

Pattingham & Patshull Parish Council
Meeting held at Pattingham Village Hall
Wednesday 5th December 2007 at 7.30pm

Minutes

Present

Cllr J Burton (Chairman)	Cllr K Whalley
Cllr J Morgans	Cllr C Roberts
Cllr D Morgans	Cllr J Tomlinson
Cllr S Ponder	Cllr D Baldwin
Cllr A Baugh	County Cllr R Marshall

Also present, Mrs B Hodgetts (clerk)

Public Forum

No public present

293/07 Apologies

Apologies received from D Poole and S Brinkman

D. Poole has tendered his resignation due to work and family commitments. Clerk has displayed a vacancy notice. The deadline for applications is 5pm 28th December.

294/07 Police

Pattingham Reported Crime Figures 25/10/2007 – 04/12/07.

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1.....	Rowdy / ASB
0.....	ASB Vehicles
5.....	Criminal damage
0.....	Burglary Dwelling
0.....	Attempt Burglary Dwelling
2.....	Burglary Other building
0.....	TWOC/Take vehicle
1.....	Theft of motor vehicle
0.....	Theft from motor vehicle
0.....	Damage to motor vehicle
0.....	Theft other
0.....	Assaults
0.....	Robbery
0.....	Drug offence
1.....	Suspicious Incidents

Rowdy and anti-social behaviour/criminal damage figs are reasonable for this period. Police called to a group of youths on 28th November causing nuisance in The Square. PC Hossack and PCSIO Street carried out area search no youths seen.

Suspicious incident – Westbeech Road – a red drop side van with an orange beacon on top was reported on 25th November, 2 males on board asking if they could take some holly clippings the driver was spoken to by the house owner and they left. Observations carried out by the Police; there have been no new recent visits by these people.

29th October – Nurton Farm had a break in the tack room various items were taken

Clean up! – Criminal damage – A group of youths were identified and questioned regarding criminal damage to a house in Broadwell Lane. Eggs and flour were thrown at the house windows and vehicle parked on the house owners drive. PC Hossack and PCSO Street arranged to meet the group of youths involved to get them to clean the windows and owner's vehicle. They were spoken to by PC Hossack and told their behaviour would not be tolerated they apologised to the owner for their actions, which was they said a Halloween prank. The group of youths were all local to Pattingham.

Criminal Damage – 1st November a house in The Greenway had fake blood thrown over its front door and in Hall Close a brick was thrown at its front door, these incidents were around Halloween.

On 20th November a van was stolen from the cow shed car park on going investigation

Pattingham Village Hall had a large box of mince pies and container of milk taken whilst an event was taking place on 20th November. PC Lampitt collected empty Tupperware box and plastic milk bottle for possible finger print evidence, awaiting results from scenes of crime.

30th November – Burton Farm four youths caught and detained by the farm owner until Police arrived they caused criminal damage, these youths have been questioned and are due to be processed.

Overall for this period these figures are pleasing

Any questions or info contact the Neighbourhood Police Team on voicemail box no. 08453 302010, PC Duncan Lampitt (x04259), PC Hossack (x03537) or PCSO's Rachel Street (x08862), Teresa Wilkes (x08861).

To report crime please call Staffordshire Police control room on 08453 302010.

- 295/07 Signing of minutes
Minutes of meeting held on 24th October 2007 previously distributed were signed a true and correct record.
- 296/07 Declarations of Interest
Cllr Roberts declared an interest in Item 307/07 planning application number 07/01192/COU
- 297/07 Clerks Report
Thank you to County Councillor Marshall for the donation towards gritting costs.
Clerk omitted to attach training dates a stated will forward following the meeting.
- 298/07 Newsletter
Thank you to all who help with the compilation and delivery of the last newsletter.
Tina Dent Estate Agents have agreed to sponsor the next edition.
- 299/07 Highways
- Westbeech Road – There have been 3 accidents since August, the road has been closed each time. County Councillor Marshall has agreed to try and get the road gritted by the County council on safety grounds. If these accidents can happen under normal road conditions it makes the road very dangerous when it is icy.
 - A petition was recommended.
Resolved: Clerk to write to the Leader of the County Council
 - Several more parishioner letters were read out by the clerk regarding the parking on Westbeech Road outside the school.
Resolved County Councillor Marshall will go to Development Services Dept, Riverway, Stafford and request another site visit.
 - Hole at Clive Farm still not repaired.

- Burnhill Green Straight still speeding.
Resolved Clerk to highlight this to PC Lampitt again
- Burnhill Green Road/Snowdon Road There have been cones covering a man hole for several months. It appears that the cover is broken but it is not a standard size so awaiting replacement.
Resolved Clerk to chase

300/07 Footpaths
Resolved Clerk to ascertain what stage we are at with the Burnhill Green footpaths.

301/07 Burnhill Green
There was a good attendance for the switching on of the lights, which had unfortunately been brought forward at the last minute. Special thanks to Jenny Ray for the mulled wine.

