

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held in Paulerspury Village Hall High Street, Paulerspury

Thursday 28 March 2013

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

42/3/13 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr Lydon.

43/2/13 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

Mr Blackwell made his annual declaration to the council as the preferred contractor to Paulerspury Parish Council.

44/3/13 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 28 February and 14 March 2013**

Mrs Sawbridge and Mr Bloomfield were noted as having been present at the meeting held on 14 March 2013. The minutes of 28 February 2013 and the amended minutes of 14 March 2013 were then approved and signed as correct.

45/3/13 **MATTERS ARISING**

28/2/13 b) Debtors to Paulerspury Parish Council Paulerspury C E Primary School

Paulerspury C E Primary School had agreed the account as presented. A cheque, post-dated for 1 April 2013, had been received.

46/3/13 **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

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

Mr Bloomfield, speaking as a member of the public, reported that the damaged portion of the boundary wall at Appledene, Westy Road, Pury End had been rebuilt by contractors instructed by Stagecoach.

It was also noted that a substantial amount of hedge laying had been done on the Church Hill.

PLANNING MATTERS

a) **S/2012/0607/FUL** Mr R Taylor Heathencote Farm Heathencote

Demolition of Dutch barn and erection of building to house a biomass heating system.

SNC APPROVED

b) **S/2013/0038/FUL** Mr & Mrs G Collins 9 Park Lane

Proposed first floor extension over existing garage/utility, and rear single storey extension

SNC APPROVED

c) **S/2013/0022 and 0023/LBC** Towcester Racecourse. Chain Lodge London Road
Towcester

Replace single-glazed door with double-glazed door in rear elevation

SNC APPROVED

d) **S/2013/0055/FUL** Mr Pearce. 6 Careys Road Conservatory to rear

SNC APPROVED

e) **S/2013/0284/FUL** Prestige Estates Plum Park Estate Watling Street
Paulerspury

Single storey office building

Paulerspury Parish Council had no objections to this application.

f) **S/2013/0301/EXT** Mr M Bowman Land adjacent to The Rectory,
Church Stables, Paulerspury

Extension to time limit S/2010/0074/FUL (New machinery/feed store)

Paulerspury Parish Council had no objections to this application.

g) **S/2007/0374/OUTWNS**

To form a working party to consider the impact on Paulerspury Parish of the proposed housing, leisure, employment and green space provision contained within Paulerspury Parish boundary by the above application and to report back, to the Parish Council, its recommendations.

An exploratory meeting had been held with members of Towcester Town Council (TTC). TTC expressed a wish to manage the area of land and its proposed amenities which would be sited on land in Paulerspury Parish in conjunction with the amenities which would be sited in Towcester Parish. A small working party representing Paulerspury Parish Council would be formed to progress matters with TTC and Messrs Bloor Homes and Persimmons, the joint developers. Mr Barnes, Mr Brice, Mr Batten, Mrs Sawbridge and Mrs Down

(clerk), would represent the Parish Council at future discussions.

h) Site Visits. S/2012/1409/FUL and S/2007/0374/OUTWNS

Site visits were planned by SNC Development Control Committee (DCC) for 35 High Street, Paulerspury and Land at Towcester Vale, Towcester for Tuesday 2 April 2013. Paulerspury Parish Council would be represented at both site visits.

Paulerspury Parish Council would also register to speak at the subsequent DCC planning meetings.

48/3/13

FINANCE

a) To receive FEBRUARY 2013 accounts, budget position and to approve payment of outstanding accounts.

| | | | £ |
|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| 1765 | M Down | Salary/Mileage/Office | 501.16 |
| 1766 | M Down | Broadband/telephone (5 months). | 138.32 |
| 1767 ¹ | M Down | APM and Website | 47.00 |
| 1768 | Paulerspury Village Hall | Hall Hire | 17.00 |
| 1769 | N J Blackwell | Mowing/Maintenance | 267.75 |
| | | TOTAL | 971.23 |
| 0013 Jubilee Account | S French | 2 Jubilee Photograph Albums | 64.79 |

The council resolved to approve the accounts for February 2013 and resolved payment of the outstanding accounts. Cheque No. 1770, payable to Paulerspury Village Hall in the sum of £300.00, was also drawn (budget 2012-2013).²

b) To affirm that Paulerspury Parish Council³ has an adequate and effective system of internal audit and risk management.

