

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Thursday 26 September 2013

in Paulerspury Village Hall, High Street, Paulerspury

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

124/9/13 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs Sawyer and Mr Batten

125/9/13 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

Mr Barnes Item 134/9/13

Mr Blackwell Item 134/09/13 b)

126/9/13 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF 29 August 2013**

The minutes of 29 August 2013 were approved and signed as correct

127/9/13 **MATTERS ARISING**

114/8/13 **Response from Mr R Fallon.** None received to date

115/8/13 **Response from SNC re building materials.** None received to date

119/8/13 **Ash tree – Plumpton End.** Having received notification from Northamptonshire County Council that this tree was within the hedge line of the Allotment site the council resolved to confirm ownership of this tree.

122/8/13 **Raised bulge in footpath outside No 104 High Street.** Repairs had been completed.

128/9/13 **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Forty seven members of the public were present including District Councillor Mrs Barnes.

David Wilson Homes made a short presentation on their proposed development – 50 houses off Tews End Lane. David Wilson Homes would be holding a Public Consultation exercise in Paulerspury Village Hall on 7 October from 4.30 to 8 p.m. to provide a display of their outline proposals.

Mrs Barnes expressed concern at the latest Government proposals on Permitted Development Rights. These proposals would allow owners of existing retail, commercial and agricultural buildings to alter the use of their holding without planning permission. This proposal would not apply to public houses.

This initiative would severely impact on High Streets as it could challenge the viability of remaining small traders should numerous commercial enterprises be replaced by residential dwellings and also affect their individual characters. There would be no requirement to check on the quality of the work involved.

129/9/13 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **S/2013/0853/HPD** Mr Christopher Billingham Ashton Farm Pury Road Alderton

Rear conservatory

SNC APPROVED

b) **S/2013/1158/FUL** Mr and Mrs A Willis 23 Lower Street, Pury End

Proposed single storey side extension and internal alterations.

There were **No Objections** to this application

c) **Appeal Ref: APP/Z2830/D/13/2201217**

Ms A Stephenson 35 High Street Paulerspury

- **Decision** The appeal was allowed.

d) Recent Changes to the Planning System. CPRE Meeting Gt Houghton Village Hall
Wednesday 6 November 6:30 pm – 9:00pm

There may be attendance at this meeting by a representative of the council

e) **S/2013/0964** Mr D Richmond-Watson Land between 11 and 15 Grays Lane
Paulerspury

Erection of three houses (outline)

SNC APPROVED

f) NCC Minerals and Waste Consultation – Comments by 31 October 2013

Mr Barnes would review this document, circulate his comments to the council members , then, with the agreement of the council, submit a response.

g) Towcester South Urban Extension – Public Open Space

Formal confirmation to SNC as to whether Paulerspury Parish Council wishes to be responsible for the management and maintenance of the areas of public open space and community facility/changing pavilion on the Towcester Urban Extension within the parish of Paulerspury

Paulerspury Parish Council would inform SNC that this council would not wish to take on the responsibility of the management of this area which lies within Paulerspury Parish. It was noted that the woodland area at the Cowpastures/A5 junction is Protected and the Parish Council would ask that this be maintained in perpetuity as such and that RU26 – the public footpath from the Cow Pastures/Westy junction to Wood Burcote be maintained in perpetuity.

SNC would also be informed that Paulerspury Parish Council intended that its parish boundaries should remain as currently defined.

130/9/13 **FINANCE**

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

			£
1806	D Batten	Photocopying	3.75
1807	Northamptonshire County Council	Street Works Licence	372.00
1808	NCALC	Councillor Course	29.00
1809	Paulerspury Village Hall	Hall Hire	17.00
1810	M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office	462.45
1811	Tim Howard	Computer/ Printer restore	40.00
1812	M Down	B.Band and Telephone	131.41
1813	D Reeves	Materials for Notice board	100.00
		TOTAL	1155.61

The accounts and budget position were approved. Payment of outstanding accounts was also approved including payment to Mr Blackwell (Cheque No 1814 in the sum of £855.90 for grass mowing and hand rail installation).

b) To consider the lighting quotes for Plum Park Lane, Paulerspury

The quote to date from Aylesbury Mains having been accepted by the council, a site meeting with the contractors would now be arranged to finalise all details.

c) To consider quotes for repairs to the War Memorial

The quote of £2,000.00 from Mr T Dean (L P Finn Memorials, Towcester) had been Accepted. Grants would be applied for by the clerk.

d) Publication of ‘Local Council Explained’ £49.99 plus p&p – To purchase or not

The council resolved not to purchase this publication.

