

PATNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 19 March 2025 at 7.00pm at Manor Farm House, Manor Farm Lane, Patney, and via Teams

Present:

Patricia Alsop	(PA)	Chairman
Gino Zabeo	(GZ)	Parish Councillor
Heather Cross	(HC)	Parish Councillor
Steve Welford	(SW)	Parish Councillor & Clerk
Paul Oatway	(PO)	Wiltshire Councillor

1. Apologies for absence
 - Apologies received from Nigel Thursby
2. Minutes of Meeting held on 11 December 2025 and Matters Arising
 - The minutes of the meeting were approved
3. Parish Councillor vacancy and May council elections
 - The current vacancy on the Parish Council can continue to be advertised with a view to co-option; please contact patneyparishclerk@outlook.com if you are interested in this position
 - The current parish councillors will stand for re-election in the May elections
4. Finance Report
 - Movements since the meeting on 11 December 2024 are instant access interest of £3.38; income received - £0; payments made - £46.80 (IdVerde bin emptying), £4.25 (Lloyds account service charge)
 - Bank balances on 19 March 2024
 - Lloyds: £2,752.91, consisting of £1,396.49 in current account (now renamed 'Community Account'), £1,356.42 in instant access account
 - Cambridge Building Society 'Council Saver' account: £5,139.01, and sum re-invested; annual interest received £139.01
 - Lloyds is now charging a £4.25 monthly service charge on the Community Account, as of Jan 2025. Decision taken to stay with Lloyds, rather than moving the account to a non-fee-paying account elsewhere (if such even exists)
5. Planning applications
 - None open
6. Parish Steward
 - Nothing to report
7. Defibrillator
 - Checked regularly, and confirmed in working order

8. Highways & Rights of Way

- Speed reduction along Woodland Road
 - As agreed previously, this is being progressed through the WC-supported Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG) for the Pewsey community area. Site visit with Mark Stansby on 10th January, followed by LHFIG meeting on 5th February with proposal to
 1. conduct street lighting survey along Woodland Road, with a view to determining if repeater signs can be installed
 2. line painting at each end of Woodland Road with speed limit roundels, plus 'Slow' on incline to Pucklands turnWC update will be provided in the next LHFIG meeting on 21st May
 - Additional traffic survey has been requested, but date not yet confirmed

9. Matters from the public

- Refurbishment of telephone box
 - PPC agreed to proceed with this, as it is now in poor condition and deteriorating, with a budget of £1000 to cover work & materials, and including replacement of faded panels at top of the box
- Resurfacing of section of Manor Farm Lane
 - This has been raised with WC Highways, but date not yet confirmed

10. WC update

- PO stated that the WC budget has been set for 2025/256 at £527mio, and that the precept was reduced to 4.5% from the central government guideline of 5%

11. Dates of future meetings

- The next PPC meeting is scheduled for 21 May 2025 at 18:30, followed by the Village Annual Meeting at 19:30

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 20.05 pm.

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Patricia Alsop, Chairman