

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the ensuing Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Thursday 30 MAY 2019

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

PRESENT: Mrs Sawyer, Mr Barker, Mr Baker, Mrs Graham, Mrs Fish, Mr Harvey, Mrs Sawbridge.

1A/19 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN for 2019/20¹

i) To receive nominations.

It was resolved that Mrs Sandy Sawyer would be chairman of Paulerspury Parish Council for 2019/2020

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 of Chairman and undertook to observe the Code of Conduct as adopted.

2A/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Boothman and Mrs Gee. These were accepted by the Council

3A/19 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN for 2019/2020.

It was resolved that Mr Baker would be the Vice Chairman of Paulerspury Parish Council for the year 2019/2020

4A/19 TO CONFIRM THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER.

It was resolved that Mrs Maggie Down would continue as the Responsible Financial Officer for the year 2019/2020.

5A/19 TO CONFIRM BANK SIGNATORIES.

Mrs Sawyer, Mr Baker, Mr Barker and Mrs Sawbridge were confirmed as the Bank signatories for the year 2019/2020.

6A/19 REVIEW OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS FORMS - No changes

¹ LGA 1972 ss15(2)

7A/19 **TO APPOINT INTERNAL CONTROL**

Mr Boothman was confirmed as the Internal Control for the year 2019/2020

8A/19 **TO CONFIRM ADVISORY GROUPS TO THE COUNCIL**

Potential Groups to be considered. – To be considered during the year 2019/2020 as required.

9A/19 **TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC BODY.**

The Village Hall Committee – Mrs Sawbridge would continue in this position for the year 2019/2020.

10A/19 **TO AGREE THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE ORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.**

The December 2019 meeting of the Parish Council would take place on Tuesday 10 December 2019. The remaining meetings would be held on the last Thursday of each month.

11A/19 **TO CONFIRM THE STANDING ORDERS, RISK ASSESSMENT AND THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL** (and make amendments if recommended)

The Council resolved that it had taken all necessary measures to ensure all elements of potential risk had been addressed and were adequately and effectively managed.

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council 30 May 2019

PRESENT: Mrs Sawyer (Chairman), Mr Baker (Vice Chairman), Mr Barker, Mrs Graham, Mrs Fish, Mr Bloomfield, Mr Harvey, Mrs Sawbridge.

57/05/19 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mrs Gee and Mr Boothman. These were accepted by the Council.

58/05/19 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required*

Mrs Sawyer Item 61/05/19 b), Mrs Sawbridge. Items 61/05/19 k) and 62/05/19 f)

58/05/19 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 25 April 2019**

The minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed as correct.

59/05/19 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

No matters arising on the minutes.

60/05/19 **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.

Six members of the public were present including District Councillor Mrs Barnes. Mrs Barnes informed the meeting that the new authority would be fully operational from 1 April 2021. Town, Parish and Shadow Unitary Council elections to take place in May 2020. There would be 93 councillors in the new unitary authority.

61/05/19 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) S/2019/0931/FUL Mr Gary Humphreys. Willow Bank, Plumpton End, Paulerspury.

Demolition of Existing Workshop, Extension to existing House and Construction of new Pool House and Garage Block.

Paulerspury Parish Council had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

b) S/2019/0869/FUL, 0870/LBC Mr Anthony Carse. Old Smithy, Shutlanger Road, Heathencote

Replacement single storey rear addition, rebuilding of external chimney stack and lining for wood burner, detached garden building, underground LPG tank, closure of the existing unmade vehicular access and formation of new vehicular access with gates.

This application had to be dealt with in three parts by Paulerspury Parish Council.

Paulerspury Parish Council had no objections with regards to the replacement single storey rear addition, rebuilding of external chimney stack and lining for woodburner however the Parish Council had great concerns and therefore strong objections to the formation of new vehicular access with gates and the detached garden building.

The road through Heathencote is a road on which vehicles travel at great speed and at the point where the new entrance was proposed vehicles were either speeding up to access the A5 or speeding up having slowed down to turn off the A5.

Paulerspury Parish Council tried to obtain a 30 MPH limit on this road in order to offer some protection to the Heathencote residents but could only secure a 40 MPH. Without breaking the law this entitled vehicles to do 40mph +10% +2 miles per hour.

