

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Thursday 29 January 2015

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

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

APOLOGIES (reason for absence to be advised)

An apology had been tendered by Mr Brice as he was attending a meeting of another organisation of which he is a member.

Mr Brice had sent a letter to the chairman of the parish council stating that due to other commitments he wished to resign forthwith as vice chairman of the parish council. This resignation was accepted by the parish council.

5/1/15 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of*
Interests where required.

Mrs Sawbridge Items 10/1/15 b) & i)

6/1/15 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES of 15 December 2014 and 8 January 2015**

Following the addition of *Land to rear of Grays Close* to item 140/12/14 the above minutes were approved and signed as correct.

7/1/15 **MATTERS ARISING**

2/1/15 **Use of double decker buses by Stagecoach through the village.** The clerk had ascertained that on Service 89 the single decker buses used were longer than the double decker buses used and that the double decker buses were required to serve routes where demand exceeded the capacity of single decker buses.

Damage to Church Green. Heavy lorries had twice been driven on Church Green causing deep rifts. Mr Blackwell would supply and spread half a ton of soil to the area to effect a repair.

3/1/15 b) S/2014/2399/FUL Lydon Contracting Cuttle Mill Nursery Cuttle Mill Lane Paulerspury

Use of land for one year as a civil engineering contractors yard. Workshop & offices.(retrospective)

Paulerspury Parish Council resolved to be represented at the Development Control Meeting by Mr Barnes should this application not be determined solely by the case officer.

8/1/15 **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Three members of the public were present including District Councillor Mrs Barnes.

Mrs Barnes said the relocation to The Forum by South Northamptonshire Council (SNC) was expected to take place after Easter. The Highways Agency (HA) would be renamed Highways England (HE). Concerns had been expressed to the HA by SNC regarding the dangers at various crossing points along the A43.

To date there had been no explanation as to the reasons for the severe reduction of trees along the A5 towards Stony Stratford. The clerk would make enquiries.

9/1/15 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) S/2014/2487/FUL Mr N Taylor Pury Hill Farmhouse Alderton Road Paulerspury

Two storey extensions and basement at side and rear and roof lantern

Paulerspury Parish Council had **No Objections** to this application

b) S/2014/2495/FUL Mr and Mrs Blaize Smith 20 Tews End Lane Paulerspury

Single storey front extension

Paulerspury Parish Council had **No Objections** to this application

c) Appeal Reference APP/Z2830/A/14/2216712

Residential development of up to 14 dwellings and estate road at Land off Grays Lane, Paulerspury

APPEAL DISMISSED

A letter of thanks would be sent to the Inspector Mr L Rodgers B Eng (Hons) C Eng MICE MBA for his well balanced report.

d) **ENFORCEMENT NOTICE**

Land off Grays Close, Paulerspury, Northamptonshire.

The Breach of Planning Control alleged. Without planning permission, the stationing of a mobile home as a permanent structure for use as an agricultural rest room and intermittent residential occupation.

Appeal Reference APP/Z2830/C/14/2215193 **APPEAL DISMISSED**

e) **S/2014/2333/RES** Mr & Mrs Gregory Kingstons Farm Lumber Lane Paulerspury

Variation of condition 1 of reserved matters application S/2013/1344/RES (Construction of 8 dwellings pursuant to S/2012/0116/OUT) to revise plot 4 to include an orangery to the rear.

SNC APPROVED

f) **S/2014/2025/MAF** Towcester Racecourse London Road Towcester

Variation of conditions 12 and 14 (S/2012/0544/MAF) to allow the use of the approved greyhound race track and associated lighting for racing up to three times in any calendar week (at least one of which will be Saturday) between the hours of 6:00pm to 11:30pm to between the hours of 10:30am and 11:30pm

SNC APPROVED

g) **S/2014/2174 & 2175/FUL** Mr R Taylor Heathencote Farm Heathencote

Variation of condition 2(plans) of S/2012/0607/FUL demolition of Dutch Barn and erection of building to house a biomass heating system to allow the relocation of the chimney, additional openings to first floor and ground floor and the addition of first floor accommodation accessed by external staircase

SNC APPROVED

Variation of condition 2 (plans) of S/2012/0128/FUL (Demolition of cattle building and conversion of traditional buildings to 9 holiday lets) to allow alterations to windows and doors, new store extension, and changes to the enclosure to courtyard 2 layout.

