

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 29 August 2019

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

PRESENT: Mrs Fish, Mrs Graham, Mrs Sawbridge, Mr Barker, Mr Bloomfield, Mr de Courcy-Ireland
Mrs Westall.

99/08/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Sawyer (Chairman), Mrms Gee, Mr Boothman and Mr Baker (Vice Chairman). Their apologies were accepted by the Council.

100/08/19 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING

In the absence of Mrs Sawyer and Mr Baker Mrs Fish was duly elected as chairman for the meeting.

101/08/19 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required*

Mrs Sawbridge Item 106/08/19 c)

102/08/19 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 25 JULY 2019

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

103/08/19 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

None raised.

104/08/19 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.

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

Comments were made regarding Application S/2019/1447/FUL.

The Parish Council was asked whether remained opposed to development outside the village confines. The Parish Council confirmed that this was still the case.

105/08/19 PLANNING MATTERS

a) **S/2018/2752/FUL** Mr J Hedges. Jonnic, Westy Road, Pury End.

Two storey rear extension, new front and rear dormers and Juliet balcony.

Enforcement Order **E/2019/0222**

Concerns were raised regarding the bonfires currently ongoing at this address also the verge which was frequently littered with metal work and other materials associated with the current construction of the property. South Northamptonshire Council would be contacted for assistance with these issues.

b) S/2019/1572/FUL Mrs L Hutchinson. 11 A Grays Lane Paulerspury

Shed in rear garden. (Retrospective)

Paulerspury Parish Council **OBJECTED** to this application.

The shed was overlarge for this situation on the edge of the village and in contravention of the original planning application in that it had already been built - S/2015/2026/FUL Condition 22

Given its size and design it had the appearance of a Garden Room rather than a shed.

Along with the second shed it forms a collection of buildings in too small an area and is therefore unacceptable on the street scene also.

c) S/2019/1509/FUL Mr R Taylor Tove Valley Cottages, Shutlanger Road. Heathencote

Change of use from agricultural land to D1 for use as play area (Retrospective).

Paulerspury Parish Council **OBJECTED** to this application it being a Retrospective application.

d) S/2019/1447/FUL Mr S Osborne Land to the rear of No 1 The Green, Paulerspury

Single dwelling and garage.

Paulerspury Parish Council had several observations to make regarding Application S/2019/1447/FUL.

The proposed building was out of proportion with the surrounding development and therefore detrimental to the street scene and character of the area.

It was not compatible in terms of design with the existing character of the locality as required by saved policy G3 (A) of the Local Plan and Principles 4 and 5 of Paulerspury Village Design Statement (PVDS).

Concerns were also expressed regarding the loss of verge when considering the street scene in that location given its proximity to Church Green.

The proposed building was not in line with adjacent buildings and was positioned too close to the road. The area allocated to garages and the access to the garages was out of proportion when considering the size of the whole plot and inconsistent with the surrounding built form.

Principle 12 of the PVDS requires a suitable landscaping scheme be provided. The proposed “decorative pots” do not conform to this requirement.

It is the aim of Paulerspury Parish Council that new developments should maintain the character of a

rural community therefore, in conclusion, Paulerspury Parish Council **OBJECTED** to this application.

f) S/2019/1301/HRN Cadent Gas Ltd. Land to the south of Wood Burcote and to the north of the T Junction of Westy Road heading from Pury End.

Hedgerow removal x 4 (8m, 5m, 5m,5m)

SNC NO OBJECTIONS

Hedge remaining to be improved with native local provenance, UK grown stock of a mixed species reflective of those found within the adjoining stretches of hedge row

g) S/2019/0300/FUL Manor Farm. 1 Careys Road. Pury End

Update on Enforcement notice.

The Enforcement case officer had informed the clerk that as of 23 July 2019 a letter had been sent to the owners of the site reminding them of the need to remove the unauthorised access within 28 (consecutive) days.

h) To consider receiving planning consultation documentation electronically.

