

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Thursday 30 April 2015

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

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

APOLOGIES (reason for absence to be advised) All councillors present

46/4/15 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

Mrs Sawbridge	Item 50/4/15 b) & 50/4/15 f)
Mr Bloomfield	Item 50/4/15 g)
Mrs Sawyer	Item 50/4/15 c)
Mr Brice	Item 50/4/15 e)

47/4/15 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES of 26 March 2015**

The minutes of 26 March 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record.

48/4/15 **MATTERS ARISING**

All dealt with within the agenda

49/4/15 **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

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

Mrs Barnes said that the first meeting of South Northants Council had been held in the newly constructed "Forum" – the new council office building for South Northamptonshire Council.

Concerns regarding the lack of car parking, public information and direction issues regarding this site were being addressed.

a) **S/2015/0584/FUL Risorla House, 68 Careys Road Pury End Towcester**

Conversion and extension to workshop to create self contained accommodation

Paulerspury Parish Council **Objected** to this Application which it regarded as Tandem Development and which was therefore contrary to South Northamptonshire Council's Supplementary Planning Guidance given in relation to "*Backland and Tandem Development in Residential Areas*" (March 2004) – Paragraph 1.4 refers.

b) **S/2015/0717/FUL D Taylor and Son Manor Farm Alderton**

On-farm anaerobic digestion facility to accept energy crops to produce biogas, electricity and digestate.

Representatives of Alderton Parish Meeting attending the meeting of Paulerspury Parish Council on 30th April 2015 were invited to present their reasons for objection to elements of the Application.

Paulerspury Parish Council agreed with these reasons, which would be known to South Northamptonshire Council, and therefore they would not need to be repeated in the Parish Council's response.

Footpaths adjacent to the site were walked by residents of Paulerspury Parish. Their visual enjoyment of this activity would be compromised by what would in effect be a substantial industrial development intruding on the rural landscape.

Paulerspury Parish Council **Objected** to this application.

c) **S/2015/0720/FUL Mr and Mrs R Butcher Taylors Farm Shutlanger Road Heathencote**

Livestock Building

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

d) **S/2015/0732/FUL Mr and Mrs F Watson The Hawthorns Lumber Lane Paulerspury**

Two storey front extension and car port

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

e) **S/2015/0751/FUL Mr Christopher Newman 5 Plum Park Lane**

Extensions to side and replacement garage

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

f) **S/2015/0767/FUL The Vicar and the PCC Church of St James the Great High Street Paulerspury**

Replacement of defective P.V.C. roof covering with terne coated stainless steel to the south

aisle.

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

g) S/2015/0804/FUL Mr and Mrs A Whitehead The Old Chapel Westy Road Pury End

Change of use of agricultural land to garden, two storey extension, garage and driveway.

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

h) S/2015/0872/FUL Mr George Canning Tinkers Lodge 1 Plumpton End Paulerspury

1.8 metre closed board fence of approximately 50 metres on existing Northern property boundary.

Paulerspury Parish Council had **No Objection** to the erection of a fence but would ask that it be located behind the existing hedge/tree growth which should be retained in order to relieve the visual external effect of the fence on the street scene.

i) S/2015/0879/FUL Mr and Mrs Blaize Smith 20 Tews End Lane Paulerspury

Variation of conditions 2 (plans) and 3 (obscure glazing) of planning permission S/2014/2495/FUL (Single storey front extension) to reduce size of window in southwest elevation and clear glass in the window.

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

j) **Appeal Ref: APP/Z2830/A/14/2229278 SNC Ref S/2014/1541/PA**

Mr Roy Taylor Black Barn Heathencote Farm Shutlanger Road Heathencote Towcester

Approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building to three dwellings and associated operational development.

Appeal Dismissed

k) S/2015/0758/MAF Towcester Racecourse Company Limited. Towcester Race Course.

Surfacing of existing car parking area and erection of 5no. 8 metre tubular lighting columns

Paulerspury Parish Council had no objections to the proposed surfacing of the car parking area but strongly objected to the erection in this area of five 8-metre lighting columns, with a 3 way (Plan View) bracket. It may well be that it is reasonable for these columns, presumably with any attendant cabling, to be installed in conjunction with the surfacing.

However, the application made no explicit mention of any lighting facility (by implication 15 lamps) to be affixed to the lighting columns but the clue that this was the eventual intention was in the description of the columns. This may of course have been mentioned in the applicant's covering letter which was not available in the online public documentation (as of 30 April 2015).

