

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held in Paulerspury Village Hall High Street, Paulerspury

Thursday 31 January 2013

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

1/1/13 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received and accepted from Dr Hooker

A minute's silence was held in memory of the late Mr Bill Lepper who had served as a Parish Councillor for 43 years.

2/1/13 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

Mrs Sawbridge Item 7/1/13 c)

3/1/13 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2012**

Following an amendment to item 343/12/12 the minutes were approved and signed as correct.

4/1/13 **MATTERS ARISING**

337/12/12 Accident reports re Cuttle Mill, A5 and nearby locations.

PC Wallace had agreed to keep the parish council informed of any road traffic accidents occurring at the above locations.

338/12/12 Decision on the application for 9 Wind Turbines to be sited near Roade

This application had been approved by South Northamptonshire Council (SNC).

342/12/12 b) To confirm that the Pre School should be offered a further term of five years occupancy of the outside fenced area adjacent to the Village Hall at an annual rental of £1

Paulerspury Pre School had signed a lease for a further 5 years (2013 – 2017 inclusive) and paid full rent to the end of 2017.

5/1/13 **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Three members of the public were present. District Councillor Mrs Barnes had sent her apologies.

FINANCE

a) To receive DECEMBER 2012 accounts, budget position and to approve payment of outstanding accounts.

			£
1754	M Down	Salary /Mileage/Office	605.86
1755	E.ON	Electricity	420.18
1756	V H Hire	Hall Hire	9.00
1757	N J Blackwell	Maintenance	455.40
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		Total	1490.44

The council resolved to approve the accounts for December 2012 and approved payment of outstanding accounts.

b) To reconsider the amount of the precept for 2013/2014, as requested by Parish Councillors Bartlett, Batten, Bloomfield, Brice, Hooker, Sawbridge and Thorburn - [minute 340/12/12 c) ^[1]], according to the following motion :-

- i) that in the light of relevant new information ^[2] since the precept was set on 17 December 2012, the amount of the precept for the year 2013/2014 be adjusted and
- ii) that, if the motion in (i) immediately above be carried, the amount of the adjusted precept be decided.

The motion proposed was carried. Following a review of the budget requirements it was proposed and agreed that the precept for the year 2013 – 2014 would be set at £22,000.00.

It was resolved to accept the SNC grant of £1,340.73

c) To affirm donations to village organisations

It was resolved that, following receipt of evidence that the financial affairs of the named village organisations were sound, donations would be made to them.

St James Parish Church - for restoration work	£400 ³
Paulerspury Village Hall - for general purposes	£300 ⁴
United Reformed Church - for restoration work	£400 ⁵

¹ Standing Order 36.

² Papers previously circulated to members

³ Parish Councils Act 1957 Pt 1 s 2

⁴ Local Government (Misc Provs) Act 1976 s19 (3)(a)

⁵ Parish Councils Act 1957 Pt 1 s 2

d) To receive the interim report from the Internal Audit Service. Councillors had each received a copy of the Interim Audit and accepted the report which had shown that there were no irregularities in the accounting system as maintained by the clerk as Responsible Financial Officer to the council.

e) TalkTalk service. Following a 3 month of lack of acceptable service by internet and telephone provider TalkTalk and the inordinate amount of time spent by the clerk in maintaining a service to the council and resolving this matter Talk Talk had agreed to refund unneeded costs incurred to the value of £100 and to waive the broadband fee and call time charge for a three month period.

8/1/13

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Notification received from the United Reformed Church of a meeting to be held on 16 January 2013. Previously circulated to councillors.

b) Invitation to join Community Speed Watch 6 April – 31 October. This offer was declined.

c) Flooding issues and South Northamptonshire Council's sandbag policy. Noted

d) Brackmills 'Sustainable Transport Corridor'. Response unnecessary.

9/1/13

SPINALLS FIELD

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

- The clerk was instructed to make enquiries regarding the refurbishment of parish council's telephone box.
- Fields in Trust would again provide the Annual Inspection free of charge.
- Councillors were advised to note the extent of wear on the basket ball pad.
- Trees damaged by some means had been attended to.

b) To confirm the purchase and siting of a new seat on Spinalls Field.

To be addressed at a further meeting

c) To confirm the FEBRUARY 2013 inspection rota. 3/4 DB, 10/11 SB, 17/18 BL, 24/25 EB

Rota confirmed.

10/1/13

WEBSITE

Report from the working party.

Mr Barnes

Work was progressing satisfactorily and the website was now available for councillors to study. A website management policy was being formulated for consideration by the

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council. Details of the website would be announced at the Annual Parish Meeting. An assistant/deputy website manager would be sought at a later date.

11/1/13 **ROAD DEFECTS**

The Clerk

To record actions taken by the clerk.

Potholes reported:

Park Lane, The Green, College Row, Lower Street, Tews End Lane, Plumpton End and Grays Lane. Some of these holes were measured at a depth exceeding 9cm and were of great concern. The clerk would conduct a further full survey of the village roads and forward the results to Streetdoctor.

Following a meeting with the clerk Mrs Howard, Community Liaison Officer (Highways) South said she did not perceive there to be any safety issues regarding the hedge (specifically the section opposite the church wall) on Church Hill. The road at that point was recognised as a narrow road and signs were in place to that effect.

Mrs Howard would give instructions for a white line to be painted on the road to indicate the sharp bend outside Appledene, Careys Road, Pury End. Mr Bloomfield would pursue his claim against Stagecoach for repairs to his property following damage effected to his boundary by two Stagecoach buses.

12/1/13 **PARISH PATH WARDEN**

To canvass for new Parish Path Warden Following the retirement of Mrs LeBlique after many years in this post a new path warden would be sought.

13/1/13 **TO SET A DATE FOR THE ANNUAL VILLAGE "CLEAN UP"**

This was set for Saturday 6 April 2013. Councillors volunteered their services for this event.

14/1/13 **TO SET A DATE FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD IN DECEMBER 2013**

This was set for Thursday 19 December 2013

15/1/13 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION AND FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- The clerk was instructed to contact Taylor French, developers of Vine End, to seek confirmation in writing of the management details which would be put in place with regard to the unsold portions of land within this development once the development had been fully completed.
- The council, along with all other users, was urged to ensure that lights were switched off following occupancy of the village hall.
- There would be a Quiz at the Village Hall in aid of Village Hall funds on 16 March 2013

16/1/13 **DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

7:30 pm THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2013 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 7:30 PM MONDAY 11 MARCH 2013
PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL**

The meeting closed at 9:46 pm

Maggie Down Maggie Down Clerk and RFO to Paulerspury Parish Council 25.1.13