

Meeting of Pattingham & Patshull Parish Council
Pattingham Village Hall
Wednesday 10th March 2010 at 7.30pm

Minutes

Present:

Cllr K Whalley Chairman

Cllr S Ponder

Cllr D Baldwin

Cllr J Burton

Cllr J Morgans

Cllr J Tomlinson

Cllr C Roberts

Cllr S Evans

Cllr Brinkman

Also present : County Cllr D Billson, Mrs B Hodgetts – Parish Clerk

Public Forum:

- No public present

167/09 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from and Cllrs A Baugh and D Morgans

168/09 Police

Pattingham Reported Crime Figures 19/01/2010 – 09/03/2010

3.....Nuisance Rowdy Behaviour = ASB

0.....Assault

1.....Criminal Damage

1.....Damage to M/V

0.....Theft of M/V

4.....Theft from M/V

0.....Burglary Dwelling

0.....Burglary Other

0.....Theft Other

1.....Road Traffic Collisions

0.....Robbery

0.....Drugs

Note 1

Due to a lack of snow this period the ASB reports have dropped considerably. In the 3 reports one was egg throwing, one was youths congregating in the bus stop and the third was report of a fox hunt. The criminal damage was again the mindless and petty damage to a fence adjacent to the alley, which leads to Greenway Gardens. Any names for the local young persons responsible would be appreciated.

Note 2

Apart from the theft from motor vehicles the priority crime figures were good this time again. No assaults, no robberies, no theft of vehicles and pleasingly no burglaries, either dwelling or other. The thefts from motor vehicles have been occurring all over the locality. Both Perton and Tettenhall have also been targeted. Again I can only suggest no valuables, Sat Navs, laptops etc should be left in vehicles overnight. Anyone seen acting suspiciously in the early hours should be reported, as they could well be targeting vehicles.

Note 3

The reported Road traffic collision (RTC) occurred in Snowden Road, Burnhill Green and was due to icy roads.

Any questions or info contact the Neighbourhood Police Team on voicemail box no.,
PC Duncan Lampitt x 04259, PC Hossack x 03537 or PCSO Teresa Wilkes x 8861.

Cllr Ponder and other parish representatives had a meeting with Sir Patrick Cormack and Staffordshire Police Chief Constable.. The Chief Inspector was hopeful that there would be no front line redundancies. The usual issues were raised especially speeding in villages.

169/09 Signing of minutes

Minutes of meetings held on 18th January 2010 were amended to show that Cllr Tomlinson was asked not to mention Westbeech road parking at every meeting and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

170/09 South Staffordshire Council

Mark Jenkinson had arranged to update the council on locality working. Unfortunately he was unable to make the meeting. Clerk gave a brief update. In the 2010/2011 plans there are a number of actions and issues arising around the parish. The major issue being parish support for an action group to be set up to address some of the issues? This has been done in other areas in the District. The Action groups are made up of Councillors, residents young and old, and various agencies depending on the projects we get involved with. Once the group is formed, an action plan is devised on things to tackle. Some of these targets are short term and some are more long term. **Resolved** Councillors are in agreement for the action group to be formed.

171/09 Declarations of Interest

- Cllr Tomlinson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 174/09
- Cllr Burton declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 185/09 - 10/00086/FUL
- Cllr Roberts declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 184/09 - Pattingham Village playgroup precept request.

172/09 Clerks Report

- Nothing further to report

173/09 Chairman's Correspondence

Correspondence received from Mr Stubbs regarding the pavement in Clive Road. Resolved Cllr Billson is attending a meeting with highways department and will see when the work is scheduled.

174/09 Allotments

Correspondence has been received regarding maintenance and parking improvements to the entrance of the allotments as per clause 4.12 of the lease **Resolved** council happy with the proposals

175/09 Newsletter

It was agreed it takes too much time to organise articles for quarterly publications.

Resolved the newsletter would now only be twice a year, March and September.

