

## PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 30 November 2017

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

**PRESENT:** Mrs Sawyer (Chairman), Mr Baker (Vice Chairman), Mrs Bartlett, Mr Barnes, Mr Barker, Mr Bloomfield, Mrs Fish, Mr Boothman, Mr Harvey

139/11/17 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mrs DeRitter and Mrs Sawbridge and accepted by the Council

140/11/17 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

Mr Harvey Item 144/11/17 b)  
Mrs Bartlett Item 142/11/17

141/11/17 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 26 October and 16 November 2017**

Following amendments to 132/10/17 f) and 137/10/17 b) the minutes were approved and signed as correct.

142/11/17 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

131/10/17 South Northamptonshire Council Peer Challenge.

The Peer Challenge had been conducted over a period of four days. The full report will be available in December 2017

Correspondence received from Mr Andy Bartlett proposing that the field adjacent nos 15,19, "Annesley" and "Russet" Plum Park Lane and Old Home Farm Barns, Plumpton End be considered for "Open Space" status. Agenda item for 25 January 2018.

143/11/17 **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 County Councillor Mr Allen Walker and District Councillor Mrs Barnes.

Mr Walker reported that Northamptonshire County Council would have to cut £10M from its 2018/19 budget which would affect direct public services such as trading standards (43% service reduction), library services and children's centres. Highway maintenance and other infrastructure issues would also be affected. Overall a cut of £40M had to be made. Subsidised bus services would also be severely affected - £1.23M cut

Mr Walker urged the Parish Council to respond to the public consultation.

With regard to the Oxford – Cambridge Arc<sup>1</sup> Northampton, Milton Keynes and Bicester should each have a Transport Vision. In order to improve connectivity bidding had begun for infrastructure work to improve the A45, A508 and the A5 also improvements to the Towcester SUE “bypass”. There could be an Expressway between Milton Keynes and Aylesbury.

144/11/17 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **S/2017/2575/FUL** Mr and Mrs Jaye Manor Farm Careys Road Pury End

Demolition of existing agricultural barn and garage/workshop. Replace with dwelling/house, workshop, stores and stables.

This application is situated outside Paulerspury Parish Confines therefore Paulerspury Parish Council **OBJECTED** to this application.

b) **S/2017/2758/FUL** Mr R Fearn New agricultural barn (retrospective)  
Land off Tews End Lane Paulerspury

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

c) **S/2017/2546/LBC** Mr C Mcnaughton The Thatches Park Lane Paulerspury

Replace doors and sliding windows with timber sliding folding doors

**SNC APPROVED**

d) Community Governance Review – progress report by the Working Party

The response on behalf of Paulerspury Parish Council rejecting the Towcester Town Council proposal to place Towcester Racecourse, land on Whittlebury Road and part of Heathencote hamlet (all within Paulerspury Parish) within Towcester Parish was approved by the Parish Council and would be forwarded to South Northamptonshire Council.

145/11/17 **FINANCE**

a) To receive October 2017 accounts, budget position and to approve payment of outstanding accounts.

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2222	Paulerspury Village Hall	Hall Hire	36.00
2223	Cancelled		
2224	Cancelled		
2225	M Down	Office/Defib./Shrubs/Salary/Mileage/ BBand & Telephone (6 months)	866.95
2226	NCALC	Training	42.00
2227	M Down	Website	40.00

<sup>1</sup> A notional arc of agricultural and urban land at about 75km (about 50 miles) radius of London, southern England running between the two English university towns of Oxford and Cambridge via Milton Keynes and other important settlements in Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire.

2228	J Barnes	Printing	18.10
DD	SSE	Electricity	122.31

The accounts and budget figures were approved and payment of outstanding payments resolved with the addition of cheques 2229 M Down Stationery £15.42; 2230 A H Contracts Dog Bin Service £24.00, 2231 M Down Stationery £131.73, 2232 N J Blackwell Mowing £182.52.

b) To consider items for inclusion in the budget for 2018-2019

A draft budget was presented by the clerk to the Council. Adjustments were made and the clerk was told to contact Mr Moody, Chief Executive of the Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils for up to date information regarding staff remunerations.

c) PFK Littlejohn had been appointed as the External Auditors to Paulerspury Parish Council.

d) Northamptonshire County Council 2018-2019 Budget Consultation:

i) To consider responses to the three options for the future of the Library and Information Service.

Paulerspury Parish Council would not wish to see this service cut – it provided a valuable service to a wide range of clients.

ii) To consider responses regarding the proposed reduction in Trading Standards budget.

Trading Standards was a valuable component of NCC services. The proposed 43% reduction in Service would be challenged by this council

e) Internal Control Report.

Mr Boothman

Mr Boothman had carried out an Internal Control and all matters were deemed satisfactory.

f) To consider the 2018-2019 Urban Mowing Financing

Paulerspury Parish Council resolved to continue to undertake the Urban Highway Mowing and accept the contribution of £694.82 (if maintained) from NCC.

g) To consider the provision of two new street lights.

Two new streetlights were proposed for installation. One in Lumber Lane – near No 3 and one on the High Street – between the Village Hall and the Barley Mow. The cost would be iro £1,400 each. Residents in each area would be consulted.

146/11/17 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Towcester Racecourse Leisure Village. Grace Stand 5 December 2017 11:00am – 12 noon

147/11/17 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

- It had been noted that a piece of wire had become detached from the top of the Pre School fence at the point of weld.
- The clerk had removed a redundant tree band.
- Photographs showing the shelter in use had been sent to SNC

b) To confirm the December 2017 inspection rota. 3/4 SS, 10/11 SB, 17/18 MH, 24/25 RB  
**31/1 EB.**

Rota confirmed.

148/11/17 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

- Resurfacing completed at the Grays Lane entrance from the A5
- Tree cut back on Scriveners Lane to reveal the light
- Scriveners Lane hedge cut.
- Reported sewer break repaired at Cuttle Mill by Highways England
- Failed lights at Stony Stratford roundabout reported to Highways England
- Broken Right of Way sign on Grays Lane reported for replacement.
- Pothole Fairfield Road reported for repair
- Broken drain cover Scriveners Lane reported for repair.
- Litter picked up on Westy Road and Cuttle Mill Lane
- Divots lifted on Church Green where lorry ventured over the grass and shrubs.
- Three replacement bushes planted on Church Green.

Alderton Road repairs – road closure 4 December

Progress report to be sought regarding the hole on Tews End Lane

149/11/17 **ALLOTMENTS**

a) To report progress on unpaid accounts.

One account outstanding – clerk to research a Small Claims Court application. It was resolved that prior to further action regarding the Small Claims Court a letter would sent advising the recipient of this potential action.

One account to be tendered when clearance completed.

150/11/17 **PAULERSPURY COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLAN**

To consider the creation of a Plan

The clerk attended this meeting. Topics addressed were Highways/Road Safety, Flood Risk, Emergency Planning, Safeguarding adults/children/abused spouses, Security and Anti Social behaviour in its myriad forms. Where a need was perceived Councils were urged to formulate a

plan.

151/11/17 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Paulerspury Parish Council's response to South Northamptonshire Council  
Local Plan Part 2: – Pre-Submission Draft for Consultation was submitted on 9 November 2017

13 December 2017 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm

The meeting closed at 9:26 pm.