

PATRICK BROMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH 2021

Present

Cllr G Shepherd (Chairman)
Cllr B Whitehead (Vice Chairman)
Cllr D Chapman
Cllr D Stratton

Cllr R Ormston (District Council)

J MacNamara (Clerk)
2 Members of the Public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. To receive and note apologies for absence

Cllr Darbishire

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Councillor Darbishire who was recovering from an operation.

The Council sent their best wishes.

3. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Shepherd advised as the Council were planning to review the Village Plan then it may be incumbent on Councillors to declare interest as we go through the agenda.

4. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 12th January 2021.

The Minutes of the 12th January 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting were considered.

Cllr Shepherd wished to recommend some amendments: -

Item 6 – It should be noted that Paul Nevitt is the son of Billy Nevitt.

Item 8 – The last paragraph should be altered to that in future years the Christmas Tree should be costed.

Item 11 – The item was not clearly pointing out that there may be a need for transport to the vaccination centre.

Based on the Minutes being amended they were proposed by Cllr Whitehead and Seconded by Councillor Stratton and Approved.

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Matters Arising

Cllr Shepherd informed the meeting that he had written to thank Cllr Sedgwick for the contribution she had made from her Locality Budget towards the repair of the Queen Elizabeth II Bush Shelter.

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Cllr Chapman asked that the matter of mud/dirt on the roads be given some consideration at the meeting.

Village Plan Review

Cllr Shepherd led the meeting through a full audit of the Village Plan.

1. St Patrick's Church – Whilst Reverend Lawton had attended a Council Meeting it was agreed there was more work to do to foster greater relations between the Church and the Council.
2. Churchyard – The Clerk read an e-mail from Mrs Olivia Ryder with regards to a request to the Parish Council to contribute towards grass cutting costs for the Church Yard. As part of Mrs Ryder's e-mail, she explained that costs had been cut in the current year because of making one section of the graveyard a wildflower area.

A discussion took place with regards to the merit of the wildflower area and there was a consensus that it had not been successful.

Cllr Shepherd did outline that Reverend Lawton had spoken to him about the wildflower area between Lockdown 1 and Lockdown 2. It was agreed to contribute a further £250 to the grass cutting, but that we inform Mrs Ryder and Reverend Lawton of the Council's concerns about the wildflower area going forward.

3. Community Events Committee – It was agreed that there remained a strong collaboration between the group and the Council in the area of events and that a named Councillor as a link between the Group and the Council remained a positive step.
4. The Green Tree – Cllr Shepherd wished to cover this under the planning section of the meeting.
5. Atkinson Clarke Trust – There remained a strong collaboration between the Trust and the Parish Council.
6. Broadband – Cllr Whitehead outlined that he had received correspondence from Rishi Sunack MP and Superfast North Yorkshire.

Cllr Whitehead outlined that whilst Mr Sunack was sympathetic, he did not have a solution to the problem.

Superfast North Yorkshire's aim was to extend accessibility to superfast broadband, but it needed to ensure it reached maximum numbers whilst achieving the objective of Value for Money.

It was considered that the Council had gone as far as it could in this area but would keep a watching brief for further grants or Government announcements.

7. Noticeboards – An extra noticeboard had now been procured and sited.
8. Newsletters – Cllr Shepherd outlined that there should be scope to look at electronic newsletters going forward and that there should be continued joint newsletters with the Community Events Committee.
9. Residents Packs – This project had been completed.
10. Planning – The Council still had a desire to see development take place on brownfield sites with a preference for three bedroomed properties.
11. Surface Water/Foul Water – the Council remained mindful of this issue and it was ongoing work.

The Council continue to be mindful of this when considering planning applications.

12. Bus Shelter – The renovations were now complete although some repainting was outstanding.
13. The Visual Environment – It was acknowledged that there was more work to do in this area.
14. Footpaths, Pavements and Roads - It was considered that monies need to be identified for future years to potentially block pave Manor Green. There was also a discussion that there should be a Green Maintenance budget for future years.

Cllr Shepherd outlined that in previous years there had been a discussion to tarmac the top of the track, but there were issues with regards to its ownership. Cllr Shepherd noted that due to his connection with the Atkinson Clarke Trust and proximity of Cllr Chapman's house there was a personal interest in this matter.

It was agreed that this matter be given further consideration to understand the full extent of the costs of the work. It was agreed that the pothole situation was deteriorating and that options such as tarmac maybe feasible. It was also agreed that the Clerk once again contact the Land Registry with regards to the matter.

The project would be given further consideration in the next financial year.