176/09 Christmas lighting

Cost of installation and switch on was very expensive this year. Bulbs were changed in Burnhill Green and also new installation carried out outside the doctors surgery on Wolverhampton Road. Chambers Electrical has secured all the festoons to branches to help avoid breakages. It was also suggested that the lights be switched on every couple of months for an hour or two. Cllr Whalley to organise this. **Sanctioned** £7249.13

177/09 Highways

- Correspondence from Staffordshire Highways indicated that the extension of parking restrictions on Westbeech Road would be put before the newly formed highways committee. Further details to follow. **Resolved** Clerk to forward any information to County Cllr Billson.
- 2 vehicles are persistent offenders of parking on the yellow lines during the restricted hours. **Resolved** Clerk to ask Parking warden to attend at school finishing times. It is also necessary for the restrictions outside the shops on High Street to be enforced.

178/09 Footpaths

Orders for the creation and diversion of footpaths in Burnhill Green have been raised and are due to be sent to Crown Estate and advertising arranged. **Resolved** Clerk to continue chasing Staffordshire rights of way.

179/09 Burnhill Green

The traffic calming measures on Snowdon Road have been built up and metal rods inserted to ensure that cars cannot be driven over them.

Cllr Ponder would be interested in attending the training course for operation of a speed gun as a volunteer. **Resolved** Clerk to source further information

There are still issues being raised due to the amount of spare Express and Star newspapers being placed in the bin. It was suggested that collection of the newspaper could be moved to the Dartmouth Arms or approach Albrighton Stars to deliver less papers.

The fence around the play area is not stock proof. Crown estate looking into ownership. Cllr Ponder will report if the fence is wooden or metal.

An additional speed bump at the exit of the village towards Beckbury is needed to slow down cars leaving the village. **Resolved** Cllr Billson will speak to Highways

180/09 Youth Forum

B Hodgetts gave a brief update on the activities of the forum. Following concern that the MUGA would not be big enough if put on the existing skatepark site a quotation was obtained to install the equipment at the side will increase the cost to £50,000. Repairs to the skatepark will be approx £10,000 and the youth shelter installation approx £15,000

Resolved The parish council will take ownership of the MUGA and Youth Shelter, the youth forum will continue to raise funds and apply for funding on their behalf.

181/09 Best Kept Village Competition

Resolved Cllrs Burton, Tomlinson and Brinkman to judge the children's posters on 28th April 2010 at 1.45pm

182/09 CCTV

A quote has been received from Badger Electrics. An infra red camera has been installed by Richards CCT to assess the quality. **Resolved** Clerk to bring CCTV pictures to the next parish meeting to discuss all the options further.

183/09 Codsall Arts Festival

Free Drama and Gala night tickets distributed

184/09 Precept Requests

Group	Precept <u>sanctioned</u>	A/c balance 2007/08	A/c balance 2008/09
Pattingham Village Preschool	£1,400	£3,418	£2,632
Pattingham Playing Fields Committee	£575	£1,585	£2,336
Playing Fields Fabric Fund	£1,500	£6,086	£7,674
Pattingham Village Hall	£3,500	£72,762	£78,536
St. Chad's Parochial Church Council	£1275	£73,486	£73,086

185/09 Planning

Councillor Burton made no comments on the following applications

Applications for comments	
10/00130/FUL	Cranmere View, Nurton Bank, Pattingham WV6 7AB Change of use of an existing garage and store to an independent living unit ancillary to the main dwelling - Comment to be made that the dwelling is within green belt
10/00015/FUL	Dartmouth Arms, Burnhill Green, WV6 7HU Variation to license - Objections to be raised to the additional opening hours , would create additional noise at night

Applications returned	
10/00086/FUL	Nurton Hill Farm, Nurton Hill, Pattingham WV6 7HQ Retention and part conversion of existing agricultural building to form 10 stables plus formation of access drive – Objection. The proposed access is potentially dangerous.
	6 – 7 High Street, Pattingham, WV6 7BQ After consultation with the licensing Officer it was agreed that no objections would be raised to the change in licensing hours

Planning applications approved	
09/00888/FUL	Alba, Marlbrook Lane, Pattingham WV6 7BS Extension to garage roof and replacement pitch roof to rear flat roof extensions
09/00891/FUL	Dartmouth Arms, Snowdon Road, Burnhill Green, WV6 7HU Kitchen extension

