

## **PATNEY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 16 March 2023 at 7.00pm at Manor Barn, Manor Farm Lane, Patney**

#### **Present:**

Patricia Alsop	(PA)	Chairman
Gino Zabeo	(GZ)	Parish Councillor
Mark Cann	(MC)	Parish Councillor
Simon Guest	(SG)	Parish Councillor via Teams
Steve Welford	(SW)	Parish Councillor & Clerk
Paul Oatway	(PO)	Wiltshire Councillor
Mark Loveday		

1. Apologies for absence
  - None received
2. Minutes of Meeting held on 07 December 2022 and Matters Arising
  - The minutes of the meeting were approved
  - The parish precept of £1,500 was submitted
  - No action taken yet on measures to limit HGV traffic on Manor Farm Lane
3. Parish Councillor vacancy
  - Mark Loveday was co-opted onto the Parish Council as a parish councillor; Mark Cann was thanked for his 5-year service as retiring councillor
4. King's Coronation planning
  - A meeting is scheduled for 7pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at Church View, Woodland Road, to discuss organisation of the village event; PA confirmed a contribution of upto £1,000 from parish council funds
  - Event insurance will be needed if we have a bouncy castle on the day
5. Finance Report
  - Movements since the meeting on 07 December 2022 are instant access interest of £12.30; income received - £0; payments made – £0. Bank balance of £8,248.18 on 15 March 2023, consisting of £724.76 on current account and £7,523.42 on instant access account
  - SW will submit the annual VAT claim by 31 Mar 2023, amounting to £199.90
6. Planning applications
  - PL/2022/03025 – 23 Woodland Road; a formal complaint regarding the planning process and its outcome was made to WC by the Parish Council, but rejected; there is no further action that can be taken

- PL/2022/09331 - 2a Woodland Road has been approved; the Parish Council expresses concern that comments submitted by villagers during the consultation process have evidently not been taken into consideration; PO has asked the Planning Officer for an explanation
- PL/2022/06127 - 7 Woodland Road has been approved

7. Parish Steward

- After review of the siting of the Woodland Road sign at the south end of the village, which indicates that re-siting the sign to the river bridge is not appropriate, SW will ask the Steward not to move the sign as we previously requested. The practicality of cutting back the hedge around the sign at its current location will be considered

8. Defibrillator

- Training is scheduled for 3pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June, at Woodside Manor Farm; please gather at the farm entrance at 2:45pm if you are able to attend

9. Highways & Rights of Way

- No issues were raised or discussed, other than the issue below

10. Matters from the public

- Concern has been raised on the increased number of cars parking on Woodland Road in the vicinity of 6-16 Woodland Road, causing restriction on the width of the highway and damage to the verges on both sides of the road; PO will schedule a site visit by the WC Senior Traffic Engineer, to advise on the best course of action

11. Wiltshire Council update

- PO reported on the WC ruling that individual town & parish councils will be required from 2025 to meet the costs of council elections, including the 4-yearly re-election of the Parish Council, even if all councillors standing for re-election and those newly elected are unopposed; the estimated fee for Patney Parish Council is £330, which will need to be budgeted for. PO also reported that the WC budget of £465mio has been agreed without using reserves, and consequently some funds have been taken from reserves to fund various additional projects in the county

12. Dates of future meetings

- The next PPC meeting is scheduled for 25 May 2023

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8:10pm.

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Patricia Alsop, Chairman