As the application was currently worded, Paulerspury Parish Council would have no objection to it on its own but, given the preceding paragraph and the absence of any specification for actual

lighting provision or any professional assessment of its associated local environmental impact, it considered it pointless to agree to install 'lighting columns' without working lights.

Thus on the basis that the lighting columns were proposed with the intention of as yet unspecified car-park-wide area illumination being installed upon them, Paulerspury Parish Council objected on the grounds that such further light pollution would adversely affect the amenity of residents of Heathencote.

Paulerspury Parish Council **Objected** to this composite application.

51/4/15 **FINANCE**

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

			£
1951	Paulerspury Village Hall	Hall Hire	34.00
1952	E.ON	Electricity	412.55
1953	N CALC	Training	45.00
1954	M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office/Spinalls	536.99
1955	N J Blackwell	Mowing/Spinalls Field/Allotment	1541.34

The council resolved to approve the accounts for March 2015 and resolved to approve payments of the outstanding accounts.

b) Update on the suggestions put forward for consideration following the Annual Parish Assembly

Members tasked with researching the various suggestions would report with costings to the meeting to be held on 21 May 2015. A questionnaire would be issued via the parish website and the parish Newsletter to ascertain the demand for the installation of dog refuse bins and where respondents consider would be appropriate locations.

c) Westy Road seat. To consider remedial work.

The hand rail for the seat had been commissioned and would be attached when received. Further quotes were awaited for the remedial work to the base.

d) Response from Came and Company regarding the insurance situation regarding the parish light poles

Came and Company assured the council that under the current policy the council was insured. Providing all steps had been taken to ensure that the council had not been negligent in its management of the lighting in the parish then, on that basis, they would defend the case should an accident involving a lamp post occur. The council must have ensured that all steps had been taken to remedy any damage and make safe the area. Failure to act once aware of any situation would constitute blame.

The council currently manages the system responsibly via inspections and the timely reporting of faults.

e) To approve the reserve figures for the year 2015-2016 and to approve Section 1 and Section 2 of the Statement of Accounts 2014-2015.

Reserve figures for the year 2015-2016 had been presented to the council by the clerk. These amounts were approved by the council. Section 1 and Section 2 of the Statement of accounts 2014-2015 had been presented to the council by the clerk and were approved and duly signed by the chairman and the clerk.

52/4/15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from Ordnance Survey detailing that this organisation was now wholly government owned.

53/4/15 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

Quite a lot of litter had been removed by councillors during the weekly inspections.

The clerk had cleaned the lichen deposits from the steps to the slide.

b) To confirm the May 2015 inspection rota. 3/4 S.S, 10/11 M.H, 17/18 E.B, **24/25. R.B**

54/4/15 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To confirm the application and the attendant consultations for the installation of double yellow lines at the entrance to Grays Lane from the A5.

It was resolved to seek the installation of yellow lines from the “Clearway” sign on the north side of Grays Lane to the A5 and from the footway tactiles to the A5 on the south side. – Conservation style lines would be sought, these being narrower. The clerk would complete the Traffic Regulation Order Amendment Request Form. Local residents would be consulted prior to this request being submitted

b) To record actions taken by the clerk.

- The damaged Clearway pole and the damaged salt bin at Grays Lane had been reported for removal.
- Longcroft Lane had been repaired
- White line marking still a “work in progress”
- ROW sign on Cowpastures reported as damaged
- Mattress reported to SNC for removal from Cowpastures.
- A request had been made to Stagecoach asking that Milton Keynes Railway Station be a frequent destination for the Northampton – Milton Keynes bus service.

c) Litter Pick Comments from councillors

Councillors suggested that the Parish Council considered employing a person on a casual basis to clear rubbish from the parish from time to time. Empty beer cans on the Westy Road verges were a particular issue.

d) Update on the Shutlanger road in Heathencote.

Mrs Sawyer

Towcester Greyhound track traffic, which continued to speed through Heathencote, remained of concern and inconvenience to residents. Traffic management methods proposed by NCC were still outstanding.

55/4/15 **ALLOTMENT SITE**

a) To consider work to level footways on the Allotment Site.

Mr Barnes volunteered to remove soil from his former allotment to level the footpath between Plots 8b and 9b

b) To consider one vacant allotment garden.

This would be addressed at the meeting to be held on 21 May 2015.

56/4/15 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION AND FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- To address the publication of Regularising Notices throughout the village.

At the close of the meeting Mr Barnes thanked Dr Hooker, Mr Brice and Mr Blackwell, retiring councillors, for their work on behalf of the parish.

The meeting closed at 10.12 pm