

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on MONDAY 14 DECEMBER 2015

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

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

160/12/15 **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None tendered.

161/12/15 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

Mr Harvey Item 166/12/15
Mrs Sawbridge Item 166/12/15

162/12/15 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF 26 November 2015**

Following the addition of 141/12/14 e) to 151/12/15 h) and "of SNC's allocation" to 149/11/15 the minutes were approved and signed as correct.

163/12/15 **MATTERS ARISING**

160/11/15 **Sheds on the Allotment Garden**

Tenants could apply to the Council to erect a shed on the Allotment Garden. The Council would then consider each application on merit.

150/11/15(a) The clerk was instructed to seek clarification with regard to the access and egress at Brook Cottage, High Street regarding Application **S/2015/2491/FUL**

164/12/15 **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Four Members of the Public were present including District Councillor Mrs Barnes. County Councillor Mr Allen Walker had tendered his apologies. Mrs Barnes stressed how, due to the reduction in money received from the Government, District and County Councils had to critically evaluate all expenditure. Inevitably this would affect Parish Councils in the future.

165./12/15 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **S/2015/2376/FUL** Mr and Mrs Watson The Hawthorns Lumber Lane Paulerspury

2 storey side/rear extension and single storey front porch extension. **SNC APPROVED**

b) **S/2015/2447/FUL** Mr & Mrs N Taylor Pury Hill Farm, Alderton Road Paulerspury

Two flanking two storey side wings, remodelling of the existing rear wing and removal of the conservatory on the side
SNC APPROVED

166/12/15 **FINANCE**

a) To receive November 2015 accounts, budget position and to approve payment of outstanding accounts.

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2004	Society of Local Council Clerks	Clerk's membership	103.00
2005	Paulerspury Village Hall	Hall Hire	17.00
2006	M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office	607.43

Cheque No. 2000 in the sum of £1035.60 had been paid to N J Blackwell for mowing and maintenance.

Cheque No 2001 in the sum of £300 had been paid to Paulerspury Village Hall, cheque no. 2002 in the sum of £400 had been paid to St James the Great Church and cheque no. 2003 had been paid to Paulerspury United Reformed Church – minute 151/11/15/h).

The accounts and budget position to November 2015 and payment of the outstanding accounts were approved.

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

To date no costings had been supplied to the clerk. A discussion took place regarding the lighting installation on Kingstons Farm in relation to the forthcoming lighting installation for Grays Close. The clerk was asked to seek a specification of the Kingston Farm scheme for comparison.

c) To determine the preferred contractor for the mowing seasons 2016-2019

Councillors were presented with the quotes as received from three applicants. Following an in depth discussion in public Mr N J Blackwell was confirmed as the preferred contractor.

d) To determine the preferred contractor for major village maintenance tasks.

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

i. Additional recreational equipment for Spinalls Field. Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Sawyer

Mrs Sawyer and Mrs Bartlett were awaiting the outcome of their application to the New Homes Bonus fund. An application to Tesco for funding was also in the pipeline. The Parish Council would consider contributing up to 25% towards additional equipment but would await the outcome of the two aforementioned applications before making any decisions.

ii. Defibrillator/s

Mr Batten

Mr Batten was continuing to look into possible financial support. The Governors and Head Teacher at Paulerspury C E Primary School had confirmed that a defibrillator could be fixed to the front of the school and connected to their mains supply. The Parish Council would pay for the electrical connection but the school would pay for any electricity used. With regard to installing a defibrillator in the telephone box situated in Lower Street, Pury End the Council would need to adopt the box. This would entail removing the telephone system currently in place and replacing it with an electronic button for emergency use only. A decision on this was deferred but in the meantime the use made of this box would be investigated.

iii. Bus shelter and notice board – Grays Lane

Mr Barnes

Mr Barnes would approach known carpenters resident in Paulerspury parish for their designs and quotations for a bus shelter and notice board.

f) To consider the resiting of the Westy Road “Pury End” sign

Resiting the sign would occasion additional expense not covered by our insurance. The Council therefore resolved to affix the replacement sign in the original position.

g) To consider financial contributions to assist the funding of celebrations for the Queen’s official birthday – 11 June 2016

The Council resolved to set aside £500 in the 2016-2017 budget as a seed fund.

h) To consider the quote for minor parish maintenance work based on the Annual Risk Assessment Report

Mr Ray of Pauls’ Pury Services had submitted a quote of £200 to cover the various items listed for attention subject to conditions unforeseen at the time of quoting. Acceptance of the quote of £200 was confirmed.

i) Budget for 2016-2017; to consider items for inclusion and to approve the draft budget

Members of the Public were asked to leave the room whilst the Council discussed the clerk’s remunerations. At the next meeting of the Parish Council the clerk would produce a draft budget based on the figures confirmed at this meeting and confirmation of outstanding figures.

167/12/15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letters of thanks for the grants received from Paulerspury Parish Council had been received from Paulerspury United Reformed Church and Paulerspury Village Hall.

168/12/15 **SPINALLS FIELD**

a) To inform the Council of any issues raised via the inspection reports – see Inspection Reports File

No issues to report.

b) To confirm the January 2016 inspection rota. 3/4 MD, 10/11 RB, 17/18 JB, 24/25 SB, 31/1JS

Rota confirmed

169/12/15 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

- The hedge near the BT sub station on Grays Lane was the responsibility of NCC
- Broken household dustbin reported to SNC following an incident involving Cheyneys' Transport.
- Plum Park Lane reported to Streetdoctor for repairs
- Site workers reported to SNC for occupying private land near Grays Close
- Continuance of the water(following heavy rain) collecting at the entrance to Kennel Lane and on the adjacent section of the High Street reported to NCC
- Small tree on Tews End Lane reported to the landowner for removal
- Dead sheep in the ditch on Cuttle Mill Lane reported to SNC for removal.
- SNC would remove litter at the Passing Bays on Westy each Monday and Friday.

170/12/15 **COUNCILLOR TRAINING**

Update from Mrs Collins and Mrs DeRitter

Both Mrs Collins and Mrs DeRitter found the course well run and highly informative.

- Saturday was now acknowledged as a “working” day from the point of publishing agendas – three working days notice.
- It was now acceptable for the clerk to email agendas to councillors.

171/12/15 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION AND FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- **Changes to the National Planning Policy.** Councils had been invited to comment on this lengthy document. Mr Batten undertook to consider the document then, in consultation with Council members, formulate a response on behalf of the Council.
- **Towcester Racecourse** was pursuing additional racing events. The Enforcement Officer at SNC had been informed. Also, late night/early morning traffic at weekends from the site was causing considerable distress to residents. This matter would be discussed at the next Council meeting

Mrs Sawyer was thanked for her generous provision of Christmas refreshments. The meeting ended at 9:30pm.

28 January 2016 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm