

**PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Thursday 29 October 2015

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

127/10/15 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mrs Bartlett and accepted by the Council.

128/10/15 **CO OPTION TO THE COUNCIL**

Mrs Jenny Collins, 9 Park Lane, Paulerspury, was co opted to Paulerspury Parish Council.

129/10/15 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

None declared

130/10/15 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF 24 SEPTEMBER 2015**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2015 were approved and signed as correct.

131/10/15 **MATTERS ARISING**

All matters arising would be dealt with within the meeting.

132/10/15 **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Two members of the public were present including district Councillor Mrs Barnes.

Mrs Barnes said that the lack of parking provision in Towcester was still a key problem. Levels of pollution from vehicles driving through Towcester centre continued to increase.

Parish Councillor, Mr Batten, said that Mrs Leadsom, MP for South Northamptonshire, was supporting the provision of a relief road for Towcester.

133/10/15 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **S/2015/2340/FUL Mr N Taylor Land off Cuttle Mill Lane Paulerspury**

Agricultural building.

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

b) **S/2015/2356/FUL & S/2015/2357/LBC** Mr and Mrs P Jaye 1 Manor Farm Careys Road Pury End

Change of use existing barn to two bed and breakfast units.

Paulerspury Parish Council **OBJECTED** to this application. The Parish Council has been consistent, with reference to South Northamptonshire Council's (SNC's) Local Plan Saved Policy H5, in objecting to all applications for development outside the village confines. The property lies on a very narrow lane which is part of the Grafton Way. Private driveways have to be used in order for vehicles to pass each other along this lane.

There are no footpaths for pedestrians to take refuge nor can any be created given that the banks are high

c) **S/2015/2365/FUL** Trustees of the Sheila Gee Trust 1997 15 Lumber Lane Paulerspury

Demolition of existing timber bungalow to replace with a 4 bedroom dwelling in limestone, brick arches and cills detail with slate roof and detached double garage.

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

d) **S/2015/2376/FUL** Mr and Mrs Watson The Hawthorns Lumber Lane Paulerspury

2 storey side/rear extension and single storey front porch extension.

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

e) **S/2015/2447/FUL** Mr & Mrs N Taylor Pury Hill Farm, Alderton Road Paulerspury

Two flanking two storey side wings, remodelling of the existing rear wing and removal of the conservatory on the side

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

f) **BREACH OF CONDITION NOTICE**. S R McCutcheon, C A Martin, R McCutcheon and D McCutcheon. 9 Longcroft Lane Paulerspury

- i) Cease the use of the garage building except in accordance with Condition3: 'The garage hereby permitted shall not be used for any purpose other than the garaging of a private motor vehicle'; and
- ii) Remove from the garage building all internal ground floor walls and doors; the stairs, the ground floor shower and WC; and all kitchen appliances.  
Compliance 6 calendar months from 21 October 2015

a) To receive September 2015 accounts, budget position and to approve payment of outstanding accounts.

			£
1980	Aylesbury Mains	Light repair	58.80
1981	South Northamptonshire Council	Election contribution <sup>1</sup>	39.00
1982	E.ON	Light power	622.12
1983	Paulerspury Village Hall	Hall Hire	34.00
1984	Northants CALC	Councillor training	78.00
1985	PDC	Computer update	30.00
1986	PDC	Computer update	76.00
1987	M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office/Parish Meeting	565.33

The September 2015 accounts, budget position and payments of outstanding accounts were approved.

b) To consider environment monitoring.

Mr Bloomfield would address this issue at the meeting to be held on 26 November 2015.

c) To consider the annual subscription to South Northants Area Support Team - £10

The Parish Council resolved to pay the annual subscription<sup>2</sup>.

d) To confirm that Automatic Enrolment duties have been complied with

The clerk had undertaken this duty on 13 October 2015

e) To confirm acceptance of the URBAN HIGHWAY GRASS MOWING grant 2016

The Council resolved to accept this grant on the understanding that it was subject to 2016 budget allocations within Northamptonshire County Council.<sup>3</sup>

a) Northamptonshire Rural HA - Annual Report 2014-15

b) South Northants Parking Study - INVITATION to Stakeholder Workshops - Report from the clerk.

Following a Traffic Impact Assessment carried out on behalf of South Northamptonshire Council (SNC) a survey of the parking needs of commuters from the surrounding villages would now be conducted.

It was apparent from the Assessment that there was a critical shortage of parking spaces in

<sup>1</sup> Representation of the People Act 1983 s. 36 (5)

<sup>2</sup> S92 Police Act 1996

<sup>3</sup> Section 96, sub section 4 HA 1980

Towcester which had a negative effect on businesses in the town. Residences within the town suffered from a lack of adequate parking facilities, those currently under construction would be similarly placed. The Old Northampton Road parking was to be remodelled given that it was dangerous and the forthcoming flood plain parking facility would be closed when flooded.

Full report attached to the minutes.

The clerk was thanked by Mr Batten for her concise full report.

c) Appeal for voluntary drivers by Towcester and District Door to Door –TADD

This appeal had been advertised via posters, the Website and the Newsletter.

d) CPRE Road Show Gt Houghton 12 November 2015 6pm for 6:30 pm

136/10/15 **NORTHANTS CALC ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND AGM 17 OCTOBER 2015**

Report by Mrs DeRitter as the delegate attending on behalf of Paulerspury Parish Council.

A motion was passed to encourage utility companies to communicate when schemes were at the planning stage in order to avoid the staggering and duplication of groundwork.

Another motion passed was to reverse the existing situation whereby betting shops did not need “change of use” permission from Local Authorities to change to residential use. This would aid the retention of retail shops.

Mrs DeRitter was thanked by the council for attending on its behalf.

