

# **PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council**

**held on Thursday 28 July 2016**

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

**PRESENT:** Mrs Sawyer (Chairman), Mr Batten (Vice Chairman), Mr Barnes, Mr Bloomfield, Mrs Bartlett, Mrs De Ritter, Mr Baker, Mr Davey-Turner, Mr Harvey, Mrs Sawbridge

### **92/7/16 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None. All councillors present.

### **93/7/16 CO-OPTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Mr Ian Boothman was confirmed as a Co-opted member of Paulerspury Parish Council. Mr Boothman undertook to observe the Code of Conduct as adopted by Paulerspury Parish Council on 28 June 2012.

### **94/7/16 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.***

None declared

### **95/7/16 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL 30 JUNE 2016**

The following amendments (in italics) were made to the minutes prior to their approval and signing.

Finance 2063 N J Blackwell Mowing £834.66

Correspondence *Mr Jack Down – letter received in support of the installation of a shelter on Spinalls Field.*

Roads *The Council had received a letter from Mr Bloomfield detailing the serious damage sustained to his car as a result of the deterioration of Cuttle Mill Lane.*

#### **Matters for urgent attention and for the next meeting**

- *The design and position of a shelter for Spinalls Field.*

### **96/7/16 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Comments are welcome from those attending the meeting. The total time allowed for this item is 15 minutes with a maximum of 3 minutes per speaker. Further public comment during the meeting is permissible only at the invitation of the Chairman.

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

Mr Walker reported that the Leave result of the recently held Referendum had had no effect on Northamptonshire County Council services provision. The new Council office building was progressing well. Mr Walker would confirm that as far as he was aware the Childrens' Centre funding would not be cut.

Mrs Barnes asked that the information that from October 2016 Goodes Coaches would be ceasing to provide a bus service to Northampton should be posted on the Parish Website.

A further 110 parking spaces would be available on the Old Northampton Road car park from 1 August 2016.

**Mr Bishop** commented that a sheltered area on Spinalls Field would be appreciated. Members of the public present confirmed that they had confidence in the good character of their teenage children and felt derogatory comments were not substantiated.

Mrs Watson raised her issues regarding the Zip Wire see 100/7/16 c)

#### 97/7/16 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) S/2016/1659/LDP Mr S Feven Little Farm 15 Lower Street Pury End Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed vehicular access on Careys Road.

Noted.

b) S/2016/1510/FUL Mr Gawaine Aries 16 Grays Lane Paulerspury

Dropped kerb to allow vehicular access onto Grays Lane.

Paulerspury Parish Council had **No Objections** to this application.

c) S/2016/1592/FUL Mr J Heycock United Reformed Church High Street Paulerspury  
Replacement of entrance doors and side windows to entrance porch

Paulerspury Parish Council had **No Objections** to this application but would however make the following observations.

Refurbishment of the entrance hall was badly needed but the council was disappointed at the poor design of the door and adjacent window. It should match existing windows and panelled doors on such an important old building in Paulerspury.

d) S/2016/1727/MAF Mr Imran Sheikh (Agent) Manor Farm Alderton Road Paulerspury

Variation of condition 2 (plans) 6 (finished floor levels) 7 (landscaping) & 13 (materials) to planning permission S/2015/0717/MAF (On-farm anaerobic digestion facility to accept energy crops to produce biogas, electricity and digestate) To make changes to the condition wording to reflect newly submitted drawings /plans. To allow changes to layout and plant equipment and alterations to hard landscaping to clamps & plant compound area.

The Parish Council resolved to support the views held by Alderton Parish Meeting

This application would be responded to once all councillors had seen the plans.

Response submitted 11.08.16

In response to S/2016/1727/MAF Paulerspury Parish Council totally supports Alderton's submission (see below) and correspondingly seeks assurance that all conditions ordained by South Northamptonshire Council are monitored closely for adherence.

### **1. Storage**

This application is to amend the AD plant given permission previously. Alderton Parish Meeting objected to the original application and to a subsequent application to significantly increase the size of the clamp. The latter application was refused by SNC.

Since then we have seen the construction of 2 additional clamps on the site without planning permission. After an investigation by SNC these have been permitted to remain **AS TEMPORARY CLAMPS ONLY** until the large clamp associated with the application is constructed. We are waiting for confirmation of this in writing from SNC (requested July 2016). In addition to those clamps chopped material is also being stored in blow up plastic storage tunnels on the applicant's land (see photos). These are an unsightly feature on the landscape and we would not want this method of storage to continue in the future once the large clamp is finished.

