

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Thursday 26 November 2015

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

PRESENT: Mr Barnes, Mr Batten (Vice Chairman), Mr Baker, Mrs Sawbridge, Mrs Bartlett, Mr Harvey, Mrs Sawyer, Mr Bloomfield, Mrs Collins, Mrs Thorburn.,

144/11/15 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mrs DeRitter and accepted by the Council

145/11/15 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN TO THE COUNCIL**

The chair was taken by Mr Batten, Vice Chairman of the Council, for the election of Chairman to the Council. Mrs Sawyer, the sole nomination, having been proposed by Mrs Bartlett and seconded by Mr Baker was unanimously elected by those present.

Mrs Sawyer signed the Form of Acceptance and duly took the chair.

146/11/15 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

Mr Bloomfield.	Item 151/11/15 a)	Finance	Cheque number 1994
Mrs Sawbridge	Item 151/11/15 h)	Finance	Grants to Parish Organisations

147/11/15 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF 29 OCTOBER 2015**

The minutes of 29 October 2015 were approved and signed as correct.

148/11/15 **MATTERS ARISING**

137/10/15 Parish hedges

The owners of the hedges in question on Cuttle Mill Lane had not, to date, been identified. The clerk would continue with this matter. Additional hedges on Cuttle Mill Lane (nearer the High Street) were identified as being in need of cutting back in order to improve vision splay. One further hedge on Lower Street was also identified for attention.

149/11/15 **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Nine members of the public were present including District Councillor, Mrs Barnes. Mrs Barnes said that the forthcoming Autumn Statement would affect Local Government. The allocation of the New Homes Bonus could be a target for reconsideration. Currently Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) received 20% and South Northamptonshire Council (SNC) .80% and parishes 30%. *of SNC's allowance.*

Other members of the public came to express their concerns about the newly proposed bus timetables. Paulerspury would lose many daytime links to Northampton and Milton Keynes with Potterspury gaining them. This would obviously affect many who use the buses, in particular those with bus passes as these would now, in the main, be of no benefit. Appointments to Doctor's surgeries in Towcester would not be generally possible via bus. One well received comment was that the Council should suggest to Stagecoach and NCC that Potterspury and Paulerspury should have balternate stops throughout the day. The Council would write to those involved in this matter and seek improvements.

150/11/15 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **S/2015/2491/FUL Mr and Mrs Wilkes Brook Cottage High Street Paulerspury**

Raise roof line to create living space, single side extension and 2 storey rear extension

Paulerspury Parish Council had **No Objections** to this application but had grave concerns about the access to the site should permission be granted.

The road was very narrow at this point and it is a dedicated bus route both for the public service and school buses. At no time would it be possible for two large vehicles e.g. bus and 40 tonne lorry to occupy this section of road at the same time. We therefore ask that attention to this point be paid please and conditions be applied which would eliminate the Council's concerns.

b) **S/2015/2544/FUL Mr Stuart McCutcheon 9 Longcroft Lane Paulerspury**

Variation of condition 4 (garage) to approve planning application **S/2009/0261/P** (Semi detached dwelling with detached double garage) to change the use of the garage to habitable annexe

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

c) **S/2015/2032/FUL Mrs R de Courcy Ireland Hillcrest Careys Road Pury End**

Take down existing house and garage block and build new house and garage on existing site.
SNC REFUSED

d) **S/2015/2031/MAF Mr D Taylor and Son Manor Farm Alderton**

Variation of condition 2 (plans) to planning permission **S/2015/0717/MAF** (Anaerobic digestion facility) to permit a larger silage clamp and include enclosures for solids feeding system. **SNC REFUSED**

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

Agricultural building. **SNC APPROVED**

f) **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. **SNC APPROVED**

g) To consider the proposed lighting scheme for Grays Close, Paulerspury

Paulerspury Parish Council had no objections to the proposed scheme.

151/11/15 **FINANCE**

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

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
1991	PDC	Computer Malware removal	30.00
1992	W J Hutchings	Tree removal	1500.00
1993	J A Barnes	Poppy Plaque	35.00
1994	E J Bloomfield	Westy seat fixings	12.07
1995	Paulerspury Village Hall	Hall Hire	17.00
1996	A H Contracts	Dog Waste Bin and Emptying charges	216.00 ¹
1997	Anglian Water	Allotment supply	59.17
1998	M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office/Parish Meeting	507.59
1999	M Down	Broadband and telephone	101.01

The accounts budget position to October 2015 was accepted. A revision of cheque no 1999 to £150.01 (additional payments had been verified) was approved and all other outstanding Accounts were approved.

b) To consider environment monitoring.

Mr Bloomfield

Mr Bloomfield would continue to make enquiries regarding this matter.

c) To receive the Annual Risk Assessment Report and lamp post review and to consider actions.

All members of the Council had received the Report and agreed the actions proposed. The clerk would contact Mrs Sarah Richmond-Watson to verify the maintenance arrangements for the seat currently situated outside St James' boundary wall.

d) To consider changing street light lanterns to a more cost effective system - Mr Moore, Aylesbury Mains

Mr Moore gave a detailed explanation of the various attributes and drawbacks of different lighting systems. Based on his information the Council resolved to replace the current 35sox failed light (No 9) on Careys Road with the Gear Tray conversion. The Council would then consider the result and discuss this matter further at the meeting to be held on 14 December 2015.

¹ Litter Act 1983 s.5

e) Internal Control Report

Mr Baker

Mr Baker had carried out the Internal Control and found all items satisfactory.

f) Hire of Village Hall for South Northants Area Support team meeting

The Council resolved to cover the cost of the hiring of the small meeting room for a SNAST meeting.

g) To confirm continuation of current grass cutting regime and preferred contractor details – for tendering process.

The Council resolved