

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26 MAY 2016

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

ANNUAL MEETING

1A/16 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

i) To receive nominations.

It was resolved that Mrs Sawyer would be Chairman of Paulerspury Parish Council

ii) The signing by the chairman of the Declaration of Office of Chairman and his/her undertaking to observe the Code of Conduct as adopted by Paulerspury Parish Council on 28 June 2012.

Mrs Sawyer signed the Declaration of Office and undertook to observe the Code of Conduct

2A/16 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

It was resolved that Mr Batten would be Vice Chairman of Paulerspury Parish Council

3A/16 TO CONFIRM THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER.

It was resolved that Mrs Down, Clerk to the Parish Council, would be the Responsible Financial Officer

4A/16 TO CONFIRM BANK SIGNATORIES.

The council would continue its banking arrangements with the NatWest Bank, 173 Watling Street West, Towcester and the mandate for three signatories, (two councillors and the RFO) would continue as required by our Standing Orders. Mr Barnes, Mr Batten and Mrs Bartlett would be the nominated councillors

5A/16 REVIEW OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS FORMS

No alterations were signified.

6A/16 TO CONFIRM ADVISORY GROUPS TO THE COUNCIL

Parish Council Liaison Group It was resolved that this Group be held in dormancy.

Web site Group It was resolved to disband this Group

Parish Footpath Group This Group had ceased to exist. The Clerk would continue to report matters to the council when necessary.

Local Plan Group A Local Plan Group would be activated at some point in the future

7A/16 TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC BODY.

The Village Hall Committee It was resolved that Mrs Sawbridge would continue in this role

8A/16 TO AGREE THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE ORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Meetings would continue to be held on the last Thursday of each month commencing at 7:30 pm with the exception of the month of May when the meeting would be held in accordance with rules relating to a General Election if held in May 2017 and that the Annual Parish Meeting continues to be held on the second Monday in the month of March or be moved to a date not later than 1 June 2017 (inclusive).

Members resolved that the date of the meeting to be held in December 2016 would be changed to Thursday 15 December 2016

9A/16 TO APPROVE THE ASSET REGISTER OF COUNCIL PROPERTY FOR INSURANCE RENEWAL PURPOSES.

The Clerk had updated the Asset register. The Council resolved to accept the responsibility for insuring for loss or damage only those assets listed on the insurance documents. The Council had resolved (minutes 30/02/16 f) that it had taken such security measures as it considered necessary to safeguard the assets and liabilities of the Parish Council.

10A/16 TO CONFIRM THE STANDING ORDERS AND THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL (and make amendments if recommended)

The Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were confirmed by the council. These documents would be reviewed in due course.

Meeting of the Parish Council 26 May 2016

AGENDA

64/5/16 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Davey-Turner and were accepted by the council.

65/5/16 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.

Mr Baker Item S/2016/1110/FUL

66/5/16 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF 28 April 2016**

The Minutes of 28 April 2016 were approved and signed as a true record

67/5/16 **MATTERS ARISING**

All matters arising from the previous meeting would be dealt with as agenda items

68/5/16 **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Four members of the public were present including District Councillor Mrs Barnes. Mrs Barnes told the meeting that exploratory discussions regarding the combining of Local Authorities in Oxfordshire with South Northamptonshire and Cotswold had been abandoned at present as police boundaries can not be altered without primary legislation.

Mr Bloomfield, on behalf of Mr Hobson, a resident of Pury End, asked Mrs Barnes why Mr Hobson's current planning applications had not been determined. Mrs Barnes said she would make enquiries.

Redress was available to Mr Hobson via the Complaints Procedure for Non- Determination within the prescribed 8 week period.

69/5/16 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **S/2016/1148/LBC** Mr R Taylor Heathencote Farm House, Shutlanger Road, Heathencote

Listed building consent for new replacement windows and doors, new oak lintels and cast stone cills, two new glazed doors on SW elevation, new glazed folding doors on the SE elevation, new door on NW elevation, smaller window on NE elevation, new pitched slate roof over a new link access between main house and new bedroom 5. Removing two internal walls, block up existing internal doorway and forming new opening to allow access from new bedroom 5 and existing bathroom.

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

b) **S/2016/1110/FUL** Mr M Broadbent 63, London Road Towcester

Single storey side and rear extensions to replace existing garage and conservatory

The clerk was instructed to inform South Northamptonshire Council that 63, London Road Towcester was not within the parish of Paulerspury

c) **S/2016/1021/FUL** Mr C Davies 10 Stony Hill Paulerspury

Single part two storey rear extension.

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

d) **S/2016/0747/FUL** Mr J Whittaker Folly Inn London Road Towcester

Single storey rear and side extension to public house

SNC REFUSED

e) **S/2016/0800/FUL** Mr N J Blackwell 10 Careys Road Pury End

Front Porch, two storey rear extension and provision of rear on-site parking

SNC APPROVED

f) **S/2016/0182/PA** Mrs D Wilkes Normandy Barn off High Street Paulerspury

Determination as to whether prior approval is required (under Class Q of Part 3 of the above Order) for the change of use of an agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (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

SNC was satisfied that the development was acceptable and hereby GRANTS prior approval for the proposed development.

g) **S/2016/0560/TPO** Mr Steven Allen 16 Newbolt Close Paulerspury

Crown reduction of 2.5 metres to Oak tree **SNC APPROVED**

h) **S/2015/3063/MAF** Greyhound Racetrack Towcester Racecourse Co Ltd Towcester
Racecourse Road To Easton Neston Estate Easton Neston NN12 7HS

Variation of condition 2 (plans) of approved application S/2011/1219/MAF (Construction of a greyhound race track & associated infrastructure) To regularise the 2no lighting columns which have been erected and to regularise the luminaries implemented (Retrospective)

SNC APPROVED

i) Update from the Local Plan Working Party

South Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2A: Options Consultation

To consider the working group's draft response to the consultation (previously circulated) and, if agreed, to adopt it for submission to South Northamptonshire Council by the deadline of Noon on Friday 10th June 2016.