Planning applications withdrawn	
09/00930/FUL	Grange Farm, Hollies Lane, Pattingham, WV6 7HJ Demolition of conservatory, extension and garage and erection of 2 storey extension and underground swimming pool

Planning applications Refused	
09/00791/COU	Nurton Hill Farm, Nurton Hill Road, Pattingham, WV6 7HQ Conversion of existing agricultural building to form 24 stables

186/09 Finance

(a) To sanction cheque payments as listed below:

Chq No.	Payee	Amount £
701584	Turner – Xmas lights winner	25.00
701585	Edwards – Xmas lights winner	25.00
701586	Chambers Electrical	7249.13
701587	Best Kept Village entry fee	15.75
701588	E.on – Xmas lights electricity	94.08
BACS	R Hodgetts - Salary	570.80
	February total	7979.76

Chq No.	Payee	Amount £
701589	Inland Revenue	105.20
701590	R Hodgetts - expenses	55.82
701591	Tennyson Insurance – Pattingham Playing Fields	667.66
701592	A Horton	162.00
701593	Rees Page Solicitors (allotments)	86.36
701594	Crown Estate – Burnhill Green lease	53.50
701595	Pattingham Village Hall – CCTV running costs	104.07
701596	Pattingham Village Hall – hire costs	15.15
701597	Pattingham Playing Fields Committee – Football Pattingham Pumas	125.00
701598	Community Council of Staffordshire	22.00
701599	Pattingham Village Playgroup	1400.00
701600	Pattingham Playing Fields Committee	575.00
701601	Pattingham Village Hall	3500.00
701602	St. Chad’s Parochial Church Council	1275.00
701603	Viking Direct	142.67
701604		
	March Total	8289.43

Refund of £1.50 from Crown Estates invoiced in error.

Sanctioned membership of Community Council of Staffordshire £22.00per annum

187/09 Councillor Reports

District Council

Matters of interest reported from J Burton

- The district council is short of money and a number of operational changes have been made to ensure that there will be no redundancies.
- There will no longer be the twice yearly collection of big items and bus tokens will only be given to pensioner over 70 years old. Free Trees and bulbs will also not be available in the next financial year.
- Revenue is down in planning with fewer applications being submitted.
- There has been a fantastic response to fly tipping and several court cases have been won.
- There will be a 2.1% increase in Council Tax, £3.5 million taken out of reserves.

County Council

Matters of interest reported from D Billson

- Staffordshire have no grit left, so just praying that there are no more frosts forecast. The grit ordered for Staffordshire during very cold weather was seized by government and distributed to other areas
- The Local Community Fund paid out £7,000 to Pattingham groups.
- Staffordshire are only 1 of 2 councils to get a very good audit report.
- The Integrated Youth Service has now appointed a manager who will be based at Codsall. She will deal with Anti-social behaviour, teen pregnancies, youth clubs etc.
- At a conference of sustainable transport it was suggested that there should be a 40 – 60% reduction in transport usage, they are trying to get more people walking or cycling.

- Increases in rates for 2010/11
 - Fire Authority 3%
 - Police £2.9%
 - District Council 2.1%
 - County Council £21 million savings since June 2009.

- Eventually a 20mph speed limit will be in force outside all schools.

188/09 Any Other Business

The untidiness of 7 Hall Close was raised. The drive way is an eye sore with bags of rubbish and old chairs just left. Cllr Burton agreed to go and have a look and speak to the District council as soon as possible.

The painting of the sticks for highway signs at the cross roads of Clive Road/Wolverhampton Road was raised. **Resolved** Clerk to investigate

The poor street lighting on Clive Road from the cross roads to the junction with Moor Lane was reported. **Resolved** clerk to investigate.

189/09 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 7th April – 7.30pm Pattingham Village Hall – Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 19th May - 7.30pm Pattingham Village Hall – Annual meeting of Parish Council

Meeting closed at 8.51pm

Signed: Dated: