

Annual meeting of Pattingham & Patshull Parish Council,
Pattingham Village Hall
Wednesday 19th May 2010 at 7.30pm

Minutes

Present

Cllr K Whalley - Chairman
Cllr S Ponder - Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs J Burton
Cllr Mrs C Roberts
Cllr Mrs S Brinkman
Cllr Mrs S Evans
Cllr J Tomlinson

Also present, Mrs B Hodgetts, County Councillor D Billson, 2 members of public

Public Forum

- 2 parishioners from Burnhill Green were present with concerns regarding the new development. The Chairman informed them that their concerns should be raised with the Crown Estate. Mr Andrew Liddiment from Knight Frank will be in the area on Monday 24th May.
- Rubbish dumped on the Dartmouth Arms car park is also the Crowns responsibility.
- The verges in Snowdon Road are never on their annual programme of works. Cllr D Billson will investigate.
- 30 and 40 miles per hour signs have been installed in Snowdon Road, unfortunately one was knocked down at the end of the cottages, it has been replaced but the old one has never been collected and is covered now by the overgrown verges. Cllr Billson to investigate
- The surplus of Express and Star newspapers has now been resolved.

Police Report

Pattingham Reported Crime Figures 07/04/2010 – 19/05/2010

8.....Nuisance Rowdy Behaviour = ASB
0.....Assault
1.....Public Order
3.....Criminal Damage
0.....Damage to M/V
0.....Theft of M/V
0.....Theft from M/V
0.....Burglary Dwelling
0.....Burglary Other
3.....Theft Other
1.....Road Traffic Collisions
0.....Robbery
0.....Drugs

Note 1

Anti social behaviour is raising its ugly head again. All but one of the calls relate to youths gathering around the rear of the Village Hall foot-balling to the annoyance of persons using the hall. CCTV footage has been viewed and persons responsible will be identified and advised with their parents. Although there is an influence from youths from other areas, it is fair to say the majority of these young people are from the village.

Note 2

The theft reports concern poaching from the nearby Copley fishing pool. On one of the occasions an Eastern European male was detained at the scene. Unfortunately there was not enough evidence to support a prosecution at this time, but enquiries are still ongoing.

Note 3

Two of the criminal damage reports involved minor damage such as the breaking of windows. One of these incidents amounted to a young boy recklessly throwing a stone. This matter was dealt with between the injured party and the parents of the child. Another incident ended up with four local youths being arrested for damage and public order offences. They are still currently on bail while enquiries continue.

Note 4

The road traffic collision was a single vehicle accident along the Westbeech Rd, but not near the school.

Note 5

On the positive side, there were no burglaries, no theft of or from motor vehicles and no robberies. These are excellent priority crime figures

Any questions or info contact the Neighbourhood Police Team on voicemail box no., PC Duncan Lampitt x04259, PC Hossack x03537, PCSO Ashley Tooth x16722 or PCSO Teresa Wilkes x8861.

Concerns were raised regarding the response to calls made in connection with anti-social behaviour at the village hall. On 3 separate occasions the police either attended after 2 hours or didn't attend at all.

The village hall does not appear to be on the police database.
PCSO Woodley who covered Pattingham has resigned.

Presentation by John Littleton – District Council Environmental Enforcement Officer

An audit report commented that South Staffordshire Council was not doing enough enforcement.

Environmental crime can be anything from cigarette end to fly tipping.

There are enforcement powers under Environmental Protection Act (1990) s87 and Clean Neighbourhood and Environmental Act (2005)

Fly tipping is defined as anything over a black bag. Fixed penalty fines are £75, if it goes to a magistrate's court it can be a fine of £2,500.

The council are slowly winning with dog fouling. Their aim is to educate rather than fines. Dog bins have been introduced across the district. All waste is sent to the Wolverhampton incinerator. Letters can be issued to all the homes in a problem area.

South Staffordshire has had a decrease in fly tipping in the last 2 years; it is 40% lower than the national average. 56% of incidents are household waste. There were 455 incidents in south Staffordshire costing £32,359. £17,000 was recovered in fines and costs.

What can be done?

- Covert close and long distance cameras can be used.
- Stop and search with the police
- Check licenses of scrap metal merchants and charity bag collectors. Fixed penalty of £200 for non compliance.
- Everything the enforcement team do does appear in the newspaper and on the district council's website (www.sstaffs.gov.uk)
- South Staffs has a zero tolerance.

