

**PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Thursday 30 March 2017

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

**PRESENT:** Mrs Sawyer (Chairman), Mr Batten (Vice Chairman), Mr Bloomfield, Mrs Sawbridge, Mrs DeRitter, Mr Boothman, Mr Baker.

33/3/17 **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mrs Bartlett and Mr Harvey and were accepted by the Council

34/3/17 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

None declared

35/3/17 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR 23 February 2017**

The above minutes were approved and signed.

36/3/17 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

Ongoing teething issues with regard to the defibrillators continue to be addressed.

37/3/17 **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Comments are welcome from those attending the meeting. The total time allowed for this item is 15 minutes with a maximum of 3 minutes per speaker. Further public comment during the meeting is permissible only at the invitation of the Chairman.

Two members of the public were present including District Councillor Mrs Barnes. County Councillor Mr Walker had sent his apologies.

Mrs Barnes reported that a new Chief Executive (previously Chief executive to Mole Valley District Council) had been appointed. Ms Yvonne Rees. Several Heads of Service are leaving South Northamptonshire Council (SNC). Mr Ralph Branson has been appointed to the post of Tree Officer.

Mrs Barnes would ascertain the position regarding cattle returning to Towcester Water Meadows and report back to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

38/3/17 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **S/2017/0363/FUL** Mr Simon Feven Land adjacent to Little Farm 15 Lower Street PuryEnd

Change of use of land from agricultural to residential and creation of new driveway and parking space for Little Farm. **WITHDRAWN**

b) **S/2017/0021/FUL** Mr and Mrs Campion The Barn Tews End Lane Paulerspury

Single storey garden room to side, repositioning of first floor gable end window to south elevation **SNC APPROVED**

c) It was noted that at No 46 High Street Paulerspury the brickwork did not comply with the Design and Access Statement which accompanied Application S/2016/1404/FUL. The clerk was instructed to inform the Enforcement Officer at SNC

39/3/17 **FINANCE**

a) To receive March. 2017 accounts, budget position and to approve payment of outstanding accounts.

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2147	A H Contracts	Dog Bin Service	24.00
2148 <sup>1</sup>	Artisan Postboxes and Signs	Village Sign	360.00
2149	Paulerspury Village Hall	Hall Hire	36.00
2150	M Down	Office/Salary/Mileage/Miscellaneous	726.39
DD	SSE	Electricity	167.61
2151	M Down	Defibrillator signs	43.14

Cheque No 2146 N CALC £39.00 Training paid 01.03.17

The accounts and budget figures were received and payment of the outstanding accounts was approved. Also approved; Cheque no 2152 N J Blackwell £935.70 Parish Mowing, Cheque no. 2153 A H Contracts £24.00 Dog Waste Bin Service, M Down Cheque no. 2155 Broadband and telephone £185.38.m

To consider CPRE membership. Membership would be renewed at a cost of £36.00

To consider membership and a donation to Fields in Trust Membership (£50.00) would be continued and a donation of £45.00 would be given

b) To affirm that the Council is satisfied with the Internal Audit procedure and that all risks have been assessed and competently managed.

The Council affirmed that it was satisfied and that all perceived risks had been assessed and competently managed.

<sup>1</sup> Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 s 72

c) To confirm the Annual Risk Inspection (2017)

The Annual Risk Inspection procedure was confirmed.

d) The Council ratified a virement of £150<sup>2</sup> from the IT reserve to the Best Village competition entry.

40/3/17 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Response received from Mr Mark Marston regarding Westy Road

The response received to the request that Mr Marston attend to the ditches on Westy Road had been forwarded to Mrs Howard, Community Liaison Officer Northamptonshire County Council

b) Response from Mr K Ackerman of Towcester Racecourse, regarding issues raised.

Mr Ackerman had responded favourably to the requests regarding traffic management, lights, litter, and sound issues

41/3/17 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

The telephone box (Church Green) would be reinstated on the Inspection Form

Mr Paul Ray would be asked to apply two coats of preservative to the bus shelter situated on Westy Road.

A sign would be placed in the bus shelter opposite The Vine House stating that the placing of notices and fliers would not be allowed on this shelter.

b) To confirm the April 2017 inspection rota.2/3 JS,9/10 DB, 16/17 SB, 23/24 SS

Rota confirmed

c) To consider replacement signage for the entrances.

It was confirmed that a new sign would be purchased.

d) To consider the quotes for additional safety matting for some items on the field.

Mr Stewart Harvey's quote was accepted. A few more mats will be ordered.

e) To consider new sites for picnic tables

The small picnic tables will be placed in the Toddler area.

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<sup>2</sup> Highways Act 1980 s 96

f) The Parochial Church Council had sought permission for Pony Rides to take place on Spinalls Field during the Annual Village Fete. This was given.

g) The clerk had received a copy of Mr N Blackwell's Annual Insurance Policy (1 March 2017 – 1 March 2018).

42/3/17 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

- B T and NCC contacted regarding the shoddy road works carried out by contractors working on behalf of BT at the junction of Careys Road, High Street and Lower Street and also the pavement on the High Street. Work ongoing but reinstatement would be closely monitored by the clerk and NCC.
- Notices and wooden stakes placed on Church Green to protect the roadside edge of the Green.
- Broken drain on Lumber Lane reported
- Kennel Lane adopted by NCC
- Highways England asked to remove the two concrete boulders situated on the south side verge near the B P Garage.
- Non-parking signs requested for the Tews End verge outside the primary School
- Emergency closure on Tews End Lane for pot hole filling

b) To consider seeking assistance from NCC for methods of traffic calming for Pury End

NCC could not justify funds to alleviate this problem. Signs would be placed on the verges by the clerk advising drivers of potential hazards<sup>3</sup>.

43/3/17 **ALLOTMENTS**

a) To ratify the Parish Council Allotment Policy Document

Agreement was reached to ratify Draft 5 with minor amendments.

b) To consider boundary demarcation costings

Mr Blackwell's quote was accepted.

Mr Barnes joined the meeting at this point.

c) To consider Parish Council content for display on the notice board.

The Allotment Policy Document and Policy regarding dogs would be displayed. Any other notices will be displayed in the future as and when the Parish Council feels they are necessary.

d) To consider requests to change the sizes of some allotment plots.

Plots 11 and 12 to remain at their current respective sizes. Plots 7 and 8 could be adjusted. Discussions to be had with current tenant of plot 8.

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<sup>3</sup> Local Government and Rating Act 1997 s 30

a) To consider requests and comments received at the meeting

Additional picnic benches were requested for Spinalls Field

b) Westy Seat. Adjacent to Footpath RU 14 was the favoured location for the seat chosen by attendees at the meeting.. Near neighbours would be consulted.

c) To confirm the formation of a Working Party which will be planting areas of the village with annual and perennial plants and bulbs.

The Parish Council confirmed that a Working Party should undertake the work of planting up areas of the parish. The areas to be confirmed.

45/3/17 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- The Union Flag had been flown at half mast in memory of the victims of the shooting/stabbing in the vicinity of Westminster Bridge in London on the 26 March 2017.
- It was confirmed that the windows in the Telephone Box near Church Green could be replaced (Reserves held). Also that it should be called “Paulerspury Book Exchange and Information Booth”

**27 April 2017 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm**

The meeting closed at 915 pm.