SNC APPROVED

h) **Homestead Farm Solar Park. Working conditions**

The clerk had been advised that work giving rise to considerable noise was underway on the above site during weekends and early mornings. The clerk had informed the Enforcement Officer at SNC who said this was not allowed as terms regarding working conditions had not yet been finalised.

i) Towcester Greyhound Race Track

To consider various issues relating to this site.

Mrs S Sawyer

Residents of Heathencote were suffering consistently from light and noise pollution during the operation of the Greyhound Racing Track. Miss Ewers of the SNC Enforcement Team was monitoring these elements as were the residents. The severity of intrusion was dependent upon cloud level and wind direction. Residents were especially concerned that during the summer months the sound effects would effectively ruin their peace and the enjoyment of their surroundings.

Litter had increased considerably to such an extent that a special collection had to be requested by SNC. Traffic flow had increased during the race meeting times which had now been extended to allow the racing from 10:30 am. Traffic noise from evening racing continued up until at least 11:30 pm.

The residents of Heathencote were advised by Mrs Barnes to contact the Area Commander of Police, Chief Superintendent Paul Fell, to ask him to visit Heathencote and get his strategic views on the traffic exiting onto the A5 from Heathencote.

10/1/15 **FINANCE**

a) To receive November and December 2014 accounts, budget position and to approve payment of outstanding accounts.

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1923	Northants ACRE	Subscription	35.00
1924	Paulerspury Village Hall	Hall Hire	17.00
1925	One Stop Promotions	Flag	25.00
1926	M Down	I T Security	19.99
1927	W J Hutchings Ltd	Tree Felling – Allotment site	864.00
1928	E.ON	Electricity Supply	421.72
1929	St James Church	Grant*	400.00
1930	M Down	Salary (x 2 months.). Office, Mileage, One off payment, Spinalls Field	1019.51
1931	One Stop Promotions	Flag	5.00

b) To confirm grant to St James Church – see above*

The grant was confirmed

c). To consider work to parish footpaths

The parish council declined to carry out leaf clearance work on the Church Hill/High Street footpath or maintenance work on footpaths RU25 and RU5. The clerk was instructed to send a request to Streetdoctor and Rights of Way respectively for attention to these footpaths.

d) To arrange the annual lamp post review

Mr Blackwell would carry out this task in March 2015.

e) To confirm the provision of refreshments at the Annual Parish Meeting – 9 March 2015

The parish council resolved that refreshments would be provided at the Annual Parish Meeting 9 March 2015

f) To consider the New Homes Bonus £31,682.12

Items for discussion were discussed briefly. This would be an agenda item at the Annual Parish Meeting 9 March 2014.

g) To confirm the Urban Highway Grass Mowing Contract with Northamptonshire County Council for the year 2015

The Urban Highway Mowing Contract with NCC was confirmed.

h) To increase the length of fencing on the Allotment site

Following the removal of an amount of scrub vegetation an additional length of fencing was required to achieve a secure boundary. Mr Blackwell would add this to his already agreed contract to replace some broken fencing.

i) To consider the future of the Tower Poppy

The Tower Poppy would, if a faculty is granted by the Diocesan authorities, be placed to the left of the WW1 memorial Plaque in St James Church. The clerk was instructed to write to Reverend Paul McLeod offering to cover any financial costs which may be incurred.

j) To set up a working party to review the clerk's contract of employment

Mr Barnes, Mrs Thorburn and Mr Batten would review the clerk's contract.

k) It was noted, and confirmed, that an application had been made through County Councillor Allen Walker to the County Council's Empowerment Grants Fund and a cheque for £720 had been received. Although the application had stated that this grant would be put towards the cost of recent maintenance works on the Allotments, it was agreed that allocation of this money would be considered at the next Parish Council Meeting.

