

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Thursday 27 August 2015

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

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

98/8/15 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs Thorburn, Mr Baker and Mr Batten

99/8/15 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

Mrs Sawbridge	Item 103/8/15 c)
Mrs Sawyer	Item 103/8/15 b)

100/8/15 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF 30 July 2015**

Notwithstanding the interposition by Mrs Barnes the minutes of 30 July 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record.

101/8/15 **MATTERS ARISING**

96/7/15 Tower of London Poppy

Details regarding the plaque. This matter remains unresolved until the correct font for the wording can be agreed by Peterborough Diocese.

102/8/15 **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Twelve members of the public were present at the meeting including District Councillor Mrs Barnes.

A member of the public complained about the newly re lamped security light situated to the rear of the village hall which intruded into his property surrounds and windows. He was advised to contact the Village Hall Committee with his concerns.

PCSO Tara Cooksammy spoke to the meeting. Following a request from the Parish Council police officers had visited Spinalls Field on several occasions but had not observed anything untoward at those times. Ms Cooksammy advised residents to beware of thieves targeting sheds and outbuildings and to consider installing shed alarms as accredited by the Police. These could be obtained from Mrs Maggie Down, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator.

a) **Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

Notification of opportunity to attend Development Control Committee **S/2015/1362/MAR**

Landscaping details for replacement office building (B1 use). (Approval of reserved matters pursuant to outline permission **S/2013/1525/OUT**) Location Pury Hill Business Park Alderton Road Paulerspury

This application had been **Approved** by SNC.

b) **S/2015/1881/PA Mr R Taylor The Black Barn Heathencote Farm Shutlanger Road Heathencote**

Determination as to whether prior approval is required (under Class MB of Part 3 of the above Order) for the change of use of an agricultural building to three dwellinghouses (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 felt it was not qualified to determine whether this application required prior approval. It did however have concerns regarding the extra traffic which would be introduced onto the road at certain times of the day.

c) **A/2015/1727/EN APP/Z2830/C/15/3084323 Lydon Contracting Ltd Cuttle Mill Nursery Cuttle Mill Lane Paulerspury**

To consider whether the Parish Council wishes to make written representations to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the Appellant's Appeal against this Enforcement Notice and, if so, to do it by 9th September 2015

After considerable public debate regarding this Appeal Mrs Sawyer, Mr Bloomfield and the clerk were deputed to convey the revised resolved opinions of the Parish Council to the Planning Inspectorate in relation to the opinions voiced via letter dated 9 January 2015 regarding Application **S/2014/2399/FUL**. See attached.

d) **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 had been withheld by SNC as Appeal **APP/Z2830/C/15/3084323** takes precedence.

e) **S/2015/1697/FUL Mr and Mrs Towers 31 Lower Street Pury End**

Two storey part single storey rear extension.

Paulerspury Parish Council had No Objections to this application.

f) Lighting proposal for Grays Close – to consider the Footway Lighting design proposed by JPP Consulting.

The Council accepted the proposal.

104/8/15 **FINANCE**

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

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1965	M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office/Maintenance	513.59
1966	Anglian Water	Allotment Supply	32.08
1967	BDO LLP	Audit Fee	240.00
1968	Paulerspury Village Hall	Hall Hire	17.00

Following revision of the cheque sequence and Anglian Water payment total the accounts, budget position and payments were approved. Also approved was payment to N J Blackwell cheque number 1969 for parish mowing in the sum of £873.84

b) To receive the report from the Internal Control. Mr Baker

In the absence of Mr Baker the clerk reported that all financial matters as reported to the council were correct.

c) To report on the cost of archiving the Minutes

This item to be deferred.

d) To confirm purchase of replacement computer and clerk's reimbursement for existing computer.

The clerk had obtained a quote (£76) for the refurbishment of her existing computer which was accepted by the Council. Other issues would be considered at a later date.

105/8/15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Notification by Anglian Water that it would be renewing the water meter on the Parish Allotment site.

