

**PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 27 June 2019

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

**PRESENT;** Mrs Sawyer (Chairman), Mr Baker (Vice Chairman), Mr Bloomfield, Mr Boothman, Mr Harvey, Mrs Fish, Mrs Gee, Mrs Sawbridge, Mr Barker, Mrs Graham.

71/06/19 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

72/06/19 **CO OPTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Permission to co opt having been received from South Northamptonshire Council Mrs Sue Westall was duly elected to be a Co Opted member of Paulerspury Parish Council

73/06/19 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required*

Mrs Sawyer Item 77/06/19 a)

74/06/19 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 30 MAY 2019 AND THE ENSUING ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AND OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 JUNE 2019**

Following a correction to the attendance record (30/05/2019) the minutes of the three meetings listed above were signed as correct.

75/06/19 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

All matters arising from the previous meetings would be considered via agenda items.

76/06/19 **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.

Thirteen members of the public were present including County Councillor Mr Walker and District Councillor Mrs Barnes.

Mr Walker said that Wards would remain as they are currently. After the Unitary Council vesting day councillor representation coverage may change.

Mrs Barnes reported that due to a badger sett being discovered at the site of the woodland at the junction of Cowpastures Lane and the A5 the application to remove the woodland had been deferred.

Mr Baker (Vice Chairman) assumed the chair at this point.

Several residents of Heathencote raised issues regarding Item 77/06/19 a) - Application S/2019/0869/FUL. The Applicant and his agent were present to address those matters.

Mrs Sawyer resumed the chair.

77/06/19 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **S/2019/0869/FUL**, Mr Anthony Carse. Old Smithy, Shutlanger Road, Heathencote. (**Amended Plans/Information**)

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.

Paulerspury Parish Council's response to application S/2019/0869/FUL (Amended Plans/Information) remained unchanged from the previous application, a copy of which would be supplied. - see below.

In order to respond with full knowledge of all details the Parish Council would however wish to be able to consider the findings of the requested LHA traffic survey and confirmed details, also requested by the LHA, regarding the use of the Garden Room once these have been obtained.

Response previously submitted :-

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 was 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 has 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.

The clerk would seek a meeting with Mrs Howard (NCC) to see if a reduction from the current 40mph to 30 mph for Heathencote could be granted.

b) **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, Heathencote to be removed to facilitate new A5 roundabout 01 required as part of the outline permission at Towcester Vale. **WITHDRAWN**

c) **19/00017/WASLAE (S/2019/0672/PC)** Phil Watson. Pury Hill Farm. Alderton Road, Paulerspury. **NCC APPROVED**

d) **S/2019/0753/FUL** Pury Hill Ltd. Unit 8c Pury Hill Business Park Alderton Road Paulerspury **SNC APPROVED**

e) **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. **SNC APPROVED**

f) **S/2018/2182/TPO** Grays Lane. Update. The Tree Officer and the Enforcement Officer had visited the residents with regards to the lopping of the tree and the existing shed.

g) **S/2019/0300/FUL** Manor Farm Pury End Update. No further updates.

78/06/19 **FINANCE**

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

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2372*	D N H Contracts	Dog Bin Service	18.00
2373*	N J Blackwell	Mowing	821.33
2374*	HMRC	Contra M Down	276.93
2375	N J Blackwell	Mowing to be confirmed	
2376	Paulerspury Village Hall	Hall Hire	18.00
2377	Anglian Water	Allotment Supply	27.46
2378	M Down	Salary/Office/Mileage	685.04

DD	TG & P	Electricity Supply	113.08
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\* Received after the meeting. Paid as per Financial Regulations.

The above accounts, budget position and payment of the listed accounts were approved.

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

The Parish Council resolved to support this service. The clerk would seek a grant for this sum from the SNC New Homes Bonus Local Community Grant scheme.

c) Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance & Accountability Return. Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019.

Date of Announcement 20 June 2019.

79/06/19 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Gigaclear communications

The Clerk met the Gigaclear Community Engagement Manager – Louise Appleton. Ms Appleton said that Gigaclear were pulling out of the village. They had just realised that there was no “Backhaul Route” cabinet installed. This was the hub to which all fibre was connected. All equipment would therefore be removed. Gigaclear would return March 2020.

All finishes would be up to NCC standards and inspected by NCC. It would be to permanent repair standards and all finishes would match the existing site surface. The copper would need replacing in time and fibre would last 50-100 years.

Connection if no more than 100 yards would be free providing the “dig” was not too complicated.

The backhaul route installation ( 4 ft high) was planned for the small piece of verge at the entrance to Kennel Lane. The Clerk explained that this was adjacent an “Important Open Space” and that the Council had fought hard to get the look of Kennel Lane estate right for the village so to have a cabinet as even more street furniture there and in such a prominent position along the street would perhaps not go down too well. The Clerk suggested they may consider the allotment as it would be out of sight if placed to the rear of the existing cabinet. The Parish Council was not opposed to this suggestion.

not A map of the two Protected Greens had been emailed to Gigaclear to ensure these were damaged.

b) West Northamptonshire Local Council Forum

The clerk had attended the first West Northamptonshire Local Council Forum.

This first meeting was to outline the plans for the following years prior to vesting day. At the table were council representatives from Northampton Borough and Daventry but no one from SNC.

