

## PATNEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 December 2019 at 07.30pm at Manor Farmhouse, Manor Farm Lane, Patney

#### **Present:**

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

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence, due to business commitments, have been received from Mark Cann (MC).

#### **2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 September 2019 and Matters Arising**

The minutes were approved and signed by PA. All matters arising are covered in the meeting agenda.

#### **3. Finance Report**

The accounts for the year to date were signed by PA as an accurate record.

Movements since the last meeting are receipts of interest of £0.76 on the interest-bearing business access account with Lloyds Bank plc and a payment of £154.66 to MC for reimbursement of two items - the 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 £10,268.83. The meeting agreed to transfer £1,000 from the current account to the interest-bearing business access account. **Action PS**

#### **4. Budget for the year ending 31 March 2021**

The budget for the year ending 31 March 2021 which had been circulated prior to the meeting was approved. The budget estimates receipts of £1,037.00, payments of £527.00 and bank balances at 31 March 2021 of £10,816.86. The meeting considered that it was prudent to continue to allow for a small surplus in order to maintain available funds for renewal of the defibrillator hire in 2022.

#### **5. Parish Precept 2020/2021**

The meeting agreed to maintain the precept of £1,000 from Wiltshire Council for the next financial year.

#### **6. Revised PPC Financial Regulations**

Revised regulations, based on the 2019 edition provided by NALC and which had been circulated prior to the meeting, were approved. The meeting noted the changes to the previous regulations.

#### **7. Annual Review of other Parish Council policies and procedures**

The meeting reviewed the Investment Policy, the Risk Management Strategy, the Social Media Policy, the Privacy Policy, the Standing Orders and the Code of Conduct - no changes were proposed.

PO advised the meeting that Wiltshire Council will be issuing a new Code of Conduct in the next few months. The meeting agreed to review any proposed changes in due course.

#### **8. Risk Management Review**

The meeting conducted the annual risk management review and all present were satisfied that we meet the criteria.

#### **9. Neighbourhood Watch**

PS confirmed there was nothing to report.

## 10. Planning Applications

One application has been made since the last meeting relating to the demolition of 3 existing cottages and garage block and erection of 3 detached dwellings (resubmission of 15/06250/FUL) at 23 to 27 Woodland Road, Patney, SN10 3RD.

The Parish Council submitted the following comments to Wiltshire Council:

"Whilst we support this application, we cannot ignore two fundamental issues.

1. We would request there is a proper review of the Wiltshire Council Core Strategy regarding Policy HC25 of the Kennet District Local Plan from April 2004 which states that replacement of an existing building will be permitted where:
  - a. "the siting is closely related to the footprint of the dwelling it replaces". In the proposed development, the three new dwellings are turned by 90 degrees to the existing building. We would challenge whether this is "closely related". The visual impact would significantly increase.
  - b. "and scale of the replacement is not significantly larger than the original structure". As can be seen from the plan the three new detached houses are far bigger than the existing three terraced houses.
2. We would also echo the first comment already submitted by Mr. Nigel Thursby. There is a fundamental change in this application compared to the three previous ones which were all approved. The earlier applications were for one detached house and 2 semi-detached houses all with double garages. This application is for 3 detached houses with one double and two single garages. There is clearly an issue surrounding "affordable" housing which needs to be considered."

The application was approved by Wiltshire Council on 10 December subject to conditions which are fully set out on the Wiltshire Council website. The Planning Officer has addressed the comments made by the Parish Council and by two other village residents but has chosen to disagree with the arguments put forward.

## 11. Parish Steward

JD has asked the Parish Steward to arrange for a road sweeper to clear Manor Farm Lane which has significant leaf deposit.

## 12. Highways & Rights of Way

- PO reported that he had queried the status of the remedial work to the hump over the river bridge at the south end of Woodland Road. It appears that the work involved is more complicated than realized so there may be further delay before any work is carried out.
- Speeding on Woodland Road – Strips have been fitted by Wiltshire Council and PO will provide feedback in due course. PO suggested contact should be made with other local parishes which already have a sharing/renting scheme with a speed sign company. **Action PS**
- PS stated that he had received a request for a mirror to be installed to assist access from the lane by the church onto Woodland Road – Highways at Wiltshire Council have confirmed that if a mirror is sited on the Village Green (which is owned by the Parish) then, subject to receiving a plan of the exact location, since some of the Green is maintainable highway, there would be no objection. PO suggested that the type, size and colour of the mirror should be approved by the Parish Council. PS will ask for detailed plans to be provided to enable the Parish Council to consider the proposal. **Action PS**
- Street lighting – any changes will not be made until August 2020 at the earliest. It was agreed that village residents will be consulted about any changes to the times that lights would be on/off.
- Wildflower area – Central Highways at Wiltshire Council have now published their decisions.

## 13. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 18 March 2020 at 7.30pm at Cobbetts, 56 Woodland Road, Patney

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 08.15pm.

  
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Patricia Alsop, Chairman

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