

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Thursday 27 June 2013

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

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

84/6/13 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted for Mr Blackwell, Dr Hooker and Mrs Bartlett

85/6/13 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

None declared.

86/6/13 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF 30 May 2013**

The minutes of 30 May 2013 were approved and signed as correct. Further to the minutes, with reference to item 77/5/13 d) - The Proposed Towcester Southern Extension, Mr Brice proposed that another survey be conducted with regard to the traffic flows on the A5. It was resolved to carry this out at a date to be arranged.

87/6/13 **MATTERS ARISING**

77/5/13 e) Response from Mr R Fallon. None received

88/6/13 **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Apologies were received from County Councillor Mr Walker and District Councillor Mrs Barnes.

One member of the public expressed views on item 90/6/13 c)

Mrs Clatworthy, Secretary to Paulerspury Village Hall Committee, sought clarification of the status of the entrance gate adjacent to the Pre School outdoor area. This was felt to be the responsibility of the Village Hall Committee.

89/6/13 **PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) **S/2013/0418/FUL** Mr D Wilson 13, High Street Paulerspury

Demolition of existing brick extension and creation of new replacement brick extension including internal and external alterations to existing building. Creation of new detached brick garage and rebuilding of front wall and new gates.

SNC APPROVED

- b) **S/2013/0397/FUL** Mr R Taylor Arch Barn Heathencote Farm
Shutlanger Road Heathencote

Conversion of Barn to 3 No. holiday lets including 3 No. car parking spaces.

SNC REFUSED

- c) Report on the planning process and what is occurring at both local and national levels.

Mrs S Sawyer

Mrs Sawyer, having attended a meeting at South Northants Council, reported that it was felt that current interference from Central Government was having a negative impact on Local Government.

It was hoped that the South Northants Local Plan would be ready for adoption early in 2014. A consultation paper would soon be issued regarding a five year plan for the provision of Gypsy and Traveller sites in the South Northants area.

Once Local Housing Development requirements had been met in a village, Parish Councils were encouraged to then designate "green areas". These "green areas" would be protected from future development.

Four Neighbourhood Plans were currently in progress. The cost of producing such plans was extreme.

It was hoped that all parish councils would fully engage in the consultation processes and South Northants Council was endeavouring to work with councils. Further meetings would be held in future to aid this process.

- d) Cuttle Mill – Caravan Park Site.

It was noted that the site on Cuttle Mill designated for a caravan park was up for sale.

90/6/13 **FINANCE**

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

The accounts and budget position were approved. Outstanding payments were made

according to the Cash Book extract June 2013.

£

1786	Paulerspury Village Hall	Hall Hire	17.00
1787	Tim Howard	Computer Maintenance	80.00
1788	Cancelled		
1789	Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Lighting testing and certifying	184.20
1790	NCALC	Councillor Training	29.00
1791	N J Blackwell	Grass Mowing	661.32
1792	S M Signs and Banners	Spinalls Sign	27.00
1793	M Down	Salary/Office Mileage	460.65
			1459.17

b) To consider and approve the assurance report (to be read in conjunction with Section 4 of the Annual report) of the Internal Auditor.

The Internal Auditor had carried out an independent review of the council's internal controls. The control objectives had been achieved. Accounts had been prepared on the correct accounting basis. There were no matters arising from this report. The council therefore approved the assurance report.

c) Flag Pole - Purchase and placement.

Mr Batten

Correspondence had been received from six residents living adjacent to Church Green stating that they did not wish to have the flag pole erected on Church Green. It was therefore resolved to place an item in the October edition of the Newsletter seeking the views of the parish as to requirement and position of a flag pole.

d) To consider additional lengths of verges for future maintenance thereof.

It was resolved to ask Mr Blackwell to add the section of verge opposite West Tithe Barn, High Street to the mowing schedule.

Enquiries were under way regarding the responsibility for a section of grass verge at Heathencote.

The clerk would make enquiries regarding the mowing of a section of grass at Grays Lane.

e) To consider the addition of a hand rail for the seat at the Westy Road bus stop.

It was resolved to erect a hand rail. Mr Lydon would furnish details.

f) To consider the provision of a hand rail on RU11 public footpath.

It was resolved to erect a hand rail subject to the comments of the Rights of Way officer (Mr Wicks)..

Mr Blackwell's quote of £50 was accepted.

91/6/13 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Response from resident regarding inappropriate parking issue.

The resident would also monitor this situation.

92/6/13 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

- A tub of wet pour repair would be purchased to effect repairs to the senior swings' wet pour surface.
- Mr Blackwell would be asked to repair the Lumber Lane entrance.
- The litter bin post movements would be monitored.
- Mr Barnes had removed three glass bottles which had been placed under the grass surface near the goal posts. The police had been informed.

b) To confirm the July 2013 inspection rota. 7/8 MD, 14/15 EB, 21/22 RB, 28/29 AT

The rota was confirmed.

c) To consider the report of the tree inspection.

The Clerk

The report was outstanding.

d) To consider the deterioration of the FIT plaque

The plaque was made of aluminium and was oxidising. It was resolved to accept the offer of the producers, Photocast, to repair it and treat it against future damage on the basis that, if this was not a satisfactory repair, they would return to repeat the repair.

e) To arrange the Annual Risk Assessment.

Mrs Sawyer volunteered to carry out this exercise with the clerk

f) To consider the points raised by the Annual Inspection carried out by The Play Inspection Company.

Points raised:

- To replace the chains on the senior swings at the next maintenance cycle. These chains were replaced in 2010 in compliance with the report made in 2009. Enquiries were ongoing regarding this new instruction.

- Sign required to be placed near the basket ball - to comply with BS 15312
- Litter Bin – monitor post for looseness
- Wet pour safety surface deterioration. Mr Blackwell instructed to effect repairs.
- Loose swing seat connectors on the senior swings. Mr Lydon would make these adjustments
- Minor damage to cradle seat – monitor
- Bird droppings on cradle seats and swing seats – now removed
- Algal growth on slide steps – now removed
- Algal growth on surface beneath slide – now removed. Mr Blackwell would be asked to treat this area with a preventative.
- Issues concerning the fence had been conveyed to the Village Hall Committee via Mrs Clatworthy, secretary to the Village Hall Committee..

93/6/13 **ROAD DEFECTS**

To record actions taken by the clerk.

The Clerk

A number of pot holes had been filled via the Community Enhancement Gang and several by the regular gang.

Newbolt Close and Heathencote had been marked up in readiness for repairs. Concern was expressed at the quality of repairs recently undertaken on Westy Road. These would be monitored as a two year guarantee of effectiveness should apply.

A request had been made to NCC for an inspection of the road side edge at No 17 Careys Road, Pury End.

94/6/13 **ALLOTMENTS**

a) To consider the installation of additional water points.

It was decided in principle to install three additional water points, but quotes would be obtained prior to any further discussions.

b) Tenancy agreement

Mr Barnes, Mr Batten and the clerk would consider amendments to the existing tenancy agreement which would then be presented to the full council for consideration.

c) Date of payment of rent.

It was resolved to move this to 31 January in order to afford new tenants optimum cultivation time.

95/6/13 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION AND FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Mrs Sawyer sought support from the parish council with regard to getting speeding restrictions implemented for Heathencote. It was resolved to contact County Councillor Mr Walker to seek his assistance.

96/6/13 **DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

7:30 pm THURSDAY 25 JULY 2013 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL

The meeting closed at 9:52 pm