

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held in Paulerspury Village Hall, High Street, Paulerspury

Thursday 28 June 2012

PRESENT: Mr Barnes (Chairman), Mr Batten, Mr Bloomfield, Mr Lydon, Mrs Sawbridge, Mrs Bartlett, Dr Hooker, Mr Blackwell.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received and accepted from Mr Brice

Mr Barnes paid tribute to the late Mr Norman Blackwell who had been a parish councillor on Paulerspury Parish Council for 35 years. Mr Blackwell had given continuity to the council through his knowledge of people and places. His memory of former parish events and of decisions made by predecessors of the current council members frequently proved to be invaluable. A period of silent tribute was observed by those present.

Addition

MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required*

Dr Hooker	Item 242/6/12 a)	Prejudicial
Mrs Sawbridge	Item 242/6/12 b)	Personal

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TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 24 May 2012

The minutes of 24 May 2012 were approved and signed as correct.

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MATTERS ARISING

6A/12 To confirm bank signatories. Additional signatory required

Dr Hooker would be added to the list of signatories

8A/12 To confirm Advisory Groups to the council

The Footpath Group was confirmed as an advisory group to the council.

226/5/12 To discuss potential safety improvements to the Grays Lane/A5 road junction. Update by Mr Barnes

Representatives of A1+ (managing agents for the A5) would contact Northamptonshire County Council to resolve ownership and responsibility of the ground in question. The Highways Authority representative agreed that cutting back of undergrowth bordering the A5 on either side of Grays Lane was desirable. Once this issue had been resolved the parish council would be contacted as to the future

maintenance of this ground.

226/5/12 Information from SNC regarding request for signage for Westy Road, Pury End. Sign now in position.

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

6 Members of the Public attended the meeting including County Councillor Mr Ingram and District Councillor Mrs Barnes.

Mr Ingram also congratulated parish council member Mr Batten on his appointment as an Honorary Alderman of Northamptonshire County Council in recognition of his services to the county.

Mr Ingram said that, due to the decision of the Boundary Commission for England to place Paulerspury and Pury End in Deanshanger Ward, Mr Allen Walker would represent us on Northamptonshire County Council as from the County Council elections April/May 2013.

Mrs Clatworthy congratulated the Jubilee 2012 Group for providing the village with a very successful event.

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PLANNING MATTERS

a) **S/2012/0571/FUL**

Executors of R Eades

13 High Street, Paulerspury

Pair of semi-detached cottages, the construction of a new boundary and the upgrading of the existing access from the highway together with the provision of car parking and turning areas.

Paulerspury Parish Council **Objected** to this application on several grounds.

- 1) The council considered that the effect of the proposed development would have a harmful effect on the character and appearance of the existing dwelling and that of the surrounding area. The design and proximity to Dorkingham House of the proposed semi-detached pair of cottages would be largely responsible for this.
- 2) Dorkingham House was identified as a "Significant Building" and the wall adjacent to the High Street also counted as an important feature in the Paulerspury and Pury End Village Design Statement. Dorkingham House made a positive contribution to the village street scene being part of its heritage and identity. Any alteration to this would affect the historic village street scene.
- 3) Development had taken place in this vicinity resulting in the filling in of gaps which made those that were left of significant value and importance. This latter point was emphasised in the Appeal Judgment which supported the original rejection of Application S/2010/0349/FUL (which related to the dwelling immediately opposite). Dorkingham House plays a major part in providing views through to the rear of the property and open sky.

Further built frontage on this part of the High Street would seriously reduce this asset.

4) Egress from Dorkingham House onto the High Street is extremely hazardous. Considerable incursion on to the High Street by a vehicle in forward gear was required before the driver would have a clear view of approaching traffic. Also, cars were frequently parked opposite Dorkingham House thus adding further danger to this manoeuvre.

5) To allow building on this site would appear to be contrary to previous judgments. S/2010/0349/FUL and No.APP/Z2830/D/10/2133119

b) **S/2012/0607/FUL** Mr R Taylor Heathencote Farm Heathencote

Demolition of Dutch barn and erection of building to house a biomass heating system.

Paulerspury Parish Council **did not object** the concept of this application in principle but had concerns about the supply and delivery of the woodchip fuel.

It would appear that this application would rely for its supply of fuel on the success of the outstanding Appeal APP/Z2830/A/11/2163057/NWF pending (against refusal by South Northants Council) of application S/2011/0088/MAF

c) Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area for Yardley Gobion

Consultation closing date 6 July 2012 (5pm) (inclusive)

The council made no comment.

d) Parish Council Briefing on Proposed Changes to the Draft Joint Core Strategy

7 August 2012 from 5pm – 7pm, in the Council Chamber, South Northamptonshire Council Offices, Springfields, Towcester.

One member. Closing date 13 July

Either Mr Batten or Mr Brice (to be approached) would possibly attend.

FINANCE

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

Parish Council Expenditure			£
1703	NCALC	Membership and Audit fees ¹	363.20
1704	P V Hall	Hall Hire	33.00
1705	Getmapping	Online mapping (debate) ²	24.00
1706	M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office/Spinnals/ Allotments.	463.27
1707	SNAST	Membership ³	15.00
Total			898.47

Additionally, payment was requested for N J Blackwell Garden Services for Mowing. Cheque Number 1708 £761.84

Jubilee 2012 Expenditure			£
0001	E Gallone	Ice Cream	146.00
0002	J Collins	Games/Food Items	68.77
0003	J Collins	Games and Parade Items	37.76
0004	M Down	Cash Contra Parade items	65.50
0005	B Place	Parade and Gift	41.37
0006	M Down	Cash Contra Jubilee Expenses	310.00
0007	M Down	Cash Contra Jubilee expenses	580.00
0008	M Down	Jubilee Expenditure	65.86
Total			1315.26

Members resolved to approve all these payments.

- b) Request to review Paulerspury CE Primary School contribution to Spinnals Field Maintenance.

This item was discussed at length. One of the principle points made was that there were a number of additional benefits which accrued to the school - weekly inspection, annual professional inspection, field maintenance, insurance, availability to the school.

The council resolved therefore that the 50% share of the mowing cost was reasonable, as per the agreement. Mowing contracts will continue to be subjected to the tendering process as laid down in our Financial Regulations.

¹ LGA 1972,s143

² LGA 1972 s112

³ Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s31

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CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Wind Turbines And The UK's Planning System - Fit For Purpose? FREE Debate Event taking place on Friday 13th July, 6.30pm – 8pm iCon Environmental Innovation Centre, Eastern Way, Daventry

No one available to attend.

- b) Forwarding emails to councillors. Mr Bloomfield

The clerk would continue to forward all relevant emails to councillors.

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SPINNALS FIELD

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

The fence adjacent to Spinnals Field belonging to Paulerspury Village Hall Field was in need of repair. This would be conveyed to their next committee meeting.

The clerk would purchase paint to use to delete the instructions on the entrance sign regarding the now defunct public telephone kiosk.

- b) Report on the Annual Risk Assessment Inspection The clerk

Items for attention by Mr Blackwell

- i) Trim back Stony Hill trees growth currently overhanging the pavement.
- ii) Allotment – repair fence on the side adjacent to Plumpton End.
- iii) Spinnals Field Ditch – clear growth and remove
- iv) Spinnals Field Trees – new post for Maple tree near Barley Mow and remove redundant tree support posts.

Additional Items

- i) Repair/renew Stony Hill notice board
- ii) Affix BS EN 15312 signage to Basket Ball board
- iii) Repair wall adjacent to High Street. Mr Matthew Brice would be asked to repair this wall – approximately 1yard required.
- iv) Protection of supporting cables Lumber Lane end of field. Clerk to contact Western Power to discuss methods
- v) Members to continue monitoring of floor surface underneath senior swings.

- c) Replacement/Removal/Padding of Goalposts

The council resolved to install senior goal posts. County Councillor Mr Ingram offered £500 towards this expenditure from his Empowering Councillors and Community Scheme for which he was thanked. Quotes would be obtained.

- d) Application from Paulerspury CE Primary School for permission for volunteers to mark out running lines for the forthcoming School Sports Day

Permission was granted for this activity on the understanding that Paulerspury Parish Council would not be responsible for any part of the project . Mrs Whitlock-Pritchard would be asked to liaise with Mr Blackwell regarding the mowing schedule.

- e) Permission sought by Paulerspury Pre School to enter Spinnals Field to remove redundant play equipment.

This request was granted.

- f) To confirm July 2012 inspection rota.
1/2 BL, 8/9 EB, 15/16 RB, 22/23PG, 29/30 JS

Rota confirmed

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PARISH CONFINES AND CONSERVATION AREAS

To consider current and future extents.

A working party had met to make an initial appraisal of the task. Further meetings would be held prior to a formal report being made to the council for consideration and debate.

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LOCALISM ACT 2011 – NEW CODE OF CONDUCT

To consider the adoption of a new Code of Conduct to replace the current Code of Conduct. The National Association of Local Councils and South Northamptonshire Council have each provided suggested templates.

Members were unanimous in selecting the Code of Conduct as issued by SNC. After experience of its operation members would review their options again.

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ROAD DEFECTS

To discuss the current situation regarding repairs. Clerk

Sections of Park Lane and Lower Street have been resurfaced.

Anglian Water had been informed of leak on Grays Lane

Three manhole covers in the High Street reported for exposed ironwork – 6 month time frame for repair

NCC had been asked by the clerk to cut back Cow Pastures/Westy junction

The police were contacted regarding the dangerous positioning of a road work sign on the forecourt of the BP garage.

RU20. Rights of Way (NCC/MGWSP) had been asked to remove currently weighing down the school fence and to trim the verges.

Methods of protecting Spinnals Field High Street verge to be explored

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DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012 CELEBRATIONS

Mr Nigel Blackwell

Mr Barnes thanked all those concerned with providing a superb event for the village and in particular congratulated Mr Blackwell as chairman of the event.

Mr Blackwell thought 700-800 people had attended the celebration. An evening was being planned for later in the year where pictures of the event would be shown. To date the surplus on the event was £250.00. Contribution either towards a set of new goal posts or to the repair of Spinnals Wall was considered for deployment of the surplus.

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PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON GROUP

Mr Barnes

Until the application for the Tove Wind Farm was presented nothing further could be done. Meetings would continue on a two monthly cycle until events dictated otherwise

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MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION AND FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- a) Notices advertising the casual vacancy on Paulerspury Parish Council had been displayed on the parish noticeboards. Co-option to the council would be an item on the 28 July 2012 agenda.
- b) Boundary Wall – Apple Dene, Careys Road, Pury End
- c) Waste Bins. Lumber Lane and grass forecourt, St James' Church

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:18 pm