

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27 March 2014

in Paulerspury Village Hall, High Street, Paulerspury

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

30/3/14 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** (reason for absence to be advised)

None absent.

31/3/14 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

Mr N Blackwell – Annual declaration as the appointed contractor to Paulerspury Parish Council

Mrs S Sawyer Item 35/3/14 h)

Mrs J Sawbridge Item 35/3/14 h)

Mrs J Sawbridge Item 37/3/14

32/3/14 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF 27 February 2014**

The minutes of 27 February 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record.

33/3/14 **MATTERS ARISING**

18/2/14 Erosion of grass verges and the expedition of the Northamptonshire County Council Mowing Contract Mr Barnes

A meeting had been held regarding the availability of a section of the Church Hill verge for mowing purposes. This matter had now been forwarded to Mr Steve Dadswell, Highways Investigation Officer at Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) for resolution.

34/3/14 **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Two members of the public were present including County Councillor, Mr Allen Walker. Mrs Barnes, District Councillor, had tendered her apologies.

Mr Walker said the NCC budget had been finalised. There would be no front-line cuts but savings would come from a reduction of in-house costs. The finance of the new NCC £83m offices (Angel Street project – completion December 2016) would be provided from the sale of 12 buildings currently used by NCC. Savings (running costs/maintenance etc) of £54-56m were projected over a 30 year period.

NCC would bid for £14m of the new Pothole Initiative government money. Mr Walker asked to be advised of any issues with the road repair service received from MGWSP.

When questioned by Mr Lydon as to who bore the cost of a re-visit to a failed repair should it be required within two years Mr Walker said it was all included in the contract NCC had with MGWSP.

35/3/14 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **S/2014/0303/RES** Francis Jackson Homes Kingstons Farm Lumber Lane Paulerspury.

Reserved Matters application for 8 dwellings (revision to **S/2013/1344/RES**) & pursuant to (**S/2012/0116/OUT**)

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

b) **S/2014/0294/FUL** Ms Jill Fechtmann 1 Lower Street Pury End

External works comprising single storey rear extension with window & door alterations. Various alterations to the internal layout to include a new balanced flue.

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

c) **S/2014/0295/LBC** Ms Jill Fechtmann 1 Lower Street Pury End

External works comprising single storey rear extension with window & door alterations. Internal works comprising stabilisation of roof structure, alterations to the internal layout to provide bathroom accommodation, replacement doors, infilling openings, repair or replacement of joinery, flooring and studwork, installation of plumbing and heating services, new balanced flue and make good plastered surfaces.

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

d) **S/2014/0311/TCA** Easton Neston Racecourse and Allotment gardens Towcester

T1 - Horse Chestnut, Test with Picus, T3 - Ash, Fell, T8 -Beech, Fell, T22 - Sycamore, fell, T23 & T24 -Sycamore, Sever ivy

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

e) **S/2014/0312/TPO** Easton Neston Estate Land at A5 near Stable House and Land near Park View Lodge and stables Towcester

Works to TPO trees TPO 09/2001 and TPO12/1988 Information only.

S/2014/0339/OUT Abbeymill Homes Ltd. Land off Lumber Lane Paulerspury

Three dwellings (outline)

Paulerspury Parish Council **Objected** to this application and would register to speak at the relevant planning meeting.

1. The site is outside the village confines and therefore does not accord with saved policies EV2, G2 and H5 of South Northamptonshire Council's Local Plan (1997) nor with Principle 1 of the Paulerspury and Pury End Village Design Statement.
2. The policies in paragraph 1 are also included in the Emerging Joint Core Strategy and in the indicated intention of the consequent District Local Plan which is to concentrate development in the market towns and larger settlements.
3. Paulerspury has already more than satisfied its requirement under the Interim Rural Housing Policy [17 dwellings built or approved against the indicative 15].
4. The proposed site and its access would constitute 'backland development' to the detriment of the existing houses at Nos. 41 and 43 Lumber Lane. In effect, these two houses, together with the three now proposed, were part of an application for five dwellings [S/2010/0106/OUT] which was refused by SNC
5. The applicant's Design and Access Statement says that most traffic would probably '*come to the site*' from the Milton Keynes direction via the A5, Grays Lane and Lumber Lane. It does not mention the difficulties that the reverse flow would have in joining the A5 at peak times. This is an ever-growing problem for existing and new residents alike.

g) **S/2014/0231/FUL** Mr and Mrs Blaize-Smith 20 Tews End Lane Paulerspury

Single storey rear extension and new pitched roof to existing detached garage

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

h) **S/2014/0210/SCR** TGC Renewables Land at Heathencote Farm Paulerspury

Screening opinion for a proposed Solar PV farm

Environmental Impact Assessment required

i) **S/2014/0082/LBC** Creative Interior Barley Mow 53 High Street Paulerspury

Replacement of the roof tiles over the function room lobby due to existing tiles unsuitable and causing damp issues. Also to replace a failing timber lintel within the gable wall of the function room, which is causing the wall to collapse. Repairs to outbuilding.

