

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on 11 JANUARY 2016

at 7:30 pm in Paulerspury Village Hall, High Street, Paulerspury

PRESENT: Mrs Sawyer (Chairman), Mr Batten (Vice Chairman), Mr Bloomfield, Mr Baker, Mrs DeRitter, Mrs Collins, Mr Harvey, Mrs Sawbridge, Mr Barnes.

1/1/16 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs Bartlett and accepted by the Council.

2/1/16 CO-OPTION TO PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Mr Paul Davey-Turner, 40, Tews End Lane, Paulerspury, was co-opted to Paulerspury Parish Council.

3/1/16 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

Mrs Sawyer Items 5/1/16 a) and b)

4/1/16 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Mrs Barnes, the sole member of the public present, informed the Council that it would be receiving a consultation document on South Northamptonshire Local Plan (Part 2A). Part 2A determines the Rural Settlement Hierarchy for settlements within the District. The consultation would be seeking residents' opinions on development needs in relation to those settlements with regard to village confines, natural environment, heritage objectives and the protection of important landscapes.

5/1/16 PLANNING MATTERS

Mr Batten, Vice Chairman, chaired the meeting at this point.

a) **S/2015/3063/MAF** Greyhound Racetrack Towcester Racecourse Co Ltd Towcester Racecourse Road To Easton Neston Estate Easton Neston NN12 7HS

Variation of condition 2 (plans) of approved application S/2011/1219/MAF (Construction of a greyhound race track & associated infrastructure) To regularise the 2no lighting columns which have been erected and to regularise the luminaries implemented (Retrospective)
See attachment to the minutes.

b) **S/2015/3020/MAF** Towcester Racecourse Road To Easton Neston Estate Easton Neston NN12 7HS

Variation of condition 10 (hours and frequency of operation) to planning permission S/2014/2025/MAF (Greyhound race track) to increase the number of meets to up to four times in any calendar week (at least one of which will be Saturday)

Paulerspury Parish Council objected to the application S/2014/2025/MAF –see copy attached to these minutes – and considers that these objections remain extant. Experience has shown that there are problems with traffic noise and light pollution to the detriment of the amenities of the local residents. Paulerspury Parish Council would ask that a review of the traffic management strategy be carried out. Copy of response to this application is attached to these minutes.

Mrs Sawyer resumed the chair at this point.

c) **S/2015/3046/OUT** Mr N Taylor Cuttle Mill Business Park Cuttle Mill Farm Watling Street Paulerspury NN12 6LF

Replacement of B2 Engineering Workshop with B1 Office Building (Outline)

Paulerspury Parish Council had **No Objections** in principle subject to receiving more detailed information when further plans are submitted in the future.

d) **S/2015/2491/FUL** Mr and Mrs Wilkes Brook Cottage High Street Paulerspury

Raise roof line to create living space, single side extension and 2 storey rear extension

SNC REFUSED

e) **S/2015/2544/FUL** Mr Stuart McCutcheon 9 Longcroft Lane Paulerspury

Variation of condition 4 (garage) to approve planning application **S/2009/0261/P** (Semi detached dwelling with detached double garage) to change the use of the garage to habitable annexe

SNC REFUSED

f) 165/12/15 S/2015/2491/FUL Access and egress

No plans to alter the entrance to this property were contained in the application so access and egress was not pertinent in this instance.

6/1/16 **FINANCE**

a) To consider the cost of changing street light lanterns to a more cost effective system

A new lantern had been installed at the junction of Scriveners Lane with Careys Road. Councillors wished to consider its effectiveness before taking any further decisions.

b) Updates from the Working Groups and to consider financial contributions from the Parish Council

i. Additional recreational equipment for Spinalls Field. Mrs Sawyer reported that to date nothing had been heard about the grants which had been submitted.

ii. Defibrillator/s Mrs DeRitter and Mr Batten would continue to make enquiries.

iii. Bus shelter and notice board – Grays Lane Mr Barnes was continuing to make enquiries and would bring further proposals to a meeting to be held on 25 February 2016

c) To consider the revisions to the clerk's existing contract.

With the agreement of the Council and the clerk the contract had been revised via a codicil.

d) To confirm revisions to the clerk's salary.

Mr Barnes

The required revisions to the clerk's salary had been approved by the Council. Mrs Sawyer thanked the working group involved in resolving this issue. Reimbursement for the clerk's computer would be dealt with at a later date.

e) To consider the budget and Precept for 2016-2017.

Following the approval of budget requirements for the year 2016-2017 the Council resolved to issue a precept for the sum of £22,000 on South Northamptonshire Council.¹

7/1/16 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Letter received from Mrs S Smith, the Returning Officer for South Northamptonshire Council, confirming that Paulerspury Parish Council could fill the council vacancy by co-option.

b) Letter received from St James Parish Church thanking for the donation which would be spent on restoration work.

c) West Northamptonshire Open Space, Sport and Recreation Review - 14 January 2016

Mr Batten would coordinate comments from councillors for this document

d) Draft Northamptonshire Parking Standards Consultation - 8 February 2016

This was viewed as a good document and would work to the advantage of residents in our parish. It reinforced views held and advocated by this council over many years. This item would be considered further at the meeting to be held on 28 January 2016

e) Consultation on proposed changes to National Planning Policy - 25 January 2016 Mr Batten

¹ Local Government Finance Act 1992, Section 41

Mr Batten had composed a response which had been circulated to council members and adopted by them.

8/1/16 **CLERK'S APPRAISAL**

To confirm the appraiser and the date of the appraisal.

Mrs Sawyer undertook to carry out the appraisal. Date to be mutually agreed.

9/1/16 **ROAD MATTERS**

To record actions taken by the clerk.

- BT Box cover near the recreational lay-by on the A5 repaired
- A5/Cowpastures/Shutlanger junction sign reported as damaged.
- Approval was given by the Parish Council for the temporary removal (2 days) of the relevant village signs for refurbishment.
- Mr Blackwell to be asked to fill in the gouge on Church Green
- The clerk would ask NCC Highways who would be responsible for repairing the footway entrance to St James Parish Church.
- Mr Blackwell would be asked to clear the ivy from the telegraph pole situated on the High Street corner of Church Green and to repair the deep gouge on Church Green.
- The water supply to the allotment tanks has been turned off and tanks emptied for the winter season.

10/1/16 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION AND FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

The meeting closed at 10:15 pm