

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Thursday 28 August 2014

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

PRESENT: Mr Batten, Mr Bloomfield, Mrs Sawyer, Mrs Thorburn, Mrs Bartlett, Dr Hooker, Mr Blackwell, Mrs Sawbridge.

APOLOGIES (reason for absence to be advised)

Apologies for absence were accepted from Mr Barnes (Chairman), Mr Brice (Vice Chairman) and Mr Lydon.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Due to the absence of the chairman and vice chairman Mr Batten was proposed and seconded to this position for the meeting. He was elected unanimously.

88/8/14 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

No declarations were made.

89/8/14 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES of 31 July 2014**

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

90/8/14 **MATTERS ARISING**

80/7/14 **The expedition of the Northamptonshire County Council Mowing Contract**

Assurance had been received that Church Hill hedge would be cut. The Enforcement Officer for Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) would inspect it after it had been cut to ensure sufficient growth had been removed.

81/7/14 **Green waste disposal – new arrangement at the Old Greens Norton Road site.**

Following enquiries by Paulerspury Parish Council and other users of this facility sent to NCC and County Councillor Mr Walker an explanation of the rationale behind the adverse alterations to the service had been received. Double handling of the waste gave rise to health and safety issues for the operatives so double height skips were required to ameliorate this problem.

The Parish Council was not content with this explanation nor that NCC would be required to pay £30,000.00 to replace worn out skips used by the contractor.

The clerk was instructed to make further enquiries of Mr Wade Siddiqui, Head of Waste Management, NCC and Mr Michael Clarke, Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Environment report back to the meeting to be held on 25 September 2014.

93/8/14 d) War Memorial repairs

Repairs to the War Memorial had been completed by Mr Trevor Dean. The outstanding grants secured from the War Memorials Trust and SNC had been requested.

87/7/14 Spinalls Field boundary wall – repairs.

A quote had been forwarded to the insurer Aviva. The clerk had met the Loss Adjuster on site.

91/8/14 **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

2 members of the public were present. Apologies had been received from District Councillor Mrs Barnes. There were no comments from the members of the public.

92/8/14 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) S/2014/1244/FUL Mrs E Hildrew 12 Fairfield Road Paulerspury

New porch, replace existing windows and reinstate window to the North side. Three new sun pipes and one new rooflight.

Paulerspury Parish Council had no objections to this application

b) S/2014/1302/FUL Mr and Mrs Dammers Park Hall House Heathencote

Removal of existing timber sheds and replacement with detached double garage and stores and formation of vehicular hard standing to Highways verge.

Although the proposed garage and stores would be outside the parish confines Paulerspury Parish Council, in this instance, did not object as it considered this to be a replacement of an already existing dilapidated building.

c) S/2014/1360/FUL Mr N Taylor Pury Hill Farm Alderton

Vehicular access and farm track to serve Manor Farm

Paulerspury Parish Council had no objections to this application

d) S/2014/1439/FUL Mr and Mrs C Randell 1 Pury Hill Cottages Alderton Road Paulerspury

Detached garage/store with home office/gym over.

Paulerspury Parish Council objected to a building of this size and its intended use.

This application is outside the existing Paulerspury confines and the Parish Council therefore objected to it on the basis that the Parish Council had been consistent, with reference to South Northamptonshire Council's (SNC's) Local Plan Saved Policy H5, in objecting to applications for development outside the village confines.

e) S/2014/0763/OUT Mr N Taylor Cuttle Mill Business Park Cuttle Mill Lane Paulerspury

Replacement of B2 Engineering Workshop with B1 Serviced Office Building.

SNC REFUSED

f) To consider conditions appertaining to land adjacent to Grays Close

An Inspector's decision was awaited on this application.

g) Appeal APP/Z2830/Land off Grays Lane Paulerspury

Paulerspury Parish Council would register to speak at this Appeal. Contact would be made by Mr Batten and Mr Barnes with the Keep Paulerspury Rural Group (KPPR) in order to coordinate objections.

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FINANCE

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

			£
1882	D. Bailey	Mole catching – Spinalls Field	80.00
1883	Anglian Water	Water Supply Allotments	31.93
1884	Paulerspury Village Hall	Hall Hire	17.00
1885	N J Blackwell	Mowing & maintenance work	365.94
1887	M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office	474.25

The accounts and budget position were approved. Payments, as listed, were approved for payment also payment to Mr Trevor Dean, Stonemason (Cheque No. 1886 in the sum of £2,520.00) for repairs to Paulerspury War Memorial.

b) To advise councillors of the forthcoming increase in the subscription paid to Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils.

Due to increasing costs and a decrease in funding from external sources the subscription would rise for the year 2015-2016 to £394.75 (£240.71). Paulerspury Parish Council resolved to continue to be a member of NCALC

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CORRESPONDENCE

a) Northamptonshire County Council (NCC)– Health Initiatives, Bus Pass and Blue badge online renewals information.

These facilities had been advertised within the parish.

b) Mrs J Lepper. United Reformed Church proposed notice board siting.

Mrs Lepper had expressed her concern regarding the siting of a new notice board to be placed in the outside area of the United Reformed Church. The clerk would ask both Mrs Lepper and the Elders of the United Reformed Church to keep the Parish Council informed of future developments.

c) Consultation on the allocation of South Northants Homes properties.

The Parish Council concurred with the proposed new criteria for the allocation of property.

95/8/14 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

Quite a lot of litter had been collected by councillors from the field at each inspection.

b) To consider the Fields in Trust Annual Inspection Report

- 4 new shackles to be ordered for the senior swings.
- Councillors to continue to monitor all equipment as per the Inspection Sheet.
- Mr Bloomfield to remove the remaining balance beam

c) To confirm the September 2014 inspection rota. 31/1 DB, 7/8 SS, 14/15 SB, 21/22 BL, 28/29 JB

Rota confirmed

96/8/14 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

- Western Power had been contacted to make a safe passage for pedestrians passing by 32 High Street Paulerspury whilst the pavement was open.
- White lining would take place within the parish during September 2014.

b) Response from Mrs H Howard, Community Liaison Officer NCC reference proposed speed limit Heathencote.

The speed limit for Heathencote would be 40 mph. Whilst this was considered too high by the Parish Council no further steps could be taken to change this decision.

98/8/14 **PARISH FOOTPATHS**

To confirm a meeting of interested walkers to be held in Paulerspury Village Hall.

Several residents had offered to monitor the parish Rights of Way. A meeting would be held to co ordinate routes. A member of the Parish Council should attend this first meeting.

99/8/14 **STANDING ORDERS**

To amend Standing Orders paragraph 71 - Unauthorised Activities in accordance with *The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.*

The Parish Council resolved to delete “ *There shall be no audio or video recording or photographs of the meeting without the express approval of the council*”

100/8/14 **ALLOTMENTS**

To approve plot change.

A request had been received for a change of plot by a plot holder to one soon to be vacated. All plot holders would be contacted prior to the ballot, to be held at the next Parish Council meeting.

101/8/14 **HEDGES**

To record hedges within the parish which are in need of attention.

Hedges on Grays Lane/A5, High Street, Careys Road, Lower Street and Scriveners were identified for attention. The clerk was instructed to contact the owners. The clerk was also instructed to seek quotes for the reduction in height of the allotment hedge on Plumpton End as it was a severe handicap to successful plant production.

102/8/14 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION AND FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

25 September 2014 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm

The meeting closed at 8:55 pm