106/8/15 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

Cracks in the surface of the field had been successfully filled in by Mr Harvey and Mr Bloomfield. Mr Baker had repaired and firmly attached the football net to the goal posts.

Large branch to be removed by Mr Blackwell from the ditch leading onto Lumber Lane.

b) To confirm the September 2015 inspection rota. 6/7 MD, 13/14 JB, 20/21 HD, 27/28 MD

Rota confirmed

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

Following a site meeting with parish councillors, Mrs Samiotis and members of the club and subsequent discussions at the meeting of the parish council it was resolved to allow the club the use of Spinalls Field for one year initially -2016/17. The council was assured that the club was well managed, responsible and adequately insured. An agreement would be drawn up to be signed by both parties. The clerk would request sight of the insurance policy.

d) To consider work on the hedge to the rear of the Barley Mow Mr Baker

Consequent to the puncturing of footballs on the above mentioned hedge (blackthorn within) the Council resolved to remove that section of the hedge and place netting in front of the Barley Mow fence to protect the fence.

107/8/15 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

Damaged bollards at St James Church Response awaited from Mrs Howard of KeirWSP

Removal of bags of dead pigeons dumped on Westy passing bay requested. Actions to guard against illegal dumping and vandalism in the parish were partially resolved.

Light No 38. Grays Close reported for repair

Grating near Copper Corn, Plumpton End reported for repair

Gulley at Tews End Lane reported for repair.

Sign erected on the Allotment site requesting tenants not to dump waste material over the fence onto Plumpton End and to remove that which had already been dumped.

Report made to Anglian Water regarding the smell of raw sewage when travelling along the footpath between Grays Lane and the B P garage. Mrs Sawyer reported similar odours in Heathencote. Further enquiries would be made by the clerk.

Hedges in need of cutting back were mentioned – item for 24 September 2015

b) Update on the Shutlanger road in Heathencote. Mrs Sawyer

Traffic continues to speed along the road. A request will be made to have speed checks done by the Police. Four dog track race meetings were held in one week contrary to the planning permission granted to this organisation. The Enforcement Officer at SNC had been informed.

108/8/15 **FOOTPATHS**

To record actions taken by the clerk

RU20. Mr Harvey had confirmed the existence of a metalled track leading down onto Tews End Lane. The clerk had contacted the Rights of Way officer for further assistance.

109/08/15 **TO CONSIDER THE SECURITY OF THE PARISH WEBSITE**

Advice would be sought from the Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils.

110/8/15 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION AND FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- There had been an incident of vandalism on the Allotment Site.
- Westy seat refurbishment– item for 24 September 2015
- A date was set for public discussion regarding the items suggested for improvements to the village. **Monday 28 September 2015. 7:00pm. Paulerspury Village Hall.** The clerk would put posters around the parish to advertise the event. Light refreshments would be provided.

The meeting closed at 9:55 pm.

Application Reference: A/2015/1727/EN
Appeal reference: APP/Z2830/C/15/3084323

On the 9th of January 2015 Paulerspury Parish Council responded to Application **S/2014/2399/FUL** with a number of concerns and comments, many of which still stand.

However, in the succeeding seven months since that letter was written, our Councillors and residents have gained experience of Lydon Construction using the site and many of our objections have been ameliorated. There has been a reduction in the noise emanating from the site and steps have been taken to avoid inconveniencing residents, furthermore the Parish Council has not been involved in any issues regarding the conduct of this business.

At a meeting of the Parish Council on 27th August 2015, comments were made that when the site was operated as a nursery the traffic movements and disturbance to residents in the vicinity far exceeded that currently experienced from Lydon Construction. Specific comments and observations by residents will be communicated by them directly for the attention of the Inspector.

The business employs a significant number of local people and does provide much needed work for residents living in the village of Paulerspury and in neighbouring villages. Due to a lack of suitable land, as confirmed by South Northants Council, this business could not relocate to the designated areas – Brackley and Towcester.

Particular concerns remain in relation to wear and tear of the road and verges of Cuttle Mill Lane, and of their maintenance, but no particular issues have arisen from the traffic movements.