The Parish Council resolved to adopt the draft response drawn up by the Local Plan Working Party which had been circulated to members A proposal that a Buffer Zone be created between the Towcester South development and Paulerspury Parish boundary was carried. The document would be submitted to South Northamptonshire District Council.

Mrs Sawyer thanked the working group for all their hard work in completing this lengthy document.

j) Towcester Greyhound Race Track

Mrs Sawyer and Mrs Down had had a lengthy meeting with Mr Ackerman to discuss existing arrangements and future development for Towcester Greyhound Racing. It was agreed that traffic had reduced in volume, but was still an issue, the tannoy was now subdued and lighting, although not yet ideal, had been better managed of late. Mr Ackerman would monitor the main beam still giving cause for concern and ensure that a regulated timing management scheme would be implemented. It was hoped that in future there would be a working relationship between the Greyhound Racetrack management and the Parish Council.

70/5/16 **FINANCE**

a) To receive April 2016 accounts, budget position and to approve payment of outstanding accounts.

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2049	Paul's Pury Services	Parish, Spinalls Field and Allotment Maintenance	781.11
2050	A H Contracts	Dog Bin Emptying	12.00
2051	R Baker	Keys for Spinalls entrance	10.50
2052	M Down	Salary /Mileage/Office/Spinalls Field	621.17

The accounts, budget position and payment of the outstanding accounts were approved. Also approved were cheques no 2053 Paulerspury Village Hall. Hall Rent £18.00; 2054 N J Blackwell. Mowing £961.08; 2055 Zurich Municipal. Insurance £57.82 and 2056 CPRE. Subscription £36.00

b) Parish Street Lighting – to consider a survey

Mrs Collins

Mrs Collins had forwarded her summary of the purpose of a survey to councillors. The survey would identify the wattage requirement and equipment specification for each lantern and pinpoint any light deficient areas. It was resolved to commission the survey at a cost of £420 per day– it was felt by Aylesbury Mains that the survey would take only one day.

c) Updates from the Working Groups

i) Spinalls Field – Progress report

Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Sawyer

The Multi Goal and the Climbing Frame had been installed and were already being well used and much appreciated. Mrs Sawyer thanked those who helped with the installation during her absence - Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Collins in particular. Two picnic tables remain to be installed. Mrs Sawyer showed councillors a photograph of a combined picnic table and roof for consideration at a later date. Positioning of the Zip Wire would be determined once the Annual Field Inspection had taken place.

ii) Defibrillators - Progress Report

Mrs DeRitter and Mr Batten

Decision regarding the decommissioning of the telephone box in Pury End still awaited from Payphones – due after 4 July 2016.

iii) Bus Shelter – Progress report

Clerk

Decision regarding position awaited from Northamptonshire County Council. The clerk would ask South Northamptonshire Council if they would supply a dustbin to be placed adjacent to the shelter and empty it.

d) Best Kept Village Competition

Mrs DeRitter

Mrs De Ritter felt the inspection went very well. The inspectors walked some way round the village and then called in at the school where they spent some time talking to pupils. The winners of the competition will be announced on 12 July 2016

e) Annual return 2015-2016

Clerk

Councillors had all received copy of the Annual Audit carried out by the Internal Auditor. There were no issues raised regarding the management by the clerk of the council's accounts and procedures. The Annual return had been forwarded to the External Auditor BDO LLP

71/5/16 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter received from a resident adjoining Spinalls Field supporting the installation of new facilities on Spinalls Field

72/5/16 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

Mr Baker had attached cable ties to the infant swings in an effort to deter pigeons resting on the crossbar with the inevitable resultant contamination of the swing seats and had also repaired one of the goal nets.

A temporary notice had been placed on the Multi Goal warning users that only soft balls such as tennis balls were to be used on the cricket wicket. A permanent sign would be acquired from Nordis Signs.

Up to £40 was allocated to assist the establishment of a bowling green on Spinalls Field

b) To confirm the June 2016 inspection rota. 5/6 P D-T, 12/13 JS, 19/20 JC, **26/27 JB**

The June rota was confirmed.

73/5/16 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

In response to a request raised by a resident via Mr Barnes at the meeting held on 28 April 2016 the Clerk affirmed that "Dragons Teeth" would not be a permissible installation on Church

Green¹.

The clerk will continue to pursue with Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) the unacceptable accumulation of water which occurs at the junction of the High Street and Kennel Lane following even modest amounts of rainfall.

Tews End Lane would be closed in the near future for tree trimming work to be carried out by Western Power.

74/5/16 **QUEEN ELIZABETH II OFFICIAL 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – 11 JUNE 2016**

Progress Report

Mr Baker

Everything required for a successful event had been sourced other than an additional judge or two and a couple of First Aiders. Mr Batten offered the use of his flood lighting equipment.

75/5/16 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION AND FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- "ALLOTMENTS" to become a permanent agenda heading. It was resolved that plot 8a be split 26:10 proportionally to which the current tenants had agreed.
- 2016-2018 National Salary Award – item for 30 June 2016 agenda.
- To date the council has not had confirmation from NCC that Kingstons Yard had been adopted by it. Until such time the responsibility for the grass verges lies with the developer.
- Dogs had been observed on the Allotment site. Notices conveying the council's ruling would be renewed.

30 JUNE 2016 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:20 pm

¹ Defra 2010 Management and protection of registered town and village greens