

PATNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 21 March 2024 at 7.00pm at Manor Farm House, Manor Farm Lane, Patney

Present:

Patricia Alsop (PA) Chairman
Gino Zabeo (GZ) Parish Councillor
Simon Guest (SG) Parish Councillor
Steve Welford (SW) Parish Councillor & Clerk
Heather Cross
Matt Wright via Teams

1. Apologies for absence
 - Apologies received from Paul Oatway
2. Minutes of Meeting held on 06 December 2023 and Matters Arising
 - The minutes of the meeting were approved
3. Parish Councillor vacancy
 - A welcome expression of interest in filling the vacancy has been received
4. Finance Report
 - Movements since the meeting on 06 December 2023 are instant access interest of £21.14; income received - £394.27 (HMRC VAT reclaim); payments made - £20.99 (RBL poppy wreath), £1,212.48 (Grist road cleaning)
 - Bank balances on 21 March 2024
 - Lloyds Bank: £2,300.03, comprising £958.58 in current account, £1,341.45 in instant access account
 - Cambridge Building Society 'Council Saver' account: £5,000; note, this account was opened on 10 January 2024
 - AGAR submission deadline 01 July; SW to prepare annual accounts for internal audit
5. Planning Applications
 - PL/2023/10022 - 4 Pucklands; approved
 - [PL/2024/02577](#) - 23 Woodland Road; consultation deadline 15/04/2024
6. Parish Steward
 - Next visit by the parish steward scheduled on 11 April; please let SW know if there are specific tasks you are aware of for him to deal with
 - River bridge parapet has been repaired

- Discretionary Gully Service visit scheduled this week (w/c 16 March) with request to clear drain at junction of Woodland Road and Manor Farm Lane, and the 2 drains at north end of Woodland Road; *post-meeting note*: this has not yet happened, SW will follow-up with WC

7. Defibrillator

- Pads due to be replaced next month; GZ will check whether there is interest in a training session this year

8. Highways & Rights of Way

- Road cleaning along Woodland Road and Manor Farm Lane was carried out on 24 January 2024 by Grist Environmental, at a cost of £1,212.48 inc VAT. Due to the significant cost, owing to the quantity of waste disposal (8.32 tonnes), PPC considers that this expenditure can only be repeated in exceptional circumstances; clearing the affected drains by the Discretionary Gully Service will deliver greater benefit

9. Matters from the public

- In response to a suggestion that PPC should request WC Highways to implement traffic speed reduction measures now, it was confirmed that no action can be taken until the results of the previously requested traffic survey are available. WC has confirmed that this is expected to be conducted in the second half of April with results hopefully available in May; appropriate actions can be considered after that date
- In response to a request that PPC asks WC to increase the frequency of verge cutting or alternatively pays for this to be done out of Parish funds, PPC confirmed that the latter would require a significant increase in the precept payable by all villagers. This was not considered to be in the best interests of the village as a whole. The WC policy of later cutting to increase wild flower presence in the verges was also supported by PPC and this matter is regarded as closed

10. Dates of future meetings

- The next PPC meeting is scheduled for 16 May 2024, plus the Village Annual Meeting

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.00 pm.

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Patricia Alsop, Chairman