Alderton residents are still very concerned that due to the larger clamp being refused, the applicant will try and increase the storage capacity of this plant by other means (such as the temporary clamps and the plastic storage areas) even after the new clamp is constructed. SNC must ensure through adequate enforcement that this does not happen once the plant is operational. Alderton Parish Meeting would like to understand how SNC will enforce this in future.

### **2. Amendments to the application – noise**

We note that the feed method has been changed. Whilst this appears to be an improvement with regard to feed frequency SNC must ensure that the noise from the new system and the plant generally are properly assessed so that residents do not suffer from any loss of amenity due to noise. The plant construction has been noisy. The site is close enough to the village to result in noise being easily heard – beepers, clamp construction, earth movements etc. One of the primary concerns for residents will be noise nuisance. We seek assurances from SNC and the developer that if the plant fails the noise test at commissioning a stop order will be applied and enforced until they pass agreed noise test levels.

### **3. Bund Height**

We note that the application states that the height of the bund constructed between the site and Alderton village should be 3m before planting. This needs checking as the photograph below implies that it is not quite as high as it should be when comparing the height with the two construction workers.

### **4. Feedstock Material**

We note that in the previous application a condition was placed on the plant that only crops grown on the surrounding designated land can be used for the plant. We stress again that this is applied and enforced by SNC for the current application. The fact that the applicant is already trialling additional storage systems implies that additional feedstock could well be brought in

from other farms with the associated noise and traffic nuisance. We would like SNC to explain clearly how they are going to enforce this condition once the plant is operational.

e) S/2016/1737/FUL F. J. Morris Concept Park Watling Street Paulerspury

Two new windows and change height of door threshold in south elevation. New door and window openings in west elevation with ramped pathway leading to new door. Various internal alterations to west wing.

Paulerspury Parish Council had **No Objections** to this application.

f) S/2016/0143/FUL Mrs R de Courcy Ireland Hill Crest Careys Road, Pury End

Demolish existing house and build new house on existing site **SNC REFUSED**

g) S/2016/0151/FUL & 0152/LBC Mr and Mrs C Hobson

Conversion of part of barn to dwelling **SNC APPROVED**

h) S/2016/0514/FUL Mrs R de Courcy Ireland Hillcrest Careys Road Pury End

Replace existing flat roof on garages with a pitched roof, alterations to existing doors and windows to garage **SNC REFUSED**

A letter had been received from Mr Hobson stating that he would be Appealing against the SNC decisions on S/2016/0143/FUL and S/2016/0514/FUL.

The Parish Council would reserve its comments until such an Appeal had been officially communicated to the council.

i) S/2016/1271/FUL Mr N Edwards Paulerspury C E Primary School, High Street Paulerspury

Replace a wooden shed with a 20ft x 9ft Mobile office. **SNC APPROVED**

j) South Northamptonshire Council - Planning Policy Consultations Sustainability Appraisal Consultation **Local Plan Working Party**

The purpose of the SA is to promote sustainable development and to ensure reasonable alternative approaches are considered in developing the plan. Consultations on Sustainability Appraisal – Local Plan Part 2A Options will be consulting on the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELA) Methodology 4 July – 12 noon 12 August 2016

Mr Barnes said that clarification was needed of what form a response should take

k) S/2016/1738/MAR Land at Towcester Vale Towcester

Residential development of 201 dwellings (Approval of reserved matters pursuant to outline planning permission **S/2007/0374/OUTWNS**)

Whilst not within Paulerspury Parish the Council appreciated being included in this consultation. The Parish Council reiterated its position that there should be no alteration to the Parish Boundary resulting from this development.

a) To receive June 2016 accounts, budget position and to approve payment of outstanding accounts.

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2065	Nordis Signs	Spinalls Signs	45.36
2066	Paulerspury Village Hall	Hall Hire	18.00
2067	E.ON	Electricity Supply	615.60
2068	A H Contracts	Dog Bin Emptying	12.00
2069	M Down	Salary /Mileage/Office/Spinalls	664.01
2070	BT Payphones.....	Purchase of Telephone Box Pury End	1.00

The accounts, budget position and payment of the outstanding accounts were approved. Also approved were cheques nos. 2071 Aylesbury Mains Light replacements £420, 2072 Northants CALC Chairman's Training £39.00

b) Parish Street Lighting Conversions– to consider further locations for conversion.

