

## PATNEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 March 2020 at 07.30pm at Cobbetts, 56 Woodland Road, Patney

**Present:**

Patricia Alsop	(PA)	Chairman
Mark Cann	(MC)	Parish Councillor
John Derry	(JD)	Parish Councillor
Simon Guest	(SG)	Parish Councillor – (via video link)
Peter Small	(PS)	Parish Councillor & Clerk

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence have been received from Paul Oatway.

**2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 December 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 £0.86 on the interest-bearing business access account and a VAT reclaim of £35.77. Bank balances in hand as at 2 March 2020 stand at £301.30 on the current account and £10,005.29 on the instant access account. PS noted that other than interest for March on the instant access account no other movements are anticipated this financial year.

**4. Neighbourhood Watch**

PS confirmed there was nothing to report.

**5. Planning Applications**

PS confirmed there was nothing to report

**6. Parish Steward**

JD reported that he had not seen the Parish Steward this year since he is primarily involved with pothole repairs. The main outstanding issue is the sweeping of Manor Farm Lane.

**7. Highways & Rights of Way**

- The remedial work to the hump over the river bridge at the south end of Woodland Road is still outstanding.
- Speeding on Woodland Road – the Wiltshire Council survey found insufficient evidence to justify any changes – in excess of 85% of all vehicles were within the speed limit during the weeklong survey.
- PS stated that no detailed plans had been submitted for the Council's consideration regarding the installation of a mirror to assist access from the lane by the church onto Woodland Road. It was agreed that this matter should not be taken further.

**8. Internal audit for the year ending 31 March 2020**

- PS confirmed that Neville Burrell is happy to continue in this role.

**9. Best Kept Village Competition 2020**

- It was agreed not to enter this year.

**10. Wiltshire Crimestoppers**

- After discussion it was agreed that there was no evidence that we needed to join this group.

#### **11. Wiltshire Council Green Infrastructure and Open Space Study**

- The meeting reviewed the current map provided by Wiltshire Council setting out the "Patney Existing Open Space". It was agreed that the following amendments should be submitted to Wiltshire Council:
  - I. The Woodside Lakes on the north side of Woodborough Road need to be shown
  - II. The house at 2a Woodland Road needs to be shown
  - III. The meadows adjacent to Green Lane and Woodland Road are privately owned and should not be shown as "amenity green space"
  - IV. The light green shaded areas are all privately owned with no right of public access

PS was requested to submit these comments and other related documents to Wiltshire Council

**Action PS**

#### **12. Vacancies for Parish Clerk, Parish Councillor and NHW Co-ordinator**

- These vacancies will become available after PS steps down from these roles at the conclusion of the next meeting scheduled for 13 May.
- JD has agreed to take on the role of NHW CO-ordinator w.e.f. 13 May.
- Some interest has been expressed in taking on the Parish Councillor role but currently there is no interest in the role of Parish Clerk. In the meantime, PA will approach some other possible candidates. The consensus view of the Council is that ideally the Clerk should also be a Councillor.

#### **13. Future of Patney Parish Council and discussion on links to other Councils**

- In view of the responses received to date under item 12 the Council discussed possible alternative options going forward. It was agreed, on balance, that it would be preferable to stay independent since matters that affect our village are more likely to be dealt with more effectively by our own parish council. It was recognized, however, that if this proves not to be possible then a link to another local council would need to be explored. Some informal discussions have taken place, but it was agreed that at the present time no further action would be taken.

#### **14. Coronavirus Support within the village**

- A long and detailed discussion took place on how to best support elderly and vulnerable people within the village during this current crisis. The Council agreed that we should set out to identify all who might fall into this category and identify those villagers who would be prepared to assist that group of people. The intention would be to remove unnecessary duplication of people movement and to assist those who are in need. MC will draft a maildrop for the Council's consideration and once agreed MC and SG will canvass all residents in the village (over the weekend of 21 and 22 March) to gather relevant information.

#### **15. Defibrillator Awareness Session**

- The session booked for 11 June has been cancelled. A new date will be advised asap.


#### **16. Wiltshire Wildlife Trust**

- Following a request from the Trust it was agreed not to donate, in line with previously agreed policy.

#### **17. Date of next meeting**

PPC Annual on Wednesday 13 May 2020 at 7.00pm, followed by Village Annual at 8.30pm at Manor Barn, Manor Farm Lane, Patney

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 09.15pm.

  
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Patricia Alsop, Chairman