15. Ward's Footpath – this was now been investigated by Iain Beighton at NYCC.
16. Speed Awareness – Work in this area was being undertaken by Cllr Shepherd, however nothing specific was being proposed at the current time. It was reported that traffic Police had recently been monitoring in the Village.
17. Green Spaces – The grass cutting contract continues to be monitored to ensure that standards are maintained.
18. Tree Condition Survey – It was agreed that Councillor Chapman cost this proposal.
19. Benches – A new bench had been purchased. A condition survey had been undertaken on the other benches and some upgrades were required.
20. Defibrillator – work remains ongoing and issues pertaining to signage still need to be addressed.

21. Phone Box – Councillor Whitehead reported that he had been contacted by the BT media department about the utilisation of the Phone Box to house the defib as part of their campaign to utilise phone boxes. It was agreed pictures be taken and sent to BT as part of the proposed campaign.
 22. Mobile Post Office – This had been explored, but unfortunately was not possible. It was agreed to remove it from the Village Plan.
 23. Incident Plan – response to flooding and power outages. It was agreed that Councillors be part of resilience planning. Matters such as an evacuation centre needed to be explored. It was agreed that Councillors Shepherd and Stratton take the lead in this area. It was also agreed that the Community Events Committee be part of this.
 24. Business Community – Due to Covid-19 building a network of patronage/support for the Village Website had not been possible. It was agreed to move this item to the Summer/Autumn.
 25. Highways – Issues at the crossroads (at Ward's) still need attention. Following the informal layby at Crakehall being formalised it required further attention. The state of roads across the Village particularly near the Bus Shelter required more dialogue with Iain Beighton and Karin Sedgewick.
 26. Litter – It was agreed this be added to the Village Plan and a planned litter pick was scheduled for the end of March.
 27. Christmas Tree Light Replacement – It was agreed that this be undertaken in the next financial year – 800 bulbs would cost £215.00.
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War Memorial

Cllr Shepherd informed the meeting that a conversation had been held with regards to ownership and maintenance of the War Memorial.

It is likely that £1,000 is required to bring the War Memorial up to an acceptable standard and that ownership may lay with the Parish Council based upon research.

A site visit is due to be undertaken to assess what works are required and then an application to the Bishop would be required.

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- Cllr Ormston commented that if the War Memorial were the responsibility of the Parish Council, they could potentially apply for Area Partnership funding.

Maintenance of Village Assets

Cllr Shepherd reported on several assets across the Village which required maintenance: -

Phone Box – as well as some general maintenance it also required painting.

Bus Shelter – regular cleaning was required, and it required painting on the inside.

Village Signage – The signage had been donated by the Highways Department and they required constant cleaning.

Trees – It was agreed that maintenance work on trees at Manor Green and the Village Green also

needed to be looked at.

7. It was agreed that these matters be looked at further at the May meeting.

Memorial Bench

The proposed Memorial Bench to commemorate Paul Nevitt the son of Billy Nevitt had been purchased at a cost of £489.95.

8. It was suggested that there be a socially distanced unveiling of the bench.
The full costs of the Bench were being provided by Mr Guy Nevitt.

Defibrillator

9. No update of the rota was required until the May meeting of the Council.

Reports from Other Meetings

Cllr Ormston – reported on planning changes which were in the pipeline to enable the planning system to speed up the process of house building. It was proposed that a further 300,000 homes were needed across the UK and that greater use of delegated authority within the system would enable the speeding up of that process.

Cllr Stratton – updated the Council on the joint Patrick Brompton and Newton-Le-Willows Village Hall. Following the wall being knocked down it was reported that it would be rebuilt in the next 2-3 weeks. Issues pertaining to the electrics had also now been resolved.

Cllr Shepherd – reported on the Atkinson Clarke Trust and The Old School Room.

The Atkinson Clarke Trust had met virtually and agreed a further round of funding bids.

The Old School Room would be meeting in May to determine when the hall would be reopening, but it was likely to be in June or July.

Cllr Shepherd thanked the Atkinson Clarke Trust for their support with the Village Christmas Tree.

Mrs Whitehead reported on behalf of the Community Events Committee.

There continued to be no events because of the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions. The Group AGM would be held on 22nd March virtually, followed by an ordinary meeting.

It was requested that a representative of the Parish Council attend.

9. There was a planned litter pick on 27th March 2021.

Planning & Planning Updates

Cllr Shepherd reported that the planning officer was considering passing the application for the Green Tree Public House. However, following representations from the Highways Department it was still possible that it would be recommended for refusal based on the number of parking places and access to the site.

Cllr Ormston commented that changes were being made to the proposal to try and get the application to a point where it could be accepted.

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The Council would continue to monitor the application.

Finance

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The finance report was presented to Councillors and agreed and is appended to the Minutes.

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be the Annual Meeting, the AGM followed by an Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 12 May at 7pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 21:10pm.