

**(DRAFT) MINUTES OF THE PATCHING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2024 at 19:00
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT CLAPHAM AND PATCHING VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillors – Rick Romero (RR), Mrs Karen Coleman (KC), Mrs Heidi Stevens (HS), Mr David Taylor (DT)

In attendance – Mrs Victoria Pinnell (VP), Ms Deborah Urquhart (DU), PCSO Barry Bastable (BB)

Members of the public: 9

1	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>RR opened the meeting and thanked the public for their attendance. Apologies received from Marc Pinnell (MP) and Richard Prior (RP).</p>	
2	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Declaration of interest noted from MP and VP re.planning application for recladding of the barn on the land next to the Church. There were no other Declarations of Interest by Councillors pertaining to agenda items or in terms of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest.</p>	
3	<p>GDPR</p> <p>Councilors confirmed that they have read and understood PPC’s GDPR policies: that they do not hold any personal data in any manner contrary to those policies; and that they agree to disclose any known, potential, or perceived data breaches.</p>	
4	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>Approval was proposed by HS and seconded by KC. A copy was signed.</p>	
5	<p>PUBLIC FORUM</p> <p>A parishioner asked if PPC has applied to have the speed limit through the Village reduced. This has been discussed in previous meetings. Some villagers were against extra signage in the village, this was also highlighted in the Neighbourhood plan. There was also the issue of who, if anyone, would enforce a reduced speed limit. A letter was sent out to homes in the summer and also placed on cars visiting the village asking them to drive carefully. DT to approach West Sussex Highways to obtain data on the speeds through the village and on Arundel Road. PPC to come up with a number of suggestions on where to limit the speeds and examples of signage etc. so that it can be put forward to Villagers to show what their alternatives may be. DT to investigate a speed reduction on Arundel Road to 30/40/50mph and b) a speed reduction on Coldharbour Lane, The Street and France Lane to 20/30mph.</p>	DT

	<p>A parishioner enquired about the progress of the TRO to reduce the speed limit on the Long Furlong. It has passed the first stage but is on hold due to a fatality. A parishioner suggested that if the speed was 30mph along the Long Furlong it would increase the traffic through the village as cars try to circumvent the slower areas.</p> <p>A parishioner enquired about any progress on clearing the footpath along Arundel Road as it is overgrown and mossy or covered with rotting leaves. VP to report it again to West Sussex Highways. Parishioners reminded that they could do this both by phone and online.</p> <p>A parishioner reported that a member of PPC took photographs of the logs along the front of his house and reported them to West Sussex Highways. DT informed him that there had been numerous complaints about bollards being placed along the verges in the village, some of which have caused damage to cars. An email was sent to West Sussex Highways, using the photos as examples of bollards in the village, when enquiring about the rules regarding their use so that PPC could inform residents of their responsibilities with regards to size, placement, visibility, liability etc. PPC has not yet received a response despite being approached several times.</p>	<p>VP</p> <p>DT</p>
6	<p>REPORT FROM WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR</p> <p>DU informed those present that the gritters had been about recently due to the cold weather; the Meals on Wheels service has been taking wheat bags out to older people to help them keep warm and WSCC budget is to rise to cover increased demands in Adult Social Care, Living Wage etc. She also gave an update for the Devolution of Councils with Brighton and Hove joining East Sussex and West Sussex.</p>	
7	<p>REPORT FROM ARUN DISTRICT COUNCILLOR</p> <p>Not present.</p>	
8	<p>REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE TEAM</p> <p>A suggestion was made at the last meeting that we should approach the community police team and advise them of the reoccurring concerns of villagers. PCSO Barry Bastable attended.</p> <p>Goats escaping from Patching Pond. Ring 999 as it is a danger to road users. In addition to this, WSALC also suggested informing the landowner.</p> <p>Concerns from parishioners about motor homes parking by the pond and by The Fox Pub for 2 or 3 days at a time. BB suggested that we investigate local bylaws to identify whether this is illegal and then approach Highways / WSCC, who may be able to issue a traffic regulation order to erect signs to prevent parking overnight.</p>	

	<p>Concerns from a parishioner about graffiti in the underpass at the top of Dappers Lane (currently resolved). In addition to reporting online to arun.gov.uk, BB suggested that if graffiti is becoming an issue, we could send him a photo of the TAGs as he may be able to identify the individual by working with unsocial behaviors' officer and school's officer.</p> <p>Concerns from a parishioner about Dappers Lane being used as a 'rat run' out of Angmering and subsequent speeding along Arundel Road. Further to this, concerns from a parishioner about drivers going the wrong way down Dappers Lane into Angmering. Police did not see any problems when parked at the top of Dappers Lane.</p> <p>Previous meetings have flagged concerns from a parishioner about HGV learners using the village to practise and concerns from a parishioner about HGV vehicles parking by Patching Pond on the bend of the road which could be hazardous to other road users. WSALC suggests that we could talk to the HGV learner company to see if they could use an alternative route and talk to the housing developer to find alternative parking. Also, to speak with the County Councillor for advice as to whether it is a dangerous bend and if double yellow lines are an option.</p>	
9	<p>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</p> <p>RR thanked the owners of Olivers Cottage in the Village for providing the electricity for the Christmas tree lights.</p> <p>The defibrillator remains available. The pads are due for replacement this month.</p> <p>.gov.uk email addresses have been discussed with our web provider, final figures will be sent to PPC, the council agrees that if they are affordable, it should be actioned.</p> <p>The Horticultural Society have been discussing the purchase of a shipping container for storage for equipment such as tents. RR to inform the Village Hall management committee. It was agreed that PPC could contribute towards it as a community storage facility.</p> <p>The Village Hall will be requiring a secretary for the Village Hall Management Committee. RR met with Dr Beccy Cooper (MP for Worthing West) at her 'Tea with your MP' at the Village Hall. Devolution and how it would affect Parish Councils was discussed but no decisions have been made yet.</p>	<p>RR</p> <p>RR</p>
10	<p>FINANCIAL REPORT</p> <p>Precept to remain the same as discussed in PPC's last meeting. RR to inform ADC.</p> <p>Proposed by RR, Seconded by HS.</p> <p>DT reminded PPC that there would be costs involved with Operation Watershed and speed reductions in the Village.</p>	
11	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Email from parishioner re. ongoing problems at The Fox Inn. See Planning Update no.5</p>	
12	<p>PLANNING</p>	

	<p>See Planning Report.</p> <p>Patching Farm, The Street, Patching, West Sussex BN13 3FA. SDNP/24/05079/FUL Re-clad & re-roof existing concrete frame agricultural barn to restore the functionality for agricultural storage. PPC discussed this with no objections raised. RR proposed no challenge, DT seconded.</p> <p>South of Michelgrove Lane, Patching, West Sussex. SDNP/24/04889/FUL Siting of 5no. glamping pods for overnight guest use, external decking, associated permeable footpaths, parking & turning area, secure bicycle storage, recycling/refuse storage, new private treatment plant, soak away and associated works. Recommendation – late objection, does not accord with NHP. Subsequent review of the planning portal showed that the application had been withdrawn.</p>	
13	<p>ANY URGENT MATTERS, FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY, ARISING SINCE THE PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA.</p> <p>Nil</p>	
14	<p>DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Tuesday May 13th 2025, 1900-2100 AGM</p>	VP