Three lights in Newbolt Close had been changed to PLL's with no adverse comments from the residents. The second phase of a further three lights would take place in Scriveners Lane, Pury End. Residents in Scriveners Lane, Pury End would be informed and this information would also be forwarded to the Parish Website.

c) Updates from the Working Groups

i) Defibrillators - Progress Report

Mrs DeRitter and Mr Batten

Permission had been granted by BT Payphones for Paulerspury Parish Council to take over the ownership of the telephone box in Lower Street, Pury End. The contractual agreement response was a work in progress.

ii) Bus Shelter

Clerk

Mr Lydon and Mr Hunt had been informed that work could commence.

d) Best Kept Village Competition

Mrs DeRitter

Whilst not winning this competition pointers were observed for future entries. Mrs De Ritter would form a small working party to develop a plan. Thanks were given to Mrs De Ritter and her team for this undertaking.

e) Annual Return

Clerk

To date nothing heard from BDO, External Auditors. The clerk sought permission from the council to forward a motion to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of Northamptonshire CALC to be held on the 8 October 2016 that " The External Auditor returns the Annual Audit within 6 weeks of the deposit date". All agreed.

f) To consider the Internal Control report

Mr Baker

Mr Baker had examined the accounts and found them to be sound.

g) To consider the allocation of the Queen Elizabeth 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration reserve.

The funding for the above celebration had a surplus of £314.69. It was envisaged that a tree and a surrounding seat could be purchased for this sum.

99/7/16 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Response from Anglian Water with regard to the water pressure obtainable in the village

Comprehensive checks had been carried out by Anglian Water. These checks confirmed that the water pressure in Paulerspury was good. The clerk would contact the Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service to ask why they went to Cuttle Mill to extract water.

100/7/16 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

- The graffiti tag on the slide had been removed.
- The Village Hall Committee was aware of the overhanging tree and it would be dealt with.
- The finger trap on the Unicorn's Lair had been closed and the structure re aligned vertically. Mr Bloomfield was concerned that spacers were now not part of this redesigned model. Wicksteed would be informed of this. Mr Harvey was assured that the equipment would need to conform to British Standards.
- Mr Baker had installed cable ties to prevent pigeon fouling on the junior swings. Following this successful action cable ties would be considered for the senior swings.
- The football goals would be lined up.

b) To confirm the August 2016 inspection rota. 7/8 EB, 14/15HD, 21/22MH, 28/29 PD-T

Rota confirmed

c) To consider communications regarding the siting of the Zip Wire

Letters and emails had been received from Mr Watson of The Hawthorns, Lumber Lane expressing his and his family's concerns regarding security and noise generated as a result of the installation of the zip wire. Mrs Watson stated that they would like the zip wire to be moved. At the time of installation the Parish Council were assured several times by HAGS SMP that the installation complied with guidance issued with regard to the siting of such items near residences.

The Parish Council resolved to place a notice on the Zip Wire stating that the equipment should not be used during the hours of darkness and consideration should be given to neighbours when using the equipment.

Mrs Watson who attended the meeting asked councillors to visit her garden in order to hear the zip wire in action. A visit will be made to Mrs Watson's garden at a mutually convenient time and date.

HAGS SMP would be asked whether there were measures available to reduce the sound.

d) To confirm the position and design of the shelter

Members resolved that a shelter for use by the community would be placed on Spinalls field. The design and position of the shelter would be confirmed at the meeting to be held on 25 August 2016. A wooden shelter was the preferred type. It would particularly be welcomed by parents/carers of small children. Residents in the locality of Spinalls Field would be informed and details would also be forwarded to the Parish Website.

e) The boules/petanque/bowls project had been abandoned so the spoil reserved for this purpose would be removed.

101/7/16 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

Several reported potholes had been filled in. The Enhancement Gang would be in the village on August the 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 undertaking further repairs on potholes which had not reached intervention depth but were hazardous.

Clearance of the debris and branches by AOne+ at the A5/Grays Lane entrance still being sought.

A request for the placing of a convex mirror at the junction of Lumber Lane and the High Street was being pursued with Mr Graham Cottrell, Business Manager of the Sir Henry Royce Memorial Foundation Ltd.

b) To consider hedges in the parish in need of cutting back

Councillors were asked to identify hedges in need of cutting back. Details to be confirmed at the meeting to be held on 25 August 2016.

102/7/16 **ALLOTMENTS**

a) To consider the informal division of Plot.9a) and the Parish Council policy towards minimum plot size

Mr Boothman and Mr Batten would reassess the Allotment Site and create a new plan.

103/7/16 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION AND FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- Renovation of the telephone box on the High Street owned by the Parish Council.
- The addition and position of a third Dog Refuse Bin.

**25 August 2016 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm**