

PATNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Village Annual Meeting held on 25 May 2023 at 8.00pm at 50 Woodland Road, Patney

Present:

Patricia Alsop	(PA)	Chairman
Gino Zabeo	(GZ)	Parish Councillor
Simon Guest	(SG)	Parish Councillor via Teams
Steve Welford	(SW)	Parish Councillor & Clerk
Chris Coombes		
Nigel & Vivien Thursby		

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Paul Oatway, Mark Loveday

2. Chairman's Report

All minutes and agendas are published on the Parish website (www.patney.net), in hard copy on the noticeboard and also via the village WhatsApp group. We have continued to provide a Teams link for any villagers wishing to attend meetings online.

The key activities undertaken by the Parish Council over the past year were:

- Arranging for a memorial plaque to be added to the Sarsen stone on the village green to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth II.
- Installing a "No littering" sign near the railway bridge in response to persistent problems there.
- Arranging for the Woodland Road sign to be retrieved from the hedge and displayed on the River Avon bridge.
- Advertising a vacancy on the Parish Council following the retirement of Mark Cann, as a result of which Mark Loveday was co-opted as a Councillor in March 2023.
- Canvassing the views of villagers on how to celebrate the Coronation, culminating in the funding by the Parish Council of some of the food and drink for the Coronation party held on 7 May 2023, to which all villagers were invited. The Parish Council thanks Helen & David James for hosting the party, and making it such an enjoyable and memorable event.

- Arranging training for the Defibrillator with South West Ambulance Foundation Trust to be held at Woodside Manor Farm on 5 June 2023 at 2.45pm.
- Responding to Planning Applications at 23 Woodland Road (including making a formal complaint), 7 Woodland Road and 2A Woodland Road.
- Approving an Annual Precept of £1,500 pa, which is the same level as last year.

3. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23

SW explained that the Statement of Accounts had been approved at the earlier meeting of the Council. The accounts for the year included a Parish precept of £1,500, and total expenditure of £2,343.87. The bank balance was £8,248.18 on 31 March 2023.

Variances from 2021/22 are an increase in income of £837.71, an increase in expenditure of £998.49, and a reduction in the EOY bank balance of £443.39.

The internal audit of the accounts will be completed in June; the AGAR documents, including Certificate of Exemption, will be submitted to the external auditor before 03 July 2022.

4. Matters from the public

- Verge mowing - NT raised the road verge mowing in & around the village. The WC policy for mowing is unchanged from last year; road junctions are mowed in May, and general mowing is carried out between September and October.
- On-road parking on Woodland Road - Chris Coombes was concerned that on-road parking on Woodland Road should continue to be possible, since the off-road parking area outside 6-16 Woodland Road is not large enough for the number of vehicles owned by householders in that part of the village. As noted in the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, a meeting with the WC Senior Traffic Engineer is scheduled to advise on possible solutions.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.20pm.

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Patricia Alsop, Chairman