

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Thursday 30 July 2015

commencing at 7:00pm on Spinalls Field and thereafter at 7:30 pm in
Paulerspury Village Hall, High Street, Paulerspury

PRESENT: Mr Barnes (Chairman), Mr Batten (Vice Chairman), Mr Bloomfield, Mrs Sawbridge, Mr Harvey, Mrs Sawyer, Mrs DeRitter, Mr Baker, Mrs Bartlett.

84/7/15 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mrs Thorburn and accepted by the Council

85/7/15 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of
Interests where required.*

Mr Batten Item 89/7/15 c)

86/7/15 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF 25 June 2015**

The minutes of 25 June 2015 were approved and signed as correct.

87/7/15 **MATTERS ARISING**

All matters arising to be dealt with within the agenda

88/7/15 **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Six members of the public were present including County Councillor Mr Walker, District Councillor Mrs Barnes and two representatives from Persimmon Homes.

Mr Walker informed those present that Northamptonshire County Council had joined with Buckinghamshire County Council, Oxfordshire County Council and three Unitary Authorities (Bedford, Mid Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes) to form an alliance which would enable the new consortium to achieve greater financial benefits for large strategic and infrastructure projects.

Mrs Barnes said that South Northamptonshire Council had achieved a 7.28 year land supply. The methodology used to determine this supply had been upheld by Inspectors during Planning Appeals. The Interim Rural Housing Planning Policy had been submitted to the Secretary of State requesting it be revoked.

Mr Batten enquired of Mrs Barnes what additional parking arrangements were being made by South Northamptonshire Council (SNC) for visitors to Towcester since there was currently a considerable lack of spaces. Mrs Barnes said that work was being carried out regarding this matter.

Representatives from Persimmon Homes addressed the meeting with details of their aspiration to build in Paulerspury. Until a formal application was presented to the Council council members would be unable to comment.

Mr Down asked that notices, announcing its presence and encouraging its use, should accompany the forthcoming Dog Refuse Bin destined for Park Lane.

89/7/15 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **S/2015/1516/FUL and S/2015/1517/LBC Mr P Jaye Manor Farm 1 Careys Road Pury End**

Change of use of existing barn to two bed and breakfast units.

Paulerspury Parish Council **OBJECTED** to this application.

The property lies on a very narrow lane which is part of the Grafton Way. Private driveways have to be used in order for vehicles to pass each other along this lane.

There are no footpaths for pedestrians to take refuge nor can any be created given that the banks are high.

The additional traffic which would arise from this commercial development would be considerable and, in the views of residents, create an unacceptable risk.

b) **S/2015/1539/FUL Mrs R de Courcy Ireland Hillcrest Careys Road Pury End**

Replace existing flat roof on garages with pitched roof

and S/2015/1540/FUL Alteration and extension to existing house.

Paulerspury Parish Council had **No objections** to these applications.

c) **S/2015/1579/FUL Mr A Hampshire (South Northants Homes) 2 Longcroft Lane Paulerspury.**

Rear extension to create a 2 storey lift enclosure and wheelchair turning space.

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

d) **S/2015/1598/OUT Mr and Mrs P Masters 14 Tews End Lane Paulerspury One dwelling (Outline)**

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

e) **S/2015/1603/FUL Lydon Contracting Cuttle Mill Nursery Cuttle Mill Lane Paulerspury**

Use of land as a civil engineering contractors' yard (retrospective).

This application was deferred to the meeting to be held on 27 August 2015

f) S/2015/1437/FUL Mr P Davey Turner 40 Tews End Lane Paulerspury

Single storey oak framed garden room extension to side

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

**g) S/2015/1632/PA Mr and Mrs Wilkes Brook Cottage High Street Paulerspury
Barn off Cuttle Mill Lane Pury End Paulerspury**

Determination as to whether prior approval is required (under Class Q of Part 3 of the above Order) for the change of use of an agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (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.

Paulerspury Parish Council **OBJECTED** to this application.

The site is outside the Village Confines and violates H5 of the current Local Plan and similar policies in the emerging Local Plan.

