

PATNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 06 December 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
Peter Small		

1. Apologies for absence
 - Apologies received from Paul Oatway, Nigel Thursby
2. Minutes of Meeting held on 04 October 2023 and Matters Arising
 - The minutes of the meeting were approved
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 04 October 2023 are instant access interest of £15.30; income received - £0; payments made - £46.80 (idVerde waste bin). Bank balance of £8,164.89 on 05 December 2023, consisting of £594.58 on current account and £7,570.31 on instant access account
 - Budget 2024/25: no major expenditure is anticipated during the next financial year; the proposed budget was approved, including a parish precept of £1500
 - Investing £5,000 into a higher-interest savings account was approved; SW will apply for a 'Council Savings' account with Cambridge Building Society
5. Annual Review of Parish Council policies and procedures
 - No changes are recommended for the existing set of documents, other than for SW to update the review date on each document
6. Planning Applications
 - [PL/2023/08215 - 50 Woodland Road](#) has been approved
 - [PL/2023/10022- 4 Pucklands](#). The consultation deadline 25/12/2023

7. Parish Steward

- 2024 schedule has not yet been published; next visit expected in early January

8. Defibrillator

- This is now registered on 'The Circuit', the national defibrillator network, so we're now able to submit reports online rather than by email

9. Highways & Rights of Way

- Regarding traffic speeds through the village the Parish Council will proceed with applying to WC to conduct a traffic survey, after which any further action can be considered
- The obstruction across Hail Bridge has been reported on the MyWilts app

10. Matters from the public

- The recent flooding at the north end of Woodland Road has been reported on the MyWilts app; in addition, the Parish Council will determine the cost of having the road sweeper come in order to clear the road of autumn leaf fall
- Refurbishment of the phone box was discussed, including research done earlier in the year on costings and how other parishes have approached this; it was generally agreed that since the phone box is a village asset serving as a book exchange and newspaper drop, it should be maintained and not left to deteriorate; it was also felt that refurbishment is an appropriate way to commemorate the King's Coronation; SW will continue to gather costings, for review in 2024

11. Dates of future meetings

- The next PPC meeting is scheduled for 21 March 2024

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 20:05 pm.

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Patricia Alsop, Chairman