137/10/15 **PARISH HEDGES.**

To confirm requesting owners to trim back any overgrowth constituting a danger.

The clerk was asked to contact the owners of hedges on Cuttle Mill Lane to ask if they could cut back the overgrowth in order to facilitate safe driving along this narrow lane. Also, South Northants Homes would be contacted to ascertain whether the elder tree adjacent to No 17 Lumber Lane was their responsibility.

138/10/15 **PARISH MEETING MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2015 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL**

To consider and confirm the preferred items consequent to the proposals made at the above meeting.

Mr Batten asked for other councillors to join him in sifting through the details appertaining to the use of defibrillators. Mrs DeRitter volunteered. Mr Edwards, Head of Paulerspury CE Primary School had agreed to allow the defibrillator (if purchased) to be attached to the school wall. A formal agreement would be drawn up should this proposal come to fruition.

Mrs Thorburn and the clerk had met Mrs Helen Howard, (Keir WWSP), to ascertain that signs could be placed at the entrance from the A5 to Grays Lane. One sign only could be accommodated – southern verge – due to the narrowness of the northern verge. Mrs Howard said there was every possibility that her budget for 2016-2017 (unless drastically reduced) could

fund this sign.

This item (138/10/15) was deferred to the meeting to be held on 26 November 2016 for a full discussion.

139/10/15 **HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

To consider facilitating celebrations for the Queen's actual birthday – 21 April 2016 and/or the official birthday – 11 June 2016

The official birthday – 11 June 2016 – would be supported in principle by the Parish Council. The clerk would enquire whether the school had any events in mind.

140/10/15 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

Nothing reported.

b) To confirm the November 2015 inspection rota. Inspection Rota –correct month –agreed.

1/2 November DB, 8/9 November AT, 15/16 November JS, 22/23 November SB, 29/30 November **EB**.

c) Towcester Youth Football Club use of Spinalls Field. Update

Nothing to report to date.

d) To consider work to be carried out on the trees bordering with "The Hawthorns" and the insurance claim regarding damage to the fence and satellite dish within "The Hawthorns".

Quotes for the work involved were considered. It was resolved to ask W J Hutchings to remove all the ash trees. It was resolved to accept Mr Blackwell's quote to clear the ditch following all the tree removal work. Further work on Spinalls Field was in abeyance at this time.

e) Football goal posts

One set of football goal posts had been interfered with to such an extent that it required immediate attention. Mr Bloomfield and Mr Baker volunteered to realign the posts.

141/10/15 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

Stony Hill would be monitored.

The BT manhole cover northern side of the A5 prior to the lay by would be repaired on 26 November due to the requirement for Highways England to arrange traffic signals.

Westy sign in place

The ditch opposite Brook Cottage, High Street had been cleaned out.

b) Update on the Shutlanger road in Heathencote.

Mrs Sawyer

The traffic has diminished somewhat. A traffic survey had been carried out and would be examined in detail.

a) Update on the replacement sign for Pury End.

The clerk and Mr Bloomfield would check for an appropriate new position. Costings for moving the sign would be procured by the clerk.

142/10/15 **FOOTPATHS**

To record actions taken by the clerk

The clerk had shown Mrs Howard the site of the metalled path adjacent to RU20. Mrs Howard would confer with Mr Wicks of Rights of Way as to its legitimacy.

143/10/15 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION AND FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Mr Barnes announced his retirement as chairman of Paulerspury Parish Council. He was thanked for his service to the Parish Council.

**26 November 2015 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm**

The meeting closed at 9:48 pm

Attachment re Agenda item 135/10/15 b)

**Parking Workshop – Towcester.**

A Traffic Impact Assessment has been carried out. Views were now being sought as to the parking requirements identified for Towcester and also the surrounding villages and how/where to provide new spaces.

I attended this meeting along with 8 others. This survey had not factored in the needs of the surrounding villages. They would now be surveyed. When they do Brackley they will include the villages.

As all are aware there is a serious lack within the town and businesses are suffering. Shops are closing due to a lack of convenient parking. The Flood Plain car park work will start in November and will be for around 60 places initially. 2 hour parking will start once these become available. The thinking is that these 60 spaces will be used in the main by SNC staff. If it floods then the gates will be locked.

Apparently there were no free parking spaces in Towcester last Friday morning for quite a while.

SNC representatives were promoting potential car parking provision but these were all a fair distance from the centre of the town. We should all be like Londoners and get used to carrying our shopping and using public transport or bikes. They also suggested an electric bus service to

visit all the shopping areas etc funded by the shops – not too well received. Moat Lane development will only provide 58 spaces for all that will be built there.

The new Old Northampton Road parking has been identified as potentially dangerous with cars reversing into the traffic flow. The configuration may therefore be changing. Also, pedestrians cannot use the footpaths as often vehicles are parked on or across them so pedestrians coming mainly from The Shires have to resort to walking in the road.

2 hour parking is to be SERIOUSLY considered but it was pointed out that in many cases this would not suffice. Towcester Town Council was very appreciative of the contribution villages made to the economy of Towcester and were minded to do all they could to look after their parking needs and were not favouring the 2 hr idea. Currently new buildings going up in the centre will not have adequate parking spaces – SNC said non car users would be in the market for these properties. Many current town residents (flat dwellers above commercial properties in particular) do not have parking places so use the Co Op and other central parking areas during the evening. The Co Op site may be lost, or not – all in the melting pot at present. Payne’s Nursery could release land on the opposite side to their shop but again this floods. SNC seemed oblivious to the fact that water lies on the flood plains during the winter from time to time – they only considered as relevant the big flood we had some years ago. They responded that if there was a flood Towcester shuts down anyway. Parking as far away as Reffield Close was spoken about by SNC as viable as a parking area for the town