

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on MONDAY 16 December 2013

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

PRESENT: Mr Barnes (Chairman), Mr Brice (Vice Chairman), Mrs Sawbridge, Mrs Sawyer, Mrs Bartlett, Mr Bloomfield, Mr Batten, Dr Hooker.

168/12/13 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mrs Thorburn and Mr Lydon

169/12/13 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

Item 174/12/13 b) Mrs Sawbridge

170/12/13 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF 28 NOVEMBER 2013**

Following an amendment to 158/11/13 a) - *Mrs Sawbridge and Dr Hooker abstained from comment and voting* - the minutes were approved and signed as correct .

171/12/13 **MATTERS ARISING**

Church Hill footpath to be cleared of vegetation.

172/12/13 **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Two members of the public were present and County Councillor Mr Walker and District Councillor Mrs Barnes.

Mrs Barnes reported that there had been a considerable number of objections to the proposed planning application for Tews End Lane. Northamptonshire Highways had written a very detailed report strongly objecting to the access proposals.

Concerns were raised about the lack of protection for Paulerspury's Hollow Ways. With a view to registration the clerk would contact the Heritage Officer at South Northamptonshire Council (SNC) for further guidance on this matter. Mr Batten would also research Hollow Ways via the Victorian County History series – Northamptonshire.

Mr Walker reported that Northamptonshire County Council was looking for savings of £38M over the forthcoming 5 years. A 1.99% rise in Council Tax had been proposed which equated to a £30.00 per year rise on a Band D property. Savings would be gained through greater efficiencies, no front line services would be cut.

173/12/13 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) South Northamptonshire Local Plan .

Following attendance at the briefing meeting Mr Barnes had received a pack from SNC detailing the information required regarding the responses required from the Parish Council. The Plan would, when completed, determine the future development of South Northamptonshire up to 2029 or perhaps 2031. A sample of a questionnaire was provided by SNC for guidance. This would aid the council to determine the opinions of residents.

8:15 pm Mr Blackwell joined the meeting.

Mr Walker understood that Potterspury had embarked on this exercise. The clerk would contact Potterspury Parish Council for further details.

Mr Barnes, Mrs Sawbridge, Mr Bloomfield and Mrs Bartlett would form a Working Group to consider this matter in more detail. Meetings were to be arranged for 30 December 2013 and 15 January 2014.

b) To authorise a member to speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the SNC Development Control Committee meeting on 16 January 2014 re S/2013/1496/MAO

Mr Barnes would speak at this meeting on behalf of the Parish Council with Mr Batten in reserve position.

174/12/13 **FINANCE**

a) To receive November 2013 accounts, budget position and to approve payment of outstanding accounts.

			£
1834	Paulerspury Village Hall	Hall Hire	17.00
1835	M Down	Salary/Mileage /Office/Spinalls Field	464.19
		TOTAL	481.19

The accounts and budget position were approved. Payments, as listed, were approved for payment also payment to Mr Blackwell (Cheque No. 1836 in the sum of £234.00¹) for hedge clearance on Paulerspury Parish Allotment site.

Cheque no. 1832 £400.00 Paulerspury United Reformed Church for restoration²

Cheque no. 1833 £300.00. Paulerspury Village Hall for maintenance³

b) To consider donations to village organisations

Thanks had been received from Paulerspury Village Hall Committee and Paulerspury United Reformed Church for their donations.

¹ Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908, s 26

² Parish Councils Act 1957 Pt 1 s. 2

³ LGA (Misc Provs) Act 1976 s.19 (3)

Having been assured by the clerk that she had seen evidence of the financial soundness of Paulerspury Good Neighbours Club account members resolved to award the club £200.00⁴.

c) To consider the budget and precept for 2014 – 2015

The budget requirements were considered and a final figure for the precept demand would be confirmed at the meeting to be held on 30 January 2014.

175/12/13 **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter had been received from Mr Crawford of Westpury House regarding the cutting back of sapling growth on Church Hill.

176/12/13 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

Moss growth was reported on the surface of the senior swing equipment. This would be addressed when weather was appropriate for treatment.

Members were asked to monitor the bolts and shackles on the junior swings.

The repairs commissioned for the wall had been completed.

b) To confirm the January 2014 inspection rota. 5/6 AT, 12/13 JS, 19/20 NB, 26/27 SS.

Rota confirmed.

c) Donation of an oak tree. To consider planting destination.

A response was awaited regarding The Warren.

177/12/13 **ROAD DEFECTS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

The Clerk

Tarmac had been applied to the roadside edge at 17 Careys Road, Pury End.

Damage done by a reversing lorry to the Vine End sign had been reported to the developer and SNC

Lumber Lane re reported for remedial work.

Defective manhole cover Scriveners Lane/Careys Road junction to be reported.

⁴ L.G.A 1972 amended by Section 36 of the L.G.and Housing Act 1989

The hedges on Lower Street and Scriveners Lane had been cut back as requested by the Parish Council.

Mr Bloomfield would contact the manager of Pury End Quarry to seek removal of the silt which had accumulated on Westy Road, Pury End.

Potholes on the A5 near Cuttle Mill would be reported to A1 Plus.

178/12/13 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION AND FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

An item would be placed in the Newsletter referring to the refurbishment plan for the parish War Memorial. Mr Batten had a team of volunteers who were researching the background to those listed on the War Memorial. It was envisaged that a booklet would be produced for sale at the conclusion of this project.

Concerns were expressed at the continued erosion of the grass verge adjacent to nos. 37 - 45 High Street. This was caused by inconsiderate parking. in the main by those attending the Primary School. The clerk would seek the advice of Mrs Howard at MGWSP with regard to the installation of bollards.

179/12/13 **DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

7:30 pm THURSDAY 30 JANUARY 2014 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL

The meeting closed at