

PATNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 4th October 2023 at 7.00pm 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
Paul Oatway	(PO)	Wiltshire Councillor
Chris Coombes		
Nigel Thursby		

1. Apologies for absence
 - Apologies received from Matt Wright
2. Minutes of Meeting held on 25 May 2023 and Matters Arising
 - The minutes of the meeting were approved
 - “Unsuitable for HGVs” sign installed at south end of Manor Farm Lane
3. Parish Councillor vacancy
 - A vacancy exists for a Parish Councillor; if you would like to join the Parish Council please let SW know (patneyparishclerk@outlook.com). This is an important role, and helps ensure the interests and concerns of Patney residents are represented
4. Finance Report
 - Movements since the meeting on 25 May 2023 are instant access interest of £22.55; income received - £0; payments made - £437.46 (Coronation party), £33.58 (Heart Internet domain renewal), £194.74 (HGV sign), £35.00 (Data protection fee), £540.00 (SWAST defibrillator), £50.00 (Auditor’s gratuity), £65.09 (WALC subscription), £175.53 (Community First insurance), £108.00 (idVerde bin emptying). Bank balance of £8,246.39 on 04 October 2023, consisting of £691.38 on current account and £7,555.01 on instant access account
 - PO noted that future budgets will need to take account of the costs of Council elections from 2025
5. Planning Applications
 - [PL/2023/08215 - 50 Woodland Road](#); consultation deadline is 25 Oct
6. Parish Steward
 - Please let SW know (patneyparishclerk@outlook.com) of any tasks for the Parish Steward; he visits the village ½ day each month
7. Defibrillator
 - Nine villagers attended the training held on Monday 5th June at Woodside Manor Farm; the Parish Council expressed their thanks to the Hardings for hosting the training

8. Highways & Rights of Way

- The WC Senior Traffic Engineer visited on 20th September; no action is proposed regarding parking on Woodland Road; the Parish Council thanks residents for their considerate parking, ensuring sufficient road width for traffic to pass. Regarding traffic speeds through the village the Parish Council will apply to WC to conduct a traffic survey, after which any further action can be considered

9. Matters from the public

- Maintenance of verges around the village was discussed; the WC policy of a late autumn cut of road verges takes account of the wildlife initiative; a copy of the policy can be found on patney.net. PO is willing to raise with WC any specific requests for verge cutting
- Regarding the building work at 23-27 Woodland Road, it was noted that the new entrance slope has now been regraded less steeply. The landscaping plan has not yet been submitted, but arguably this may not be required until development of the new house begins. In the absence of any activity to remove any existing trees or hedges, there are no grounds for a further enforcement complaint or other action. The blocked drain on the site has been cleared by the Parish Steward
- The overgrown bridleway between Patney and Etchilhampton has been reported to Etchilhampton Parish Council; the fallen tree blocking the river bridge has been reported on the MyWilts app
- Regarding street lamps in the village, PO reported that WC has a programme of upgrading all streetlamps across the county to LEDs, with a dimming strategy to further reduce both electricity consumption and light pollution
- The recent acrid chemical smell in village emanated from timber treatment of a garden fence or shed; clearly the warmer weather at the time had an effect on how strong the smell was and how far it spread. We have been assured this is a one-off, and will not re-occur
- Purchase of a poppy wreath was approved for the Remembrance Day gathering on Saturday 11th November at 11:00 at the new Sarsen Stone Memorial in Chirton; all Patney residents are welcome to attend

10. Dates of future meetings

- The next PPC meeting is scheduled for 6th December 2023

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8:00pm.

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Patricia Alsop, Chairman