

PATNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 08 April 2021 at 7.00pm (via Zoom)

Present:

Patricia Alsop	(PA)	Chairman
Mark Cann	(MC)	Parish Councillor
John Derry	(JD)	Parish Councillor & Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
Simon Guest	(SG)	Parish Councillor
Paul Oatway	(PO)	Wiltshire Councillor
Steve Welford	(SW)	Parish Councillor & Clerk
Gino Zabeo	(GZ)	Candidate for Parish Councillor

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies received.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 14 January 2021 and Matters Arising

Land Registry search has confirmed that no title has been registered for the Village Green west side. Tree work to the ash and sycamore trees and ivy removal on the Village Green was completed on 26 January 2021. Work has been completed by the adjacent landowner on the extension to the parking space outside the church.

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by PA.

3. Parish Councillor vacancy, and May Council elections

As previously indicated by JD, he has decided not to seek re-election in May and will stand down, as planned, after the May Council elections. Nomination papers have been submitted to Wiltshire Council for re-election of the other existing councillors. In addition, Gino Zabeo who has decided to stand and has submitted nomination papers.

4. Finance Report

Movements since the meeting on 14 January 2021 are instant access interest of £0.15p; the following payments were made – Rowan Tree Surgery for Village Green tree work £1080.00; WALC subscription 2021/22 £56.84. Bank balances on 31 March 2021 were £465.92 on current account and £8,508.26 on instant access account.

The accounts for the year to 31 March 2021 were approved by PPC and signed by PA as an accurate record.

5. Neighbourhood Watch

JD reported that our existing scheme has been registered with the new NHW IT system, and the scheme formally has “Approved” status. JD confirmed he will continue as NHW coordinator following the Council Elections.

6. Planning Applications, inc. process review

PPC comments have been submitted for the application for 2 Woodland Road (21/01075/FUL). In relation to the application for 22 Woodland Road (21/01595/FUL) it was agreed that, in the absence of Wiltshire Council green notices, PPC would alert the immediately adjacent houses to the application and would submit a brief no objection

response. Wiltshire Council has introduced a new Planning Applications IT system; the relevant links from the Patney.net website have been updated.

After some discussion of the procedure we follow for notifying villagers of new planning applications, further discussion concerning any change to the procedure was deferred until after Wiltshire Council re-introduces the use of green notices and any other measures which have been suspended during the Covid pandemic.

7. Parish Steward

SW will take on responsibility from JD for meeting with the Parish Steward on his monthly visits, to discuss tasks that need doing in the village.

8. Defibrillator Report

Nothing to report.

9. Highways & Rights of Way

PO will follow-up on progress for replacing the Patney village sign at the south end of the village. The damaged parapet on Hail bridge (FP6) has been replaced.

10. Matters from the Public

The siting of the Green Lane (Woodland Road) refuse and dog waste bin was raised with PO, as the bins are owned and emptied by Wiltshire Council; PO will seek an increase in the frequency with which the bins in the village are emptied. The Parish Steward will be asked on his next visit to look at re-affixing the bin so that it faces away from the road, so will be less visible but still serve its necessary purpose in its current location.

PPC was pleased to note the recent announcement of the Government's Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme and that it is being promulgated through the village WhatsApp group, and encourages any villagers experiencing problems to register with the scheme.

11. Wiltshire Council update

PO reported that core business activities have continued throughout the Covid pandemic, while restricting site visits, attendance in person at meetings, etc; these restrictions are now being gradually lifted in line with government guidance. In view of the upcoming Council Elections, PO expressed his thanks for a productive relationship with PPC over the past 4 years, and PA expressed our gratitude for the support and contributions provided by PO during this period.

12. Village Annual Meeting

The Village Annual Meeting is scheduled for 13 May 2021 and will most likely be a zoom meeting; the agenda will be posted on the village notice board and website in the usual way.

13. Date of next PPC meeting

The next PPC meeting is scheduled for 13 May 2021, immediately prior to the Village Annual Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.30pm.

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Patricia Alsop, Chairman