The Old Smithy was opposite an active farm which had large agricultural vehicles manouvering out onto the road given that at that point they have long experience of having had no clear view of fast oncoming traffic. There was also a post box almost

immediately opposite the proposed entrance which was used by many people other than just the residents of Heathencote.

Paulerspury Parish Council was currently liaising with Northamptonshire County Council with a view to installing additional warning signs to motorists

Paulerspury Parish Council **OBJECTED** to the formation of new vehicular access with gates.

The Parish Council viewed the "Garden Building" as overly large for a garden building per se. It was not in keeping with the surrounding buildings and it would be seen from the road.

The Parish Council noted that the LHA requested details of use of the proposed garden building. Paulerspury Parish Council also was concerned that its purpose was not clearly defined in the application given its size and design.

Paulerspury Parish Council **OBJECTED** to the detached garden building.

c) S/2019/0940/FUL Mr Stuart Simpson. Cuttle Mill Bank Cottage, Watling Street Paulerspury.

Two storey side and two storey rear extensions.

Paulerspury Parish Council had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application

d) 2019/0874/FUL Mr Richard Warren. The Burrow, 11B Grays Lane, Paulerspury.

Erection of shed to rear

Paulerspury Parish Council had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application

e) S/2019/0952/FUL Pury Hill Limited. Rickyard Barn, Pury Hill Business Park. Alderton Road Paulerspury

Additional office space at second floor level together with roof lights, minor alterations to fenestration including aluminium lantern lights to basement level, external staircase, & decorative brick detail below eaves to south and north elevations. (Retrospective)

Paulerspury Parish Council was concerned at the numerous "Retrospective" applications which emanate from this applicant who constantly appears to disregard normal planning requirements when configuring buildings within Pury Hill Business Park. This was not acceptable practice however, notwithstanding the comments, Paulerspury Parish Council had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

f) S/2019/0892/LBC Mr Stephen Wilkins. Nelsy's Cotage, 49 High Street Paulerspury.

Listed building consent for the repair of the front porch including removal and replacement of timber support posts and timber frame beneath tile porch.

Paulerspury Parish Council had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application

g) S/2019/0907/LBC Mr Stephen Wilkins. Nelsy's Cotage, 49 High Street Paulerspury

Listed building consent for the removal of gas fire and surround. Installation of stove including all chimney liner materials, extend the height of the chimney pot to comply with Hetas regulations.

Paulerspury Parish Council had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application

h) S/2019/0906/FUL Mr Stephen Wilkins. Nelsys Cottage, 49 High Street Paulerspury.

Extend the height of the chimney pot to comply with Hetas regulations for the installation of stove including chimney liner materials.

Paulerspury Parish Council had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application

i) S/2019/0926/MAF C/o Agent Fermor Land LLP Towcester Racecourse ' Towcester.

Retention of four hospitality marquees for a temporary period of four years

Paulerspury Parish Council had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application

j) S/2019/0987/TPO Persimmon Homes. 3 Waterside Way Bedford Road. Northampton .

Land off Towcester Vale London Road Towcester Woodland areas comprising Oak, Ash, Hawthorn, Pine, Poplar and Sycamore. (TPO-9/2001(OS Grid ref SP709 471, Heathcote to be removed to facilitate new A5 roundabout 01 required as part of the outline permission at Towcester Vale.

This ancient woodland had been in Paulerspury Parish until it was appropriated by Towcester Town Council in 2018 against the wishes of Paulerspury Parish Council. It is therefore with great regret that this proposal to cut it down is now before the Council.

It is a landmark on the horizon and to lose any woodland at all is sad and against current sentiments.

The Parish Council therefore asks that should permission be granted the felling would only take place when the road is fully funded and construction work to create the roundabout is only a few months away from commencement.

Also the Parish Council would ask that the constructors retain trees wherever feasible and that new plantings to equal the area to be removed be planted as close to the new roundabout as possible thus restoring our landmark for future generations.

k) **S/2019/0538/FUL** Mr Steve and Mrs Julie Blewett 15 Lumber Lane Paulerspury

Replacement dwelling and detached garage. Change of use of agricultural land to Residential.

Revised plans reducing front projection from two storey to one storey, reduction in height of rear single storey projection and amendments to fenestration. Utility projection changed to stone (from brick) and height of boundary wall shown.