The design is visually unacceptable and does not accord with the Paulerspury Design Statement.

The proposed residence would lie on a narrow single carriageway lane with no footpaths.

i) S/2015/0804/FUL The Old Chapel Westy Road Pury End

Change of use of agricultural land to garden two storey extension, garage and driveway

SNC APPROVED

j) The clerk was instructed to ask of SNC that Paulerspury Parish Council should be kept informed of any lighting and landscaping design proposals to satisfy Conditions applied to planning permissions in the parish, particularly in Grays Close.

90/7/15 **FINANCE**

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

			£
1960	M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office/Spinalls	518.38
1961	M Down	Training	31.40
1962	Paulerspury Village Hall	Hall Hire	17.00
1963	E.ON	Electricity Supply	550.21

The accounts and budget position were approved. Payments as listed were approved but the E.ON account (cheque no. 1963) was withheld on the advice of the clerk pending further clarification from E.ON. Payment to Mr Blackwell for mowing – cheque no. 1964 in the sum of £1,089.48 - was approved.

b) Update on the suggestions put forward for consideration following the Annual Parish Assembly and to set a date for the consideration of all proposals.

Mrs Sawyer and Mrs Bartlett

Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Sawyer had progressed their project to provide further play equipment. They would arrange for a representative from Sovereign Play Equipment to attend a meeting of parish councillors. Councillors were asked to look at other play sites, in particular that at Greens Norton.

Councillors would be presented with all proposals for their consideration prior to calling a public meeting to discuss the options.

c) To confirm the re modelling of the Westy seat plinth and alterations to the seat structure.

Quotes would be obtained for hard wood slats. Mr Barnes would confirm the order.

d) To confirm the installation of a Dog Bin on Park Lane

It was resolved that a dog bin should be purchased in the sum of £110 with attendant installation costs of £60. Emptying the bin would cost £2.50 per week

e) Report from the External Auditor

The External Audit had been accepted. There were no issues to report to the Council. The “Conclusion of Audit Notice” had been placed on the parish notice board.

f) To consider archiving minutes

The clerk was instructed to obtain quotes for having the minutes bound prior to archival at the County Record office.

g) Paulerspury Pre School application for funding via the New Homes Bonus Scheme
Mrs Strange, Chairman of Paulerspury Pre School.

Councillors, having read the Application, supported it.

h) Payment from Haymaker Energy.

The first of 25 annual payments of £5,000 had been made to the Parish Council.

i) It was confirmed that the Diamond Jubilee Account would be formally closed.

91/7/15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Invitation to assist with the “Knock and Drop” Northamptonshire Police Recruitment campaign

Paulerspury Parish Council fully supported this initiative. Posters would be placed at various points in the parish and the website would also feature this initiative.

Mobile Library – Calling at 12 Homestead Way, Potterspury second Wednesday each month

1:00pm – 1:25pm.

92/7/15 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

Vandalism in Spinalls Field was escalating. PCSO Tara Cooksammy had been informed and the clerk had asked the Police to call at the field whenever possible.

Additional ties had been purchased for the goal nets and Mr Andy Bartlett had attached them to the goal posts.

Mrs Sawbridge had reported deep cracks in the area around the goals. These followed the marked pitch lines and were of considerable depth and width. Mr Harvey and Mr Bloomfield volunteered to oversee the ordering of material and to undertake the filling in of the cracks.

Mr Blackwell would be asked to cut the Lumber Lane side of Spinalls Field hedge.

b) To confirm the August 2015 inspection rota. 2/3 E B, 9/10 R B, 16/17 H D, 23/24 MH, 30/31 AT.

Rota confirmed.

c) To consider a proposal to use a section of Spinalls Field for Crown Green Bowls Mr Harvey

This proposal would be considered alongside the others (minute 90/7/15 b).

d) To consider a request from Towcester Councillor Mrs Samiotis on behalf of Towcester Youth Football Club to use Spinalls Field.

