

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Thursday 24 April 2014

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

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

43/4/14 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** (reason for absence to be advised)

All councillors present.

44/4/14 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

Dr Hooker item 48/4/14 c)

45/4/14 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF 27 March 2014**

A correction to the minutes was requested by Mr Batten – Item 42/3/14

Mr Batten reported that, at the junction of Grays Lane and the A5, and in the experience of those present, there was currently insufficient width to accommodate two vehicles alongside each other in Grays Lane when one was turning towards Towcester and one towards Milton Keynes - though there would be scope to widen the roadway to allow this.

The above paragraph was added to the minutes and the minutes were then approved and signed as a correct record.

46/4/14 **MATTERS ARISING**

33/3/14 **Erosion of grass verges and the expedition of the Northamptonshire County Council Mowing Contract** Mr Barnes

An update from Mr Dadswell, NCC, was outstanding.

The clerk had received confirmation of the success of “dragons teeth” where they had been installed by other councils. Councillors were asked to consider where these could be effectively installed in the parish in order to protect vulnerable grass verges.

42/3/14 **Transport Planning Strategy paper for submission to CPRE** Mr Bloomfield

Councillors had responded to the draft document written by Mr Bloomfield. Mr Barnes would confirm the revised document prior to its submission to the CPRE.

47/4/14 **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

County Councillor Mr Walker and District Councillor Mrs Barnes were present.

Mr Walker said NCC had been awarded £1.4m by the Government for additional road repairs. Lumber Lane had been prioritised for remedial work within this scheme.

Mr Bloomfield requested that the junction of Cowpastures with the A5 be also considered for repair work if possible. The clerk would report this to "Streetdoctor Northampton".

48/4/14 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

Pury End Quarry, Westy Road, Pury End, Northamptonshire,

Variation of condition 3 of planning permission 08/00021/MIN to change the use of the stone preparation shed to storage shed for bags of cut limestone

NCC APPROVED

b) S/2014/0433/FUL Mr P Taylor 17 Careys Rd Pury End

Single storey timber outbuilding

Paulerspury Parish Council had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application

c) S/2014/0498/FUL Dr A Hooker The Manse 46 High Street Paulerspury

Proposed two storey rear extension

Paulerspury Parish Council had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application

d) Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012

The South Northamptonshire Council Tree Preservation Order No 2/2014

(Parish of Paulerspury)

Sycamore Tree to the rear of the land situated between 11 and 15 Grays Lane

e) S/2014/0006/MAO Mr D Richmond-Watson Land off Grays Lane Paulerspury
Residential development of up to 14 dwellings and estate road (Outline).

SNC REFUSED

f) **S/2014/0231/FUL** Mr and Mrs Blaize-Smith 20 Tews End Lane Paulerspury

Single storey rear extension and new pitched roof to existing detached garage

SNC APPROVED

g) Proposed Lighting Plan for Kingstons Farm, Lumber Lane.

A proposal for a lighting scheme for this development had been forwarded to the parish council for its consideration. Overall the council felt there were too many lights proposed for this development. The clerk was asked to seek clarification on several points and to suggest that a reduction in the number of lights proposed would be preferred. Councillors would then consider the new proposal.

49/4/14 **FINANCE**

a) To receive MARCH 2014 accounts, budget position and to approve payment of outstanding accounts.

			£
1859	M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office/Stationery	567.86
1860	Paulerspury Village Hall	Hall Hire	34.00
1861	CPRE	Membership	36.00
1862	E.ON	Lighting supply	411.74

The council resolved to approve the accounts for March 2014 and resolved payment of the outstanding accounts; also cheque nos. 1863 N J Blackwell Mowing £837.84 and 1864¹ Mr D Barker £70 Installing water points on the allotment site.

South Northamptonshire Council Grants Committee had awarded Paulerspury Parish Council £650.00 towards the repairs to the base of Paulerspury War Memorial. A letter of thanks would be sent to Ms Arnold, Grants Officer at SNC.

b) To approve Section 1 and Section 2 of the Statement of Accounts 2013 -2014

The accounts had not been audited due to the unavoidable postponement of the meeting by the internal auditor.

c) To consider quotes received for repair and maintenance work as identified in the Annual Risk Assessment 2014

Quotes would be available for the meeting to be held on 29 May 2014

50/4/14 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None received

51/4/14 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

The landlord of the Barley Mow would be contacted with the request that the Parish Council be allowed to re site the Spinalls Field “No Dogs” sign within the Barley Mow

¹ Smallholdings and Allotments Act 1908 s 26

grounds in order to make it more effective.

- b) To confirm the May 2014 inspection rota. 4/5 EB,11/12AH, 18/19 AT, 25/26 DB

Rota confirmed.

- c) To confirm the position of a new seat on Spinalls Field

Mr Blackwell

The seat would be placed to the rear of the Barley Mow fence adjacent to the basket ball base. A letter of thanks would be sent to the Blackwell family for their generosity.

52/4/14 **STANDING ORDERS**

To consider the adoption of the new model Standing Orders

The clerk had sent all councillors a list of options for discussion prior to adoption of this document.

Confirmation of the possible options was postponed until the meeting to be held on 29 May 2014.

53/4/14 **ROAD DEFECTS**

- a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

Grass growing on footpath RU 28 would be selectively sprayed by Mr Blackwell. Mr Temple would be advised prior to this taking place.

A One+ had been contacted re the concerns expressed by this council regarding access and egress at the junction of the A5 with Grays Lane. (minutes 44/3/14 &45/4/14) Mr Nigel Wash had agreed to meet councillors to discuss this matter. A meeting would be arranged.

- b) Road Restrictions – procedures.

Mrs Howard, MGWSP/NCC would meet representatives of the parish council to discuss the way forward. A meeting would be arranged.

- c) To consider the cost and position of “dragons teeth” within the parish

Councillors would consider possible positions and would discuss the issue at a further meeting.

- d) Removal of rubbish deposited on Westy Road

South Northamptonshire Council had confirmed that they would remove the rubbish.

- e) In the week prior to this meeting a serious accident had taken place on the Heathencote to Shutlanger road. Mrs Howard (NCC/MGWSP) had been contacted to confirm that road restrictions were being considered for this (Minutes 106/7/13).

Mrs Howard confirmed that there was compelling evidence to support a reduction in speed limit along this section of road to 40mph. The restriction would cover the length of road from

the A5 junction to just beyond the bend past the entrance to Towcester Racecourse. The Parish Council would be consulted as part of the legal process which had to be followed. No time scale available at present for this action.

f) Mr Bird had cleared away the silt which had collected at the bottom of the hill on Westy Road, Pury End.

54/4/14 **INVITATION TO JOIN A RURAL SOUNDING BOARD**

Members of this Board would reflect the views and opinions of Parish Councils in order to inform future debates

The council considered that there were already in place sufficient channels of communication and would therefore decline membership of this organisation

55/4/14 **REPORT FROM THE CPRE MEETING HELD AT GT HOUGHTON** Mr Batten

No member available to attend this meeting.

56/4/14 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION AND FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Mr Kilvert, a Potterspurty Parish Councillor, had contacted the clerk with a view to the collaboration of Paulerspury and Potterspurty Parish Councils regarding the the A5 traffic issues suffered by residents of both parishes.

Councillors agreed that dialogue and information sharing would be beneficial to both councils.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL 7:30 pm THURSDAY 29 May 2014

PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL

The meeting closed at 9:05 pm