The clerk would seek an extension for this application. Hard copy plans had not been received from South Northamptonshire Council (SNC) in time for this meeting.

l) **S/2019/0602/LBC** Anthony Carse. The Old Smithy, Shutlanger Road, Heathencote. **SNC APPROVED**

m) **S/2019/0462/FUL** United Reformed Church High Street Paulerspury
SNC APPROVED

n) **S/2019/0573/FUL** Mr B Wiscombe 22 Tews End Lane, Paulerspury.
SNC APPROVED

o) **S/2018/2182/TPO** Grays Lane. Update

The clerk was summoned by concerned residents to this property where several branches had been removed from this protected tree without permission to do so from the District Council. The clerk informed the Arboricultural Officer at SNC of this event

p) **S/2019/0300/FUL** Manor Farm Pury End Update

The Enforcement Department at SNC would be dealing with this unauthorised entrance.

62/05/19 **FINANCE**

a) To receive April 2019 accounts, budget position and to approve payment of outstanding accounts.

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2368	Paulerspury Village Hall	Hall Hire	18.00
2369	M Down	Defibrillator replacements, Safagrass	296.76
2370	M Down	Salary/Office/Mileage	693.40
DD	TGP	Electricity Supply	118.90
2371	Norris and Fisher	Annual Insurance Premium	499.32

The accounts, budget position and payment of the outstanding accounts were approved by the Council.

b) To consider the donation of £150.00 from the Paulerspury Charities. – to be considered at a later date. A letter of thanks would be sent to the Charity accountant.

c) To consider the cost of white lining renewal. £828.75

This expenditure was considered to be a safety measure for residents. A meeting would be arranged with Mrs Helen Howard of Keir (NCC) and the contractor to define the Council's requirements.

d) To consider the ABILITY (Northants) cic proposal for transport.

ABILITY (Northants) cic - a new Community Interest Company formed to support the residents of South Northamptonshire - focuses its activities on combating the diminished transport issues which have an impact on the communities within South Northants. The aim of this Community transport business was to benefit the community by providing people with the ability to be independent in society rather than being isolated and lonely.

Users would pay a membership fee based on their requirements and then either use bus passes or a fare based on Stagecoach equivalent figures. Users pre book journeys and a route is then calculated to cover all requests. Any profits are reinvested back into the enterprise to fulfil its aims. Trips offered were varied.

The Parish Council contribution would be a one-off payment of £500 to cover initial administration costs. This would entitle Paulerspury residents use of the service 1 day per week throughout the year.

The Parish Council would consider this further when it had had time to gauge residents' response.

e) To consider closing the Jubilee Account

The account would be held open for use if required on future occasions.

f) To consider the Grant Application to South Northamptonshire Council by Paulerspury Parochial Church Council for a grant towards the installation of an automatic winder for the church clock.

This was supported by the Council.

g) Solar Park Payment - Update. £5,514.50 received

63/05/19 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Letter of resignation received from Mr John Barnes.

It was with regret that Mrs Sawyer accepted Mr Barnes' letter of resignation.
Tributes were paid regarding Mr Barnes' past contributions to the work of the Parish Council.

b) Letter delivered to all Paulerspury residents regarding ultrafast full fibre broadband provision by Gigaclear.

Residents had expressed concerns at the officious manner of communication employed by this company. Minimal warning had been given to residents regarding the forthcoming excavations in the village in order to install fibre optic cables.

64/05/19 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

- Mr Baker and Mr Bloomfield had dealt with the replacement of caps on the swing supports.
- Mr Baker had fitted the new batteries and pads to both defibrillators.
- Mr Barker had completed the painting of the telephone box and nearly all the new glass had been installed.

b) To confirm the June 2019 inspection rota 2/3 MF, 9/10 JS, 16/17 MD, 23/24 MH, 30/1Jly RB.

Rota confirmed.

65/05/19 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

- A5 remedial patching completed.
- Blocked drain outside No 58 High Street cleared.

Concerns had been expressed by a resident regarding HGV traffic using Lower Street And Careys Road, Pury End. A meeting with Helen Howard would be requested to see if any measures could be taken to address this issue.

b) Community Speed watch

Mrs Fish

The highest speed recorded was 33 mph. Week commencing 10 June 2019 will be the next session.

c) Prioritising roads for re surfacing. – Nothing further heard.

66/05/19 **CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE**

To consider items for inclusion. – raise awareness of the recent house burglary;
ABILITY (Northants.)

67/05/19 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- Waste bins and paths.

THURSDAY 27 June 2019 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 21:20