

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Thursday 26 February 2015

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

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

APOLOGIES (reason for absence to be advised)

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr Harvey

19/2/15 **ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Mr Derek Batten was proposed for the position of Vice Chairman by Mr Barnes and seconded by Mrs Sawyer. Mr Batten was unanimously elected.

20/2/15 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

Mrs Sawbridge Item 25/2/15 d)

21/2/15 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES of 29 January 2015**

The minutes of 29 January 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record.

22/2/15 **MATTERS ARISING**

8/1/15 Reduction of trees along the A5 towards Stony Stratford.

As part of a repair scheme to the drainage system within this area trees/shrubs had been removed within the highway ditches to allow re-grading of the ditches and replacement of drains. A planting scheme would be installed along the highway boundary once the aforementioned work had been completed.

14/1/15 Consultation Document re District Councils' "Merger"

Mr Barnes had completed the questionnaire and also responded that at this stage this council had no additional material comments to make.

23/2/15 **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Four members of the public were present including District Councillor Mrs Barnes. County Councillor Mr Walker had sent his apologies.

Mrs Barnes stated that she had used the new direct bus service to Milton Keynes. Timetables were to be provided at some time in the future.

South Northants Council had held its last full Council Meeting at Springfields. The Forum will be open for face-to-face visits by members of the public on 9th April 2015. The Library will open on 11th April 2015.

South Northants Council was currently investigating what criteria were used to assess the business rates payable on wind farms.

The clerk was instructed to enquire as to the position regarding the forecasted monetary allocations due to the parish from the Solar Park at Land at Homestead Farm (Paulerspury Parish)

24/2/15 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **S/2015/0244/PA** Mr and Mrs Wilkes. The Barn at Land off Cuttle Mill Lane Paulerspury

Determination as to whether prior approval is required (under Class MB of Part 3 of the above Order) for the change of use of an agricultural building to 1 No. dwelling house (Use Class C3) in respect of: the transport and highways impacts of the development; noise impacts of the development, contamination risks on the site; flooding risks on the site; whether the siting and location of the buildings makes it impractical or undesirable to change the use; and the design and external appearance of the building.

The Parish Council was of the opinion that it was unqualified to determine whether at this stage prior approval was required for this proposal.

The Parish Council would however point out that the site in question lies some distance outside the village confines. Paulerspury Parish Council supports the saved policies of the 1997 SNC Local Plan, as well as the similar proposals for the emerging Local Plan, relating to village confines. The Parish Council thus would not be in favour of the proposed development.

b) **S/2015/0310/FUL** Mr N Goodall 13 Longcroft Lane Paulerspury

Demolition of existing semi-detached house and erection of a two storey detached house. Plus a one storey ancillary home office

In principle, Paulerspury Parish Council did not object to this proposal for the dwelling but had concerns about the effect of the demolition process on the adjoining property (No. 11) and also about the nature of the proposed "home office".

The latter proposal appeared ambitious and unsuitably provisioned for a "home office" It would seem to introduce a commercial element into a rural residential area especially as there is vehicle access and potential car parking space adjacent to it.

c) **S/2014/2415/FUL** Mr and Mrs F Watson The Hawthorns Lumber Lane Paulerspury
Single storey side extension and detached carport.

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d) **S/2014/2421/FUL** Mrs Rebecca de Courcy Hillcrest Careys Road Pury End

Two storey front extension to create bay windows. Single storey side extension to create link to existing garage and new pitched roof over garage to replace flat roof. Single storey rear extension. Changes to existing doors and windows.

SNC REFUSED

e) **S/2014/2399/FUL** Lydon Contracting Cuttle Mill Nursery Cuttle Mill Lane Paulerspury

Use of land for one year as a civil engineering contractors yard. Workshop & offices.(retrospective)

SNC REFUSED

f) **S/2014/2495/FUL** Mr and Mrs Blaize Smith 20 Tews End Lane Paulerspury

Single storey front extension

SNC APPROVED

g) Homestead Farm Solar Park.

Working conditions observance and removal of mature trees on A5 adjacent to the site.

The clerk had informed the Enforcement Officer at SNC that work was frequently being carried out on this site during weekends. Enquiries would be made of SNC as to the landscaping agreement and working terms.

h) Towcester Greyhound Race Track

To consider various issues relating to this site.

