Update on the cutting back of over-hanging trees on Westbeech Road

The Council allocated and agreed a sum of £1375 to have the trees cut back, the company used for the tree works was Tree Solutions and their total cost was £1100, a saving on budget of £275. The work is complete.

137/20. Update on project to replace rustic benches on the lower playing field

The benches will be ordered in the New Year, as previously agreed with a maximum budget of £2500.

138/20. Update on tidying of Forest School Area on Playing Fields

We engaged the services of Ditton Services (our grass contractor) to open up the Forest School Area by removing branches and brambles, and Tree Solutions Ltd to tidy up some of the park trees. Both companies worked to the brief prepared by the Chairman and did a good job.

It was noted that an area to the right of the access from Westbeech Road, adjacent to the hedgerow between top and bottom fields has been left for the wildlife and not cleared.

Our Lengths person can then maintain the paths for the benefit of parishioners.

139/20. To receive the report from the Clerk.

The following items were noted:-

- Request to use the Tennis Courts for Croquet and Cricket Practice, both requests refused after consultation with the Chairman and Members.
- Dave and Liz Sampson received flowers on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary and Anne Hawkins for her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
- Complaint re overhanging trees on Westbeech Road
- Hand sanitiser units have been received from SSDC and the chairman distributed them to local shops.

- Report from resident relating to ASB in alleyway near the Butchers, Councillor N Hill advised the complainant that they need to report this to the Police as ASB.
- **Response to Planning Application**

#### Consultee Response to 20/00787/OUT

This planning application (20/00787/OUT) to change the designated public open space in Windsor Road is against the District Council's own policy of safeguarding all existing open space. It is part of our green network of public open space within the village consisting of playing fields, village hall green, and open spaces for informal play and recreation.

The Parish Council object to developing on community open spaces, especially when those areas were set aside as public open spaces as part of original development plans. This public open space was set aside for recreational purposes when Windsor Road was built over 40 years ago and has been maintained as such ever since. It is not vacant land, but a valuable amenity space used by local residents for dog walking, children's play, and social gatherings. The land is currently maintained (grass cutting) by Pattingham & Patshull Parish Council as part of our contract with Ditton Services, who also maintain Pattingham Playing Fields and other green spaces in Burnhill Green.

It is a valuable community asset, and should be protected, not lost.

It was noted that the District Council are applying to get permission to build on this land, however, members felt that the Parish Council should agenda for the next meeting to discuss further acquisitions of amenity land within the Parish.

140/20. To receive the accounts for payment.

Chq no	Payee	Description	Total
723410	Neat N Tidy	Lengthsmans work	£18.00
723411	BKV Prizes		£264.85
723412	Dittons	Grass cutting	£472.50
723413	TFM	Paint for fence	£51.23
723414	G Rubini	Tree cutting	£96.00
723415	A Horton	Gardening	£145.00
723416	Cancelled		£0.00
723417	Urban Hygiene	Graffiti remover	£13.94
723418	D & S Oakworks	Bollards	£144.00
723419	Inland Revenue		£184.69
723420	Administration	October	£660.62
723421	Pitchcare	Football Pitch Maintenance	£523.81
723422	Neat N Tidy	Grounds maintenance	£204.00
723423	Neat N Tidy	Changing rooms	£52.17
723424	Beach clean	Litter pick board	£480.00
723425	Edge IT	Annual subs	£328.80
723426	Dittons	Grass cutting	£472.50

723427	Tree Solutions	Tree over hanging West Beech Road	£1,320.00
723428	A Horton	Gardening	£145.00
723429	Administration	November	£660.62
723430	Inland Revenue	November	£184.69
734431	TFM	Cable ties for poppies	£8.52
723432	Neat N Tidy	Grounds maintenance	£60.00
724433	Neat N Tidy	Changing rooms	£75.00
434	Royal British Legion	Wreaths	£40.00
723435	Ebay	New laptop battery	£54.55
723436	Tree Solutions	Tree works Playing fields	£1,020.00
723437	A Horton	Gardening	£145.00
723438	Inland Revenue	December	£184.69
723439	Administration	December	£660.62
723440	Beach Clean	Replacement Chq	£0.00
723441	Christmas Lights	New sets of fairy lights	£39.99
723442	Pattingham Village Hall	Shed rent	£120.00
723443	Dittons	Grass cutting	£472.50
723444	Neat N Tidy	Grounds maintenance	£84.00
723445	R H Electrical	Christmas Lights	£2,097.60
		Total	£11,484.89

The accounts were noted and agreed.

143/20. Items for future Meetings

To discuss amenity land within the Parish

To request an updated crime report from the PCSO

Map by the shops

145/20. Date of next scheduled meeting

18<sup>th</sup> January 2021

1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 (Burnhill Green normally)

19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (APM)

10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (AGM)