In the last 3 years there have been 3 cases involving locals, the majority of incidents are from outside of Staffordshire.

If anyone has problems with litter after bin collections, contact John Littleton 01902 696200

- 01/10 Apologies
Apologies received and accepted from Cllr D Morgans, Cllr Mrs J Morgans, Cllr D Baldwin
- 02/10 Minutes
Minutes of meetings held on 10th March 2010 and APM 7th April 2010, previously distributed were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.
- 03/10 Election of chairman
Resolved Cllr K Whalley elected as Chairman. Declaration duly signed.
- 04/10 Election of Vice chairman
Resolved Cllr S Ponder elected as Vice chairman.
- 05/10 Declarations of Interest
Cllr Tomlinson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 09/10
Cllr Mrs Roberts declared a personal and prejudicial interest in 21/10 preschool precept
- 06/10 Committees
Resolved members to continue on committees as noted below.

Committees for 2010

3	Pattingham Village Hall	D Baldwin, S Evans, S Brinkman
3	Pattingham Playing Fields	S Brinkman, C Roberts, J Tomlinson
4	Old Peoples Welfare	J Burton, D Baldwin, J Tomlinson, S Brinkman
1	School Governor	B Hodgetts
2	Education Foundation Trust	A Baugh, D Morgans
2	Local Transport	J Burton
1	Sports Council/Inter Parish Games	
2	Burnhill Green Residents Committee	A Baugh, S Ponder
1	Parish Youth Champion	C Roberts
4	Playing Fields Trustees	M Beagle, M O'Byrne,

- 07/10 Clerks Report
- Report previously distributed.
 - Additional information: The district council are installing a new 'recycling on the go' bin outside the Co-op and a new bin will be installed by the telephone box.
- 08/10 Chairman's correspondence
The chairman has been in discussion with environmental health regarding 7 Green Close. He has been assured that a cleanup notice will be sent and enforced with the owners of the property.
- 09/10 Allotments
- The Lease Engrossment has been signed by Cllr Whalley and Mrs B Hodgetts (clerk) and returned.
 - An additional £12.50 was required for the increase in v.a.t. on the landlord's solicitors fees held on deposit.

10/10 Newsletter

Resolved Clerk and Cllr Mrs Burton will attempt to put the next issue together. To be kept under review.

11/10 Christmas lighting

Nothing to report

12/10 Highways

- A post on one of the traffic calming 'build out' has already been knocked down and one build out has no post at all therefore has been driven over.
- It was agreed to put traffic calming measures at the bottom of the village to slow speed down near the children's play area. Resolved clerk to request further measures.
- Further incidents were reported regarding Westbeech Road. Resolved Council has done what it can to alleviate this problem. Still waiting for outcome of increasing the restrictions.
- Double parking and parking on the pavement is now happening on Wolverhampton Road.
- Hills coaches have again double parked.

13/10 Footpaths

The County Council rights of way informed us that the documentation had been sent to Knight Frank on 25th February. County waiting for signed documents to come back. **Resolved** clerk to contact Knight Frank and rights of way.

14/10 Burnhill Green

The new houses are fabulous but there are a few complaints. The garages are built in consultation with the police and have no doors under the 'secured by design' initiative. The householder also cannot have sheds. Some concern was raised regarding protecting property.

15/10 Insurance

Sanctioned payment of to Aon for Insurance renewal at a cost of £1116.22

16/10 Subscription renewals

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| ➤ Staffordshire Parish Councils Association | £425.00 |
| ➤ Local Council Review | £13.50 |
| ➤ Campaign to Protect Rural England | £29.00 |

17/10 South Staffordshire District Council

The District Council are bringing in charges for cutting of the playing fields. The charges will be introduced on an incremental basis over the next three years starting in April 2011. The costs will be as follows:

1st year £1967.52
2nd year £3935.04
3rd year £5902.56

There are 3 options, withdraw from the maintenance operations and make alternative arrangements, reduce frequency of maintenance therefore reducing costs or continue with full maintenance service.

Resolved Clerk to obtain quotes from contractors for the next meeting.

The provision of free flowering bulbs is no longer available, but can be purchased directly from the district.

Resolved not to have bulbs this year.