Resolved Council to re-imburse costs

There are several maintenance repairs required at the triangle in Snowdon Road. Previous attempts to get repairs done have not been successful.

Resolved clerk to find some one else who is able to do it.

302/07 Christmas Lighting
A big thank you to K Whalley and Mrs L Robinson for all the effort put it for the Christmas lights again this year.

Resolved Clerk to write with thanks to Mrs Robinson from the council

The tree by the butchers may not be lit this year, the column that provides the supply is not working.

Resolved Clerk to chase

Judges for Christmas lighting competition are needed. It was suggested to approach Mr & Mrs Ringrose.

303/07 CCTV
Quotation from SGS Systems is approximately £8,000. A comparison of specification is needed. Steve Poyser at the District Council will be able to help. It is advised to put £10,000 in the precept in January to cover the costs.

304/07 Codsall Arts Festival
The council £175 is sponsoring the 2 one act plays by the Histon Players and Pattingham Drama Group.

Resolved Clerk to apply for qualifying complimentary tickets both

305/07 Clerks Contract
Revised model contract of employment as previously distributed
Resolved: Agree to model. To be signed by Chairman and Clerk

A salary review using the new National agreement on Salaries and conditions was discussed without the clerk present. – It was agreed that the new calculation of scale should be profile LC1 (points above substantive range 23 – 25) Council agreed to increase salary to point 24.

306/07 Tree Donation
A free tree has previously been offered by New Barns Nursery, Hilton which the council accepted. They are now ready for planting.
Resolved to plant Beech tree and Clerk to contact District Council as to the best position.

307/07 Planning

	<u>Applications for comments</u>
07/01137/FUL	Gracemere House, Great Moor Road Pattingham Two storey extensions and change of use of agricultural land to

	garden- Object - in the green belt and subject to 30% rule and has already been extensively extended
07/01293/COU 07/01240/LBC	West Wing, Patshull Park Change of use from for 2 units to single unit – Be guided by conservation officer

Applications returned since last meeting	
07/00826/FUL	57 High Street, Pattingham (amended) Change of use to residential two bedroom unit - No objections
07/01183/FUL	31 Clive Road, Pattingham Road, Pattingham 1 st Floor side extension – No objections
07/01192/COU	Clive Farm Building, Clive Road Change of use of part of existing day nursery to provide additional dining and wash up area – No objections
Planning applications approved	
07/00901/COU	Tuters Hill Barn, Patshull Road, Pattingham Conversion of existing barn to single dwelling
07/00896/FUL	11 Hall End Lane, Pattingham Demolition of existing garden wall, extension, sun room and garage, plus erection of new garage, new extension and sun room and re-roofing of existing cottage
Planning application refused	
07/00959/FUL	Meadow View Barn, Westbeech Road, Pattingham Two storey rear extension
07/01037/FUL	The Coppice, Pattingham Road Bay window and recess in living room
Appeals	
07/00826/FUL	57 High Street, Pattingham Change of use to residential two bedroom unit

308/07

Finance

(a) To sanction cheque payments as listed below:

Chq No.	Payee	Amount
701350	R Hodgetts	671.70
701351	A Horton	111.00
701352	Pattingham Playing Fields Comm (football)	50.00
701353	R Taylor (petrol & Christmas trees)	30.58
701354	Mrs J Ray	17.50
701355	Mrs J Burton	42.27
701356	SLCC – subscription	91.00
701357	Old Peoples Welfare Committee	1000.00

(b) Balance sheet and expenditure to date – previously distributed

(c) Audit Commission - Audit has been completed with the following comments:

- Councillors should be included in the fidelity insurance
Resolved to add to insurance policy
- Interest in the building society account for Playing fields fabric fund is net of tax, parish councils are entitled to gross interest.
Resolved Clerk to contact the building society

309/07 Councillor Reports

County Council

Matters of interest reported by Cllr R Marshall

The County Council has decided to keep seven homes open, 5 for EMI/Demetia purposes and 2 for 'intermediate care'. The cost to run these will be £1.7million each year.

There was also a U-turn on the subject of County Farms

There will be further debate on 7th December on the costs of job evaluation.

Staffordshire Police are now rated 5th in the country.

Social care department has been awarded 2 stars by the CSCI which is a big improvement on a poor 1 star last year. Overall there was a slight improvement nationally.

District Council

The District has been told they have too much money in their reserves. £1.5 million has been earmarked to give to services .

310/07 Any Other Business

Flicks in the Sticks is coming to Pattingham on 15th December 2007. The film is Miss Potter the parish council is to cover the cost of hall hire.

The gap in the kerb stones, Patshull Road signs will be chased by Cllr Marshall

Old Peoples Welfare lunch is 13th December 2007

311/07 Date of next meeting

9th January 2008 – Precept Pattingham Village Hall 7.30pm

23rd January 2008 – Pattingham Village Hall 7.30pm

Signed:

Dated: