

**PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on **Thursday 26 March 2015**

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

**PRESENT:** Mr Barnes (Chairman), Mr Batten (Vice Chairman), Mr Bloomfield, Mr Blackwell, Mrs Sawbridge, Mrs Sawyer, Mrs Bartlett, Dr Hooker, Mrs Thorburn.

**APOLOGIES** (reason for absence to be advised)

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr Brice and Mr Harvey

34/3/15 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

None declared

35/3/15 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES of 26 February 2015**

The minutes of 26 February 2015 were approved and signed as correct

36/3/15 **MATTERS ARISING**

23/2/15 The delivery of the forecasted monetary allocations due to the parish from the Solar Park at Land at Homestead Farm (Paulerspury Parish).

Schedule 1 of the Planning Obligation by way of Unilateral Undertaking under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 relating to Land at Homestead farm states that (in relation to Paulerspury Parish Council):

The Developer shall:

- 1) On the date that full Ofgem accreditation is achieved the Developer shall pay to Paulerspury Parish Council a sum of £5,000 (five thousand pounds) and
- 2) On the first anniversary of the date that full Ofgem accreditation is achieved and every year thereafter for a period of 25 years the Developer shall pay Paulerspury Parish Council a sum of £5000 (five thousand pounds) . This sum payable shall be multiplied by a ratio being RPI at date of payment divided by RPI at the date Ofgem accreditation is achieved.

24/2/15 Outcome of the meeting between residents of Heathencote and Mr Ackerman,  
Chief Executive of Towcester Greyhound Track. Mrs Sawyer

Mrs Sawyer and a resident had met with Mr Ackerman and raised the concerns of Heathencote residents with regard to noise, litter, traffic and lighting issues resulting from the Greyhound track. A recent event had seen traffic routed via the main gate off the A5 which had been an improvement although the sound levels continued to be highly intrusive.

Mrs Sawyer had re affirmed the content of the meeting to Mr Ackerman via email. Dialogue would continue.

25/2/15 Tower of London Poppy. Mr Barnes and Mrs Sawbridge

Mr Barnes had spoken to Mrs Crawford, chairman of the Parochial Church Council. The method of displaying the Tower Poppy was still under discussion. It was resolved by Paulerspury Parish Council that the provenance of the Tower Poppy should be maintained and that it should not be changed from its original form.

31/2/15 War Memorial – implications of “Listing”

Should the War Memorial be Listed there would be no demands made by English Heritage with regard to insurance. This was a matter for the parish council and its insurance provider.

37/3/15 **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Three members of the public were present including County Councillor Mr Walker. Mrs Barnes had sent her apologies.

Councillor Mr Walker said that an increase of 1.99% in the budget had been agreed for the forthcoming year. Major strategic changes were taking place in that outsourcing of the services of four Directorates would take place. This would enable Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) to access funds as NCC would wholly own those services.

£200 M had been taken from the base NCC budget in the last 5 years and another £148 M would be taken over the next 5 years. The Government would be reducing funding to NCC by some £79 M year on year, from now on.

NCC was working towards a Tri County Alliance with Oxford & Buckinghamshire to improve and expand business links. This would allow them to compete with the larger authorities for government funding.

Mr Walker was thanked for his part in ensuring Lumber Lane re surfacing was funded.

41/3/15 c) Mrs Catherine Strange, Chairman of Paulerspury Pre-School, presented initial plans for the revamping of the outside play area of the Pre-School. The Parish Council fully supported the plans. Further details would be made available at a later date.

38/3/15 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) S/2015/0472/TPO Mr A Chappell Beech House, 12 High Street Paulerspury

Raise crown of one beech tree to 3.5 metres and reduce crown by 10%

The Parish Council had **No objections** to this application

b) S/2015/0528/FUL Mr and Mrs Towers 31 Lower Street Pury End

Two storey rear extension

Paulerspury Parish Council had no objections to this application in principle but wished to make the following comments.

1. Information from local residents informs the Parish Council that there has been a Right-of-Way to the rear of these premises for joint access and to be available as a fire escape route serving Nos. 31 to 37 Lower Street - for at least the last fifty years.

2. The Parish Council also has concerns that the applied-for rear extension to No. 31 would cause No. 33, the adjoining property, to lose a significant amount of sunlight from its garden and from the rear of the house.

39/3/15 **FINANCE**

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

			£
1938	M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office/Annual Parish Assembly	522.55
1939	D Batten	APA Printing	17.50
1940	Broxap	Goal net pegs	19.73
1941	CPRE To be decided	Membership	36.00
1942	Paulerspury Village Hall	Hall Hire	17.00
1943	M Down	IT – 6months	183.83

The Council resolved to approve the accounts for February 2015 and resolved payment of the above outstanding accounts. Also cheque no. 1944 in the sum of £607.44 payable to N J Blackwell for parish mowing.

b) Suggestions for consideration following the Annual Parish Assembly

Various suggestions were made with regard to parish improvements. Councillors agreed to take responsibility for sourcing information and reporting back to the next meeting.

Proposals.

1) Bus shelter and notice board – Grays Lane

Mr Barnes

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| 2) Defibrillators                                  | Mr Batten who would consult with Mr Brice |
| 3) New play equipment for Spinalls Field           | Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Sawyer               |
| 4) Dog Waste Bins                                  | Mrs Sawbridge                             |
| 5) Village signs (entrance to village from the A5) | Mr Blackwell                              |

The provision of Wi Fi for the Village Hall and new internal doors would be referred back to the Village Hall Committee by Mr Barnes

c) Renewal of the parish electricity supply Deemed Contract and suggestions for mitigating the proposed increase in charges.

E.ON had informed the parish council that the cost per kWh would rise by 50% starting 1 May 2015. This would increase the parish spending on electricity by £700 per annum which was unforeseen at the time of budget setting. It was resolved to remain on the unmetered system rather than a fixed charge contract, this being the most cost effective method. The clerk was in contact with other parish clerks in the county in trying, by various methods, to obtain the best deal for the parish.

d) Lamp Post Inspection.

To consider repairs and maintenance work to lamp posts. Mr Blackwell had inspected all lampposts. 4 posts required the removal of vegetation which was agreed by council. A letter would be sent to a resident seeking the trimming back of hedge growth which was obscuring the light adjacent to that property.

e) Westy Road seat

To consider the provision of a hand rail.

Mr Bloomfield

Mr Bloomfield had undertaken extensive research in resolving this matter. It was resolved that arms would be purchased to be attached to the seat. A quote would be obtained for the demolition of the existing concrete plinth beneath the seat and the instatement of a new concrete plinth which would provide a level access.

f) To consider the extension to the mowing contract for the parish Allotment Site.

It was resolved that the mowing contract should extend to all the crossing paths and boundary paths (where appropriate) on the Allotment Site.

g) To consider membership of the Campaign to Protect Rural England and to determine membership amount.

It was resolved to continue membership in the sum of £36.00

40/3/15 **RISK ANALYSIS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

To consider the draft document

The draft document was presented to council and confirmed. It was duly signed by the chairman and the clerk.

41/3/15 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

Net pegs had been attached to secure the goal nets to the ground.  
Hole to be filled on the senior swing wet pour pad.

b) To confirm the April 2015 inspection rota.5/6 NB, 12/13 JB, 19/20/AH, 26/27 SB

Rota confirmed

c) Paulerspury Pre-School. Proposed developments.

Mrs Catherine Strange. Chairman of the Pre-School Committee  
See Item 37/3/15

42/3/15 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To report the outcome of the meeting with PC Jan Powell regarding parking issues on Grays Lane Mr Barnes

Mr Barnes and the clerk had met PC Powell who had agreed that he would support the installation of double yellow lines at this location. It was confirmed that double yellow lines could be applied for to cover the road which extended from the 30 mph de restriction sign on the north side of Grays Lane to the A5 and on the south side from the A5 to the end of the footway.

The clerk would pursue this with NCC Highways and report back to the next meeting of the parish council.

b) To record actions taken by the clerk.

- The clerk had asked NCC to ensure that the contractor who had resurfaced Lumber Lane removed redundant signage and swept Fairfield Road clear of loose tar.
- BT had been asked to clean out the telephone box situated on Drs' Green – ants having dragged soil into the compartment.
- Further application made to repair Longcroft Lane and Cuttle Mill.
- Reported to A One Plus that the recently resurfaced A5 was breaking up in parts and road signs required cleaning

43/3/15 **ALLOTMENT SITE**

To consider revisions to the Allotment Lease.

A draft lease was under consideration. The clerk would make enquiries regarding the recommendations for path widths on allotment sites. A notice board would be erected on the site to advise allotment holders and members of the public of the rules appertaining to the Allotment Site.

44/3/15 **TO CONSIDER THE CLERK'S CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT**

Work was continuing on this subject. The clerk had attended a meeting hosted by Northamptonshire Police and a Clerks' training day.

45/3/15 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION AND FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Matters arising after the publication of the agenda

- Volunteers would re commence work on the refurbishment of the telephone box situated near Church Green.
- Clerk to report damaged Right of Way sign on Cow Pastures Road
- Mr Blackwell would spray a weed control on Swan Lane bridge to remove noxious weeds.
- The clerk to enquire when the 40mph limit would be effected in Heathencote.

**The next meeting would be held on 30 April 2015 in PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm**

The meeting closed at 10:14 pm