11/1/15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter of thanks for the current year's grant received from Paulerspury Village Hall committee.

12/1/15 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

- The top of one of the junior chin up posts required filing down.
- A gatepost at the entry to the Pre School outdoor area had been damaged. Mr Blackwell would effect a repair.
- Mr Blackwell would purchase some additional pegs to hold down the football nets.
- The clerk had applied bark to the steps leading to Lumber Lane.

b) To confirm the February 2015 inspection rota. 1/2 JB, 8/9 DB, 15/16 SB, **22/23 MH.**

Rota confirmed

c) To consider a new agreement for Paulerspury C E Primary School for the use of Spinalls Field

The parish council resolved that a new agreement would be offered to Paulerspury C E Primary School.

d) To consider the vandalism to the hedge adjacent to the Barley Mow and to rear of a goal net.

Members expressed concern at this act of vandalism whereby a major section of the hedge had been cut down. The hedge would be allowed to regrow. Mr Blackwell would remove the brash.

13/1/15 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

- Potholes on Plumpton End and Doctors Green had been filled in.
- BT had been asked to trim back the hedge adjacent to the footpath at the Grays Lane/A5 junction. For future record BT owns only 10 metres NCC being responsible for the rest.
- Channels have been cut throughout the parish by NCC to allow surface water to drain into ditches. Land owners have been contacted to ask for clearance of the relevant blocked ditches.
- Potholes on Lumber Lane, High Street and Longcroft reported for repair.
- Police notices advising of police surveillance have been placed by the clerk on passing bays on Westy Road, Pury End in the hope of discouraging the deposition of empty alcoholic beverage containers.
- Resident referred to Mr Wicks, Rights of Way officer, NCC regarding a boundary issue.

b) Additional signage at Heathencote to reinforce the 40 mph limit.

Mrs Sawyer reported that residents of Heathencote were pleased to be having the

reinforcements. Concerns remained about the speed of cars as at least 8 cars were known to have recently overturned on the road within a short distance of the hamlet.

Mrs Howard of Kier/NCC would be consulting further with residents regarding the traffic flow on the Shutlanger road.

14/1/15 **PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON JOINT WORKING PROPOSALS FOR SNC**

To consider a response to the proposal that South Northants, Cherwell District and Stratford-on-Avon District Councils are considering plans to develop joint working across the three Councils.

Paulerspury Parish Council considered that there were no material comments to make at this stage and authorised Mr Barnes to respond to this effect.

15/1/15 **ALLOTMENT SITE**

a) To consider dog fouling health and safety issues.

These issues would be considered when allotment lease revisions were being considered.

b) To consider revisions to the Allotment Lease.

Mr Barnes, Mr Batten and the clerk would consider the revisions.

- Two current plot holders had re located to two vacated plots.
- One mole had been caught by Mr S Down
- The work to trim back the overgrown hedge had been completed.

16/1/15 **TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE MAY 2015 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The Annual Parish Council meeting will take place on 21 May 2015 in accordance with the LGA Act 1972 Sch 12, para (2)

17/1/15 **TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE SPRING 2015 LITTER PICK**

The weekend of 4/5 April 2015 was confirmed for the annual litter pick.

18/1/15 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION AND FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- Mr Batten informed the council that Towcester Police Station would in future be open to the public on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am – 2 pm only.
- Mr Batten informed the council that the flags recently purchased would be flown on the Sir Henry Royce Foundation flag pole on the 4 Saints days appropriate to each flag and on two other occasions.

The meeting closed at 10:05 pm.