

PATNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 January 2021 at 7.00pm
Via Zoom

Present:

Patricia Alsop	(PA)	Chairman
Mark Cann	(MC)	Parish Councillor
John Derry	(JD)	Parish Councillor
Simon Guest	(SG)	Parish Councillor
Paul Oatway	(PO)	Wiltshire Councillor
Steve Welford	(SW)	Parish Councillor & Clerk

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence were received.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 22 October 2020 and Matters Arising

The Land Registry enquiry re. ownership of the west side of the village green has been renewed; the Council approved the required search fee.

The minutes of the meeting were approved.

3. Parish Councillor vacancy, and May Council elections

JD confirmed his willingness to continue as Parish Councillor until May. The Council elections are currently scheduled to go ahead in May, but may be delayed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. Finance Report

Movements since the meeting on 22 October 2020 are instant access interest of £0.26p; no outgoing payments made. Bank balances on 13 January 2021 were £118.13 on current account and £10,008.11 on instant access account.

WC precept £1000 for 2021/22 and VAT refund of £61.87 for 2020 have been submitted.

5. Neighbourhood Watch

Nothing to report

6. Planning Applications

Nothing to report

7. Parish Steward

Villagers should let JD know of any issues that the Parish Steward can take care of on his monthly visit to Patney.

8. Defibrillator

Nothing to report

9. Highways & Rights of Way

PO has initiated action on the missing Patney village sign and will check on the timeframe for its replacement.

A temporary barrier has been erected by Wiltshire Council on Hail bridge (FP6), and a permanent replacement to the damaged parapet will be installed in due course.

10. Matters from the Public

The Council approved a quote from Rowan Tree Services for tree work to the sycamore and ash trees on the village green, and for ivy removal from the telegraph pole and from the sycamore trees on the west side of the green. The work will be scheduled as soon as possible.

A request for a blind spot mirror on the village green opposite the lane below the church was discussed; the Council has asked for a proposal for further consideration. PO confirmed that such provision is not funded by Wiltshire Council, and so would need to be self-funded.

A proposal for extending the parking space outside the church was discussed; the Council expressed no objection to the proposal subject to there being no destabilisation of the existing soil bank resulting from tree reduction work, and no drainage issues for the lane or adjacent landowners. PO subsequently confirmed that the lane is not adopted by Wiltshire Council, and so no permission from Wiltshire Highways is required. It would be the responsibility of those commissioning the works to obtain any permissions that may be necessary.

11. Wiltshire Council update

PO reported on the various support activities and initiatives from Wiltshire Council, especially those related to the COVID-19 pandemic. These include significant expenditure for laptops to support home schooling, provision of a discretionary grant scheme for those falling outside of the existing grants, continued suspension of on-street parking restrictions, and support for the vaccination rollout programme.

12. Dates of future meetings

The next PPC Meeting is scheduled for 08 April 2021 at 7:00pm. Potential dates for a Village Annual Meeting in 2021 will be reviewed at the next PPC meeting, and subject to Wiltshire Council guidelines regarding COVID-19.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.15pm.

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Patricia Alsop, Chairman