18/10 CCTV

Pictures from the camera that has an infra-red were discussed. **Resolved** to obtain quotes for updating all the cameras from Richards.

19/10 Multi Use Games Area

Resolved the Parish Council as land owners to complete a bid for Staffordshire Environmental Fund for £30,000. Clerk to complete the application form.

3 quotations were discussed. Record RSS £68,000, SMP £49,770, Safe & Sound £48,500 **Resolved** to approve SMP at a cost of £49,770. Although not the cheapest quotation an example of their equipment and quality can be seen in Perton.

Resolved to appoint a project manager. Clerk had previously contacted the district council, they have quoted approximately £7,000, this is based on them managing the project from start to finish including obtaining quotes. A meeting will be needed to get an accurate cost. This cost seems very high. Clerk to obtain alternative costs.

Resolved Parish Council will take responsibility for maintenance of the MUGA with the help of the Playing Fields Committee.

Resolved to donate £5,000 towards the MUGA/Youth shelter project with £5,000, in contingency

20/10 Planning

	Applications for comments
	None received

	Applications returned since last meeting
10/00199/FUL	Nurton Hill Farm, Nurton Hill Road, Pattingham, WV6 7HQ Retention and part conversion of existing agricultural building to form 10 stables plus formation of access drive. Comments still raise concerns as per previous stated in application 10/00086/FUL
10/00217/LUP	Nurton Hall Farm House, Wolverhampton Road, Nurton WV6 7AD One and two storey rear extensions
10/00210/FUL	6 Westbeech Road, Pattingham WV6 7AQ Two storey rear extension and widened vehicle access. No objections
10/00090/COU	The Dower House, East Westbeech Road, Pattingham WV6 7HF Change of use of existing outbuilding to residential No objections
10/00243/FUL	28 Westbeech Road, Pattingham WV6 7AQ Erection of shed in connection with pond and wildlife sanctuary This application is within the green belt, Query where the shed is being sited in relation to the pond.

21/10 Finance

Audit Documents

- To review end of year balance sheet – No comments raised
- approve statement of accounts - **Resolved** Chairman approves accounts
- Sign and agree Annual Governance Statement - **Resolved** chairman signs statement on behalf of the council
- **sanctioned** Internal Auditor costs of £60
- **Sanctioned** cheque payments as listed below:

Chq No.	Payee	Amount £
701611	Tennyson Insurance – Burnhill Green	490.49
701612	South Staffordshire Council – Easter Sussed	285.00
	April Total	775.49
701613	Viking Direct	7.04
BACS	R Hodgetts - salary	334.01
701614	Pattingham Playing Fields - Football	100.00
701615	Pattingham Village Hall – room hire	70.72
701616	John Teague – Millennium Walk repairs	45.55
701617	J Williams – litter warden	390.00
BACS	R Hodgetts - salary	339.07
701618	R Hodgetts – expenses	163.77
701619	Inland Revenue	181.50
701620	Allianz Insurance	1169.22
701621	Staffordshire Parish Council Association	425.00
701622	NALC – Local Council Review	13.50
701623	Campaign to Protect Rural England	29.00
701624	D Walker	60.00
701625	A Horton	120.00
701626	Manby Bowdler – solicitor	12.50
701627	R Taylor	33.87
BACS	R Hodgetts - salary	486.80
	May Total	£3991.55

- **Resolved** to agree precept allocation for 2010/11 for village organisations following receipt of yearly accounts as shown below :

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	£1000	£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

22/10 Councillor Report

District Council

Matters of interest report by Cllr Mrs Burton
 The new chairman of the District Council is Mr Robert McCardle from Trysull & Seisdon.
 The transport review will take several months.

County Council

Matters of interest report by Cllr D Billson

The county has already saved £15 million, but there will be further cuts to follow. £22 million this year and £22million next year.

The Local Member Initiative will be joint funding only.

Denominational free transport is to be stopped. Young people who live 3 miles or more from school will continue to get free school transport.

23/10 **Any other Business**

There are strong concerns with the policing in Pattingham at present. Clerk to send strong letters to the Police with e-mail correspondence from Cllr Mrs Burton.

24/10 Date of next meeting

Monday 21st June 2010 – Crown Room, Dartmouth Arms, Burnhill Green 7.30pm

Meeting closed 10.00pm

Signed:

Dated: