

PATNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 September 2019 at 07.30pm at Old Barton, Manor Farm Lane, Patney

Present:

Patricia Alsop	(PA)	Chairman
Mark Cann	(MC)	Parish Councillor
John Derry	(JD)	Parish Councillor
Simon Guest	(SG)	Parish Councillor
Peter Small	(PS)	Parish Councillor & Clerk
Paul Oatway	(PO)	Wiltshire Councillor

1. Co-option of Parish Councillor

PA welcomed SG who had been co-opted onto the Council on 3 July 2019. SG signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and PS confirmed that all other formalities had been completed.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 May 2019 and Matters Arising

The minutes were approved and signed by PA.

The defibrillator awareness session held on 10 September had been attended by nine villagers and was well received. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return and related papers have been submitted and accepted.

3. Finance Report

The accounts for the year to date had been distributed prior to the meeting.

Movements since the last meeting are receipts of interest of £0.76 on the interest-bearing business access account with Lloyds Bank plc and payments of £196.80 for the annual insurance premium and £35 for the Information Commissioner's Office annual data protection fee.

The meeting also approved a payment of £154.66 to Mark Cann for reimbursement of patney.net domain name for 2 years of £28.78 and the Heart internet website fee for 2019/20 of £125.88.

Bank balances in hand currently stand at £10,422.37.

4. Neighbourhood Watch

The meeting noted with great sadness the passing of Alasdair Burroughs on 20 July following a short illness. A service and party to commemorate his life was held on 15 September attended by some 70 family members and friends including PS and three other villagers.

PA confirmed that PS had taken over the role of NHW coordinator. PS reported that there was nothing to add to the various emails distributed since the last meeting.

5. Planning Applications

No applications have been made since the last meeting which affect the parish.

6. Parish Steward

Danny, the Parish Steward, continues to do an excellent job within the parish. JD reminded all councillors to inform him by email of any issues that required the attention of the Parish Steward. **Action All**

7. Highways & Rights of Way

- Network Rail have repaired the fencing on the south side of the old station and cleared the footpath on the north side
- The lay-by in Woodborough Road next to the fishing lakes have been swept by the local farmer
- PS has requested information on a date from Richard Dobson of Wiltshire Council for the remedial work to the hump over the river bridge at the south end of Woodland Road. No response has been forthcoming. The meeting requested PS to chase this up again and copy in PO. **Action PS**
- JD queried whether the footpath between 24 and 26 Woodland Road was being kept clear. PS confirmed that it was passable

8. Insurance Cover

The changes agreed at the last meeting had been implemented except for the office contents cover of £2,500 which is a standard part of the policy.

9. Website

The administration change from MC to PS has been completed.

10. Street Lighting

PS confirmed that Wiltshire Council will change the switch off time to midnight once the new LED lights have been installed throughout the village.

11. Village contacts

The number of households contactable by email has risen to 22 and by mail drop to 1.

12. VE Day 75

The meeting agreed that we should not do anything independently.

13. Donation request from St John's Ambulance

The meeting agreed to continue the policy of only considering donations where there has been some direct involvement by a charity in the village. Accordingly, no donation will be made in this instance.

14. Matters from the public

- 1) Water refill point for cyclists – after discussion it was agreed that it was not an appropriate use of precept funds and there were other facilities available in larger towns and villages on the cycleway. PS to inform the villager who raised the issue **Action PS**
- 2) Speeding in the village – this has become a concern both in Woodland Road and Manor Farm Lane. It was felt that the potential for extending the 30mph limit the length of Manor Farm Lane and from the triangle at the north end of Manor Farm Lane to the north side of the railway bridge should be considered. The following actions were agreed:
 - a. PO to organize a 'metro count', take the matter up with CATG and advise PS of the police contact at Devizes HQ **Action PO**
 - b. MC and SG to obtain quotes and information on the various signs and awareness notices that are available **Action MC and SG**

15. Wildflower Area

A notice from Wiltshire Council (WC) had been distributed prior to the meeting. It was agreed that WC should be asked to consider using the triangle at the north end of Manor Farm Lane. **Action PS**

16. Dates of future meetings

Tuesday 10 December at 7.30pm at Manor Farmhouse, Manor Farm Lane – confirmed

Wednesday 26 February at 7.30pm at Cobbetts, 56 Woodland Road – still provisional but date changed

Wednesday 13 May at 7.00pm followed by Annual Village meeting at 8.30pm at Manor Barn, Manor Farm Lane – still provisional but date changed

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 08.25pm.


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Patricia Alsop, Chairman

10/12/2019