Paulerspury Parish Council was of the opinion that they were more able to accurately judge applications from paper copies. Also given the vagaries of the internet these were more reliably accessible.

i) To determine attendance at the forthcoming meetings of the Joint Planning Unit

Three members of the Council would be attending these meetings.

106/08/19 **FINANCE**

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

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2387	Aylesbury Mains	Street Light repairs (2)	243.00
2388	Paulerspury Village Hall	Hall Hire	18.00
2389	M Down	Salary/Office/Mileage/Spinalls	716.87
2390	D Barker Services	Telephone Box Refurbishment	300.00
DD	TG & P	Electricity Supply	106.31
2391	M Down	Stationery	22.97
2392	N J Blackwell	Mowing and Parish Maintenance	1004.22

Paid during August as per Financial Regulations:

DD	TG & P	Electricity	£104.07
2384	N J Blackwell	Mowing	£734.34
2385	DNH Contracts	Dog Bin Service	£36.00
2386	ABILITY Northants	Bus Service	£500.00

b) To receive the Internal Control inspection report.

Mr Boothman

The accounts were found to be sound.

c) To award grants to Paulerspury Village Hall, St James' Church and Paulerspury United Reformed Church.

Grants were duly awarded: Paulerspury United Reformed Church £400¹, Paulerspury Village Hall £300², and St James the Great Parish Church £400³.

107/08/19 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) South Northants Council's Draft Sport and Leisure Strategy 2018 -2024, 'Active Lives for Everybody'. Closing Date 18 September 2019.

The clerk would respond on behalf of the Council

108/08/19 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

Lumber Lane steps to be improved.

b) To confirm the September 2019 inspection rota 1/2 SW, 8/9 MF, 15/16 SS, 22/23 E.de C-I, **29/30JG**.

Rota confirmed/

c) To consider a commercial litter collection service for Spinalls Field.

It was resolved to commission this service for the months of June, July and August in 2020.

d) To consider actions recommended as a result of the Annual Inspection of Spinalls Field.

- It was resolved that the equipment and surfaces would be cleaned where necessary.
- Shackles and bolts would be monitored for wear.
- Fixing pins in the safety matting would be left in place until the grass had grown completely through the mesh.
- Cap covers for the exercise equipment were never part of the manufacturing process. Bolts would be de-burred.
- A small sign would be purchased for the Lumber Lane entrance.

e) To consider allowing "Father Christmas" access to the field on 4 December 2019 5pm-6:30pm

The Council resolved that Towcester Rotary Club would be welcome to bring "Father Christmas and his sleigh to Spinalls Field. The Pre School and the Primary School would be invited to use this opportunity for either fund raising or social event.

¹ Local Government Act 1972 s.144 (1) (b)

² Local Government (Misc Provs) Act 1976 s19 (3) (a)

³ Parish Councils Act 1957 Pt 1 s 2

109/08/19 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

- White lining map still awaited.
- Pot hole repaired Plum Park Lane
- Pot holes on Lower Street, Pury End to be reported.
- The clerk had signed the Waste Transfer Note for DNH Contracts.

b) Community Speed watch

Mrs Fish

This would be placed on hold until 2020.

c) DRAFT Rights of Way Improvement Plan (2018 – 2028) Consultation ends 9 September 2019

The clerk would respond on behalf of the Council.

d) Verge and Path maintenance

e) Rights of Way monitoring.

Councillors undertook to assist with monitoring Rights of Way. They would report findings to the Council (d). An advert for a Footpath Warden would be placed in the Parish Newsletter. Mrs Gee would be asked to secure the re instatement of the tape formerly in place to separate horse riders from walkers at Park Farm.

110/08/19 **CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE**

To consider items for inclusion.

Mrs Sue Bartlett has been the compiler of the Parish Newsletter. Mrs Bartlett will be leaving the village so a replacement compiler will be sought.

111/08/19 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

THURSDAY 26 September 2019 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30pm