The Parish Council had reviewed all its risks appertaining to the business of the Council and set in place measures to ensure the risks were effectively managed. The independence of the appointed Internal Controller and allocated Internal Auditor, their competence and integrity and that of the clerk was monitored by the Council.

Full details of all financial transactions and the current financial position and budget position are tabled at the monthly meeting of the Parish Council.

The Council was mindful of the requirement to manage resources effectively and to give value. At all times, laws, regulations and policies are adhered to.

The Council was satisfied that Audit planning was competently carried out, the scope was comprehensive and the reporting system apposite.

¹ LGA 1972, S150 (2) and LGA 1972, S 142

² LG (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s19

³ Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011. Reg 6

c) Refurbishment of the telephone box situated near Church Green, High Street.

Mr Paul LeBlique attended the meeting and volunteered his services and those of Mr Len Goff, Mr Bob Wright to re-furbish the telephone box. The cost to the Parish would be only that of the parts and materials required to carry out this task. £400.00 would be earmarked for this project⁴. The Parish Council thanked Mr LeBlique and his team for their enthusiasm regarding this project.

d) New Homes Bonus Consultation To consider South Northamptonshire Council's (SNC) proposed approach to the allocation of the New Homes Bonus.

“Of the 80% allocation SNC would receive, 50% would be spent on maintaining council spending power and essential public services; 10% on Economic Development Support; 10% on Voluntary Sector Support; 30% on Support for local communities facing growth”

Mr Barnes would examine this matter further and report back to the council

e) Street Lighting – Report by Aylesbury Mains following the commissioned inspection of the street lights

To date most of the lights had been inspected. Quotes would be sought from E.ON and Western Power for the supply/connection repairs which were additional to those to be done by Aylesbury Mains.

f) Confirmation received from SNC that no rates were payable on Spinalls Field.

49/3/13 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence had been received from the United Reformed Church acknowledging the grant received from the Parish Council.

50/3/13 **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Matters raised at the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11 March 2013

Purchase and placement of a Flag Pole

Various locations were discussed. Enquiries would be made as to whether planning permission would be required. A sum of £300 would be earmarked for this purpose.⁵

51/3/13 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

b) To confirm the APRIL 2013 inspection rota. 31/1 ID, 7/8 SB, 14/15 BL, 21/22 RB, 28/29 **EB**.

⁴ Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19 (f)

⁵ LG (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s19 (f)

Rota Confirmed – Mrs Sawbridge would inspect the field 31 March /1 April

52/3/13 **PARISH WEBSITE POLICY**

To consider the draft website policy document (previously circulated) and, subject to any agreed amendment, to adopt it as the formal website policy of Paulerspury Parish Council

This would be an agenda item for the meeting to be held on 25 April 2013.

53/3/13 **ROAD DEFECTS**

To record actions taken by the clerk.

The Clerk

Repairs had been carried out on Alderton Road and the sunken manhole cover outside No. 4 The Green, had been raised. The clerk would be meeting the Area Manager for MGWSP/NCC to evidence and discuss the current state of the roads within the parish.

Parking issues on Grays Lane and Vine End had been addressed by P C Wallace.

54/3/13 **ALLOTMENT LEASE**

To agree to update the Parish Council lease in line with current legislation.

Following her attendance at a forthcoming course on Allotments the clerk would present an updated draft lease to the council for consideration.

55/3/13 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION AND FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Mr Blackwell would report back to the council with a costing for the completion of the trimming of Westy Road verge.

The clerk was asked to report a leakage of water on Grays Lane to Anglian Water.

Spinalls Field wall (adjacent to the High Street) was causing concern with regard to its current condition. Members of the council agreed to meet at **7.25 pm**, at the wall, prior to the meeting to be held on 25 April 2013 at 7:30pm. when this issue would be considered.

56/3/13 **DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

7:25 pm THURSDAY 25 APRIL 2013 Spinalls Wall, High Street, Paulerspury
7:30 pm THURSDAY 25 APRIL 2013 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL

The meeting closed at 9:23 pm