Mrs S Sawyer

Mrs Sawyer said that volumes of light, traffic and noise continued to cause concern to residents. Miss Ewers, Environmental Officer at SNC was working with the residents in order to alleviate the problems. A meeting had been arranged between residents and Mr Ackerman, Chief Executive of the track.

Residents of Paulerspury who were also being inconvenienced by the noise element would be advised to contact Miss Ewers.

25/2/15 **FINANCE**

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

			£
1932	Anglian Water	Allotment supply	40.02
1933	Paulerspury Village Hall	Hall Hire	27.00
1934	NCALC	Clerk training	34.00
1935	M Down	Website/Salary/Mileage/Training/Office/Spinalls Field	532.16

The Council resolved to approve the accounts for January 2015 and resolved payment of the above outstanding accounts. Also cheque no. 1936 in the sum of £340.80 payable to N J Blackwell for work carried out on the Allotment Site and village maintenance and cheque no. 1937 in the sum of £95.00 payable to Fields in Trust for Annual Membership.

b) To consider the Interim Report from the Internal Auditor.

The Internal Auditor had carried out the Interim Audit and found the finances and records to be in order.

c) To consider the increase to the length of fencing on the Allotment Site

It was resolved to accept the quote from Mr Blackwell - £458.00 – to remove and dispose of scrub bushes, barbed wire and broken fence material and to supply and install fencing to secure the perimeter of the Allotment Site.

d) Tower of London Poppy

To receive a report on the proposed display of the ‘Tower’ poppy in St James’s Church.
Mrs Sawbridge

The choice of container for the ‘Tower’ poppy was still under consideration by the Parochial Church Council. Mr Barnes would respond personally to Mrs Crawford’s letter regarding a request for an alteration to the orientation of the poppy. The wording to accompany the container was still under discussion by the Parish Council.

26/2/15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mrs Crawford - see above.

27/2/15 **RISK ANALYSIS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

To consider the adequacy of the document and to revise if required.

A first draft of suggested revisions had been drawn up by the clerk for consideration.

28/2/15 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

- Repairs have been carried out to the Pre School play area entrance gate.
- Additional ties have been affixed to the football goals.
- Mr Blackwell was asked to clean out the exit point of the ditch on Spinalls Field

b) To confirm the March 2015 inspection rota.1/2 EB, 8/9 RB, 15/16 AH, 22/23 AT, 29/30 JS.

The rota was confirmed and a new chart issued to members to cover 1 April 2015 – 31 March 2016.

c) To confirm a new agreement for Paulerspury C E Primary School for the use of Spinalls Field

it was resolved that a new Agreement would be drawn up via an exchange of letters which would also confirm the formally agreed conditions of use.

d) To consider granting permission for Paulerspury Church Fete and Dog Show to use Spinalls Field on 13 June 2015 (proof of £10m public liability insurance cover provided).

It was resolved to grant permission to St James Church for the use of the field for this purpose. Ms Mozdyznski would provide additional insurance through the Kennel Club's insurance scheme.

29/2/15 **ROAD MATTERS**

To record actions taken by the clerk.

Kerbside edge adjacent nos. 39-45 High Street reported for repair
Potholes at entrance to Lower Street, Pury End and Park Lane Paulerspury reported for repair
Replacement/repair to bollards outside no. 3 Scriveners Lane, Pury End. requested
Potholes reported Ambleside and Hafod, Lower St Pury End, Tews End Lane and adjacent 25a) High Street.
Cuttle Mill Lane potholes to be reported.

Tews End Lane and Westy Road hedges had been cut.

30/2/15 **ALLOTMENT SITE**

To consider revisions to the Allotment Tenancy Agreement.

A first draft had been drawn up by the clerk for consideration.

31/2/15 **PAULERSPURY WAR MEMORIAL**

To consider correspondence received from English Heritage with regard to the potential addition of the War Memorial to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest ('The List')

The clerk was instructed to ask whether there would be any implications with regard to insurance cover (currently fully insured by the Parish Council) following Listing.

32/2/15 **TO CONSIDER THE CLERK'S CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT**

Further meetings were required before the finalisation of this exercise.

33/2/15 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION AND FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Notices had been posted on notice boards and fliers would be distributed with the Newsletter to advertise the forthcoming Annual Meeting of the Parish – 9 March 2015. Possible suggestions for the allocation of the New Homes Bonus and the forthcoming Solar Park grants were: defibrillators; additional bus shelter; additional notice board for Grays Lane; climbing equipment for Spinalls Field to be raised at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:52 pm