Joint committees had been set up to get all documentation ready for the start of the new system – Constitution/Code of Conduct/ Returning Officer etc.

All Shadow members would take their place on April 1 2021 as councillors with the Borough having 50 seats. Northampton Borough had tried 4 times to get Unitary status but failed – it was fully aware of the town and country mix issues.

Local joint committees would be formed to carry out various tasks with Parish Councils being asked to deliver more services – “because we do it more effectively and efficiently”. Statutory services will remain with the Unity Councils.

Local Plans would carry on until their end dates. Area Planning Committees were mentioned for the future so that local people could retain some measure of control.

The Borough was out to consultation as to new parishes/town councils etc.

Asset ownerships/dispersals still to be considered and as yet no decision on the location of the power base Cost of this change £44m +

The panellists did stress that parishes were very important in the mix and would not be ignored. Attendees were invited to put up Post – it notes for opportunities/threats/wish list suggestions. These would be collated by Danny Moody and disseminated to councils at a later date.

Northampton Borough would be directing its energies to making Northampton a Heritage destination given that retail shopping was no longer a draw.

80/06/19 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

- The clerk had inspected the field after the Village Fete. The field had been totally cleaned of any litter/debris.
- A quote had been received for the paint required to cover the scratches on the Zip Wire. Mr Bloomfield would seek alternatives.
- Vegetation had been removed from the telephone box in Pury End and from the entrance steps on Lumber Lane.

b) To confirm the July 2019 inspection rota 7/8 MF,14/15 MH, 21/22 EB, 28/29 SS

Rota confirmed

c) To confirm the replacement drum for the Unicorn Lair.

On the basis that the drum was the exact replica of the existing steel one the order would be placed.

d) To set a date for the Annual Risk Inspection.

Mrs Fish agreed to accompany the clerk. Date and time to be mutually agreed.

81/06/19 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk

- Some potholes have been filled within the village - Longcroft Lane in particular.
- Mr Blackwell had been asked to mow the Longcroft Lane and Tews End Lane entrances to the village.

The clerk had met Mrs Howard and residents of Careys road to discuss the Lower Street/Careys Road HGV issue. Residents had suffered “thousands of pounds” worth of damage to their vehicles due to HGV useage of this road. Drivers of HGV lorries seem to think Careys Road was a short cut. These large vehicles get stuck at the CR/LS junction.

Although there was a sign on Westy Road indicating it was not a good route for HGV traffic it did not point in any particular direction.

Mrs Howard would send an image for an additional sign with an appropriate arrow. This could be attached to the road sign adjacent Appledene, Westy Road – the current one could be attached to the post opposite No 21 Careys Road. The Parish Council agreed to fund the purchase of the additional sign.

The clerk had attended a meeting in Towcester to discuss the progress of the Towcester Relief Road.

The road would have been constructed for mid 2020’s according to the 106 Agreement. At £30M there was a £8.5m shortfall if it was to be brought forward (fewer houses sold to fund it). Persimmon agreed to give £4m so with the Highways England (HE) contribution (based on the projected economic advantage of having this relief road) construction work should start in March 2020 with the opening at the end of 2021.

Plans for the A5 and A43 roundabouts would be presented for approval at the end of June. HE have 6-8 weeks before responding and may take time to deal with it given their existing workload. There would be many issues to resolve before the design package could be approved.

The connecting roundabouts and road were to be built with NCC approval required only. Work on these would press on regardless of the HE decisions.

A 40 mph had been proposed but it had been decided that this would not encourage HGV traffic to use this new road so a 50 mph limit would be set. Dualling at a later date was

mentioned as was de trunking the A5 through Towcester. The latter in order to regenerate

Towcester. A Strategic Review will take place via a Major Road Study to decide on de trunking – probably some 10 years down the line.

Concern was expressed regarding the danger children residing on the new estate face when crossing the A5 from the new estate to gain the existing footpath. This was taken on board by Persimmon and Andrea Leadsom MP.

Several signs on the Racecourse roundabout had been covered over or painted out. H E had required that Persimmon make amendments to the street lighting, road marking and signage.

b) Community Speed watch

Mrs Fish

Mrs Fish expressed her frustration that vehicles caught on camera travelling at 35 MPH through the village were not deemed travelling fast enough for a warning letter. Efforts would be made to secure a different location to repeat the exercise.

c) To consider signage purchase for Careys Road. - See Item 80/06/19 a)

d) To consider signage purchase for Grays Lane crossing verge.

The council resolved that a sign advising vehicle drivers not to use this verge for parking purposes would be obtained.

e) To consider waste bin provision and path maintenance. A matter for further monitoring.

82/06/19 **ALLOTMENTS**

To ratify correction to Section 6. Paulerspury Parish Council Tenancy Agreement

The Council resolved that this should be done.

83/06/19 **CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE**

To consider items for inclusion. – Telephone Box/Book Exchange

The telephone box was now ready for a new life as a Book Exchange. It would be opened on Saturday 29 June 2019 at 4pm. Mrs Sawyer thanked Mr Harvey and in particular Mr Barker for their work in restoring the box.

84/06/19 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Due to other pressing commitments Mr Harvey handed in his resignation. Mrs Sawyer thanked him for his valuable contribution to the work of the Parish Council.

**THURSDAY 25 July 2019 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30pm**

The meeting closed at 9:25 pm.