131/9/13 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Progress on SNC Settlements and Development Management Local Plan

There had been an unavoidable delay in the publication of the SNC Issues Paper. Further contact with the Parish Council would be by made by SNC once information was available.

b) Closure of Lumber Lane for gas connection 28 October – 31 October 2013

c) Northants CALC AGM 19 October 2013 10:00am –1:00 pm

132/9/13 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

A block of concrete had become exposed to the rear of the Barley Mow. This would be removed.

The hedge bordering Lumber Lane would be trimmed back on both sides and its height reduced.

The unstable notice board at the Lumber Lane entrance to the field would be attended to.

The dead tree would be replaced – funded from the remaining balance in the Tree Fund

The Pre School would be given permission to place a discreet advertising notice on their fence on behalf of their grounds contractor.

A resident would be informed that the field was for non-exclusive use of the residents at all times.

The Jubilee fire pit had been re turfed.

b) To confirm the October 2013 inspection rota. 6/7 RB, 13/14 AH, 20/21 AT, 27/28 JS

The rota was confirmed

c) To consider repairs to Spinalls Wall

The council resolved to repair the wall in stages. This would involve removal of the ivy, re pointing the stonework and re capping the top of the wall using an hydraulic lime mortar mix. Tenders would be sought for a four day work schedule from local stone wallers.

133/9/13 **ROAD DEFECTS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

The Clerk

Newbolt Close would be resurfaced in October 2013. Mrs Thorburn volunteered to alert the Primary School to parking implications whilst these works were carried out.

Aone.uk would be informed of the litter deposited in the ditch opposite the BP Garage, Watling Street.

134/9/13 **ALLOTMENTS**

- a) To consider the proposal to install additional water tanks on the Allotment site and to consider quotes for this work.

The council resolved to lay new water pipes to three additional water points. The quote received from Mr Hubbard - £749.00 for labour and mini digger, water pipe and three taps - was accepted. Tanks and associated plumbing connections to be added to this figure.

- b) To consider quotes for hedge maintenance work.

The quote received from Mr Blackwell - £195.00 - for hedge cutting and removal of trimmings and grass mowing was accepted.

135/9/13 **FLAG POLE**

To discuss potential sites and the range, provision and management of the flags

Mr Lydon of Lydon Contracting had offered to install the flag pole free of charge once a site had been confirmed. Mr Batten would be advised to contact the Primary School with all necessary information.

136/9/13 **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE TRANSPORTATION PLAN: PHASE TWO CONSULTATION**

To consider. (Comments to NCC by 25 October 2013)

Mr Barnes would review this document, circulate his comments to the council members then, with the agreement of the council, submit a response. The next public consultation session would take place in Towcester Library on 16 October 2013 10:00am – 12.00 noon. Mr Bloomfield's previous comments on the original document which had been endorsed by the council would be confirmed.

137/9/13 **REGISTRATION OF COMMUNITY ASSETS**

It was possible for a Parish Council, an organisation or an individual to register land or buildings which they may deem a potential "Community Asset". Once registered then there would be a 6 month moratorium on any development whilst considerations of an alternative bid by the community were under way.

138/9/13 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION AND FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- The hedge belonging to the owners of Brook Cottage, High Street was obstructing the footpath and spoil from animal diggings was also obstructing the footpath. The owners would be asked to trim the hedge and remove the soil.
- Mrs Richmond-Watson would be advised of the "camp" which was constructed at the stream on The Warren.
- Dog fouling had been reported on Fairfield and Lumber Lane. Signs would be placed in those locations seeking assistance in preventing this. Having again re considered

the provision of dog bins the council resolved that provision of dog bins would not alleviate this matter.

- The owner of hedges on Scriveners Lane and Lower Street would be asked to trim them back.

139/9/13 **DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

7:30 pm THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER 2013 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL

The meeting closed at 9:42 pm