This matter was deferred to the meeting to be held on 27 August 2015. In the meantime Mrs Samiotis would be asked to meet with councillors to discuss requirements and how these would impinge on current users. (See Clerk's Note: Councillors would be required to inspect the area before and after each use).

e) To consider the Annual Report from Fields in Trust.

The Annual Inspection had been carried out by The Play Inspection Company. Other than some graffiti to be removed all items were deemed of low risk and in good order. Monitoring of the equipment to continue.

93/7/15 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

- Cleaned the top of the remaining salt bin on Grays Lane.
- Cut back some overhanging brambles on Cuttle Mill.
- The clerk met with Helen Howard (KierWSP) to confirm the white lining programme. A new surface sign is to be added warning traffic of the narrowness at Church Hill.
- The damaged salt bin had been removed from Grays Lane. Mr Blackwell would be asked to

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- remove the remaining salt and replace it with good soil to encourage vegetative growth.
- Bollards had been erected at the Church where the drain sits proud of the road – KierWSP decision. The clerk was instructed to seek the opinion of KierWSP regarding the suitability of this installation.
- Potholes had been filled along Plumpton End, High Street (Brooke Cottage), Longcroft Junction and Lower Street.
- A “Passing Place” sign was missing from Westy road and bollards had been damaged at the entrance to Westy Road from Cowpastures. Three month repair notice issued
- The ditch opposite Brook Cottage, High Street to be cleaned out to prevent erosion of the pothole repair.
- One of the Pury End signs had been stolen from Westy Road. Mr Goff has the original form which could be used to make a new sign in fibreglass. The estimated cost would be £200 for the mould and £80 per sign thereafter. Fonts could be purchased for £40 inc postage. The clerk was instructed to proceed with this replacement which would be partially covered under the Parish Council’s Insurance policy – (confirmed information) £250 excess Streetfurniture.

b) Update on the Shutlanger road in Heathencote.

Mrs Sawyer

Noise emanating from traffic continued to be highly intrusive for residents on Saturday evening 10:30 pm – midnight in particular. The question was raised as to why traffic from other ancillary events was allowed to leave the Race Course via the A5 entrance. A Planning Application by the grey hound track operators would have to be submitted to allow egress at this point on race days.

The Police would be asked to monitor speeds.

94/7/15 **FOOTPATHS**

To record actions taken by the clerk

Rights of Way had been asked to inspect and cut RU 7 (to the rear of Lumber Lane).

An incident on RU 5 (High Street to Plumpton End) had been reported to the clerk where a walker on this path had his dog attacked by the horse which was in the field. Both walker and dog were on the footpath and the dog under control. The landowner and the owner of the horse were made aware of this incident.

The clerk would check the accessibility of the metalled surface of RU 20 (High Street – Tews End Lane) at the Tews End Lane entrance.

95/7/15 **PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL**

To receive a report from the Parish Council representative, Mrs Sawbridge.

Mr Collett had retired as chairman of the Paulerspury Village Hall Committee after 19 years service. Mr Paul DeRitter is the new chairman. Mr Collett thanked the Parish Council for their donation of £300 to the Village Hall for repairs. Redecoration of the hall was currently under way at a cost of £8000.

96/7/15 **TOWER OF LONDON POPPY**

a) Update on its proposed installation in St. James' Church

Approval of the installation had been given by the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Poppy to be placed in St James' Church, subject to satisfactory receipt from the Parochial Church Council of the necessary completed documentation.

b) Confirmation of the Parish Council's views on

i) the details of the proposal

Council members expressed approval of the proposed font and wording.

ii) the responsibility for the cost of the plaque.

The Parish Council would cover the cost of the plaque, quoted at £34.00.

97/7/15 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION AND FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- A report of the theft of two hanging baskets from a residence on Lumber Lane was brought to the meeting just before the closure of the meeting.
- Amendments to the clerk's contract would be discussed in camera at the meeting to be held on 27 August 2015
- Renewed discussions were taking place with regard to letter headings for Paulerspury Parish Council

27 August 2015 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm

The meeting closed at 10:15 pm