SNC APPROVED

Mrs Sawyer left the meeting at 8:15 pm

36/3/14 **FINANCE**

a) To receive FEBRUARY 2014 accounts, budget position and to approve payment of outstanding accounts.

			£
1850	Mr P Le Blique	Telephone box repair items	207.84
1851	Paulerspury Village Hall	Hall Hire	17.00
1852	N J Blackwell	Mowing	192.78
1853	Aylesbury Mains	Light repair	81.60
1854	M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office/Annual Parish Meeting	487.42
1855	N ACRE	Membership	35.00
1856	Fields in Trust	Membership (re issue)	25.00

The council resolved to approve the accounts for February 2014 and resolved payment of the outstanding accounts; also cheque no. 1857 Mrs M Down. Broad Band and telephone (6 months) £161.95 and cheque no. 1858 W J Hutchings. Tree maintenance work £1,092.00.

b) Seat. To consider a previously deferred agenda item [9/1/13 (b) under SPINALLS FIELD - namely 'To confirm the purchase and siting of a new seat on Spinalls Field'.]

The family of a former Parish Councillor, the late Mr Norman Blackwell, would be providing a seat for placement in Spinalls Field in memory of Mr Blackwell. Members of the Parish Council would personally provide a plaque in memory of his long and valued service in many ways to the parish.

The provision of a bench to commemorate, in future years, service by members of the community would be considered at a later date.

37/3/14 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Application by Paulerspury Parochial Church Council to use Spinalls Field for a fete Saturday 14 June 2014

A comprehensive description of the proposal, insurance and safeguards had been provided. The Parish Council resolved to allow the event.

38/3/14 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

Councillors agreed to collect and remove tree debris from the field whilst inspecting the field.

Saplings were to be removed from the fence line.

b) Confirmation of zero liability for Non-Domestic Rates 2014/15

Zero liability confirmed by SNC

c) To confirm the April 2014 inspection rota. 6/7 SS, 13/14 SB, 20/21 BL, 27/28 RB

Rota confirmed

39/3/14 **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ISSUES**

a) New Homes Bonus

A précis of the New Homes Bonus criteria and application process would be placed on the parish website.

b) Keep Paulerspury Rural - KPPR

It is important that the parish council keeps an open mind on any proposals brought to the council for consideration. Constitutionally the parish council must not align itself to any other organisation.

c) Website

KPPR could be linked into the website.

40/ 3/14 **ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT INSPECTION**

Mrs Bartlett and the clerk had carried out the risk assessment. The following items required attention. Councillors, having seen the risk assessment form, resolved to action all matters.

Allotment site.

- To repair the allotment fence adjacent to Plumpton End Road.
- To provide a replacement top for the existing water tank.
- To clean out the ditch adjacent to The Hawthorns
- To paint the security post situated at the High Street entrance
- To repair the hole in floor surface of the senior swings.
- To treat the Gull wing seat with preservative.
- To repair and treat the Serpentine seat with preservative
- To advise the Village Hall Committee of a loose paling on their perimeter fence near the small entrance gate.
- To remind the landlord of the Barley Mow of the broken fence panel

Village amenities.

- The seat adjacent to Appledene, Westy Road to be treated with preservative and painted
- The supports to the Village sign on Drs Green to be painted
- The bolt heads on the seat near the bus stop on Westy Road, Pury End to be painted.

The clerk would contact an allotment holder asking that glass panes be removed from their allotment.

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

- Gullies will be done by NCC on the cyclical visit
- Cow pastures signs – repairs in hand
- Dorkingham House kerb under investigation – no action as it does not meet intervention standards
- Tews End Lane reported potholes filled in.
- Re surfacing cycle coming up so a request has been made for Lumber Lane and Stony Hill to be considered.
- Grays Lane potholes filled in.
- Lights on Fairfield (ignitor) and Grays Lane repaired
- SNC advised of the broken fence to the rear of Grays Close
- Hedge below Church Hill, High Street overgrown – owner to be advised

Mr Lydon offered mechanical assistance to help clear Westy Road of quarrying deposits

b) Road Restriction – procedures.

The clerk would make further investigations and report to the meeting to be held on 24 April 2014.

c) Verge protection

Councillors would consider where “dragons teeth” - 18” high wooden stakes - could be employed to good use. The clerk would investigate costs and enquire of Aynho Parish Council as to their effectiveness.

42/3/14 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION AND FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- Concerns were expressed about the continuing traffic hazards at the junction of Grays Lane with the A5 – two buses backed up in single file on the A5 were observed attempting to enter Grays Lane. The clerk would ask Area 7 representatives to meet members of the council to address this matter. Cowpastures junction with the A5 was another similar matter of concern. Area 7 would be asked if they could attend a meeting of the parish council to discuss these problems.
- Mr Bloomfield had written a Transport Planning Strategy paper for submission to the Council for the Preservation of Rural England (CPRE). Members of the council would forward their views prior to the paper being forwarded to CPRE.

Next meeting 7:30 pm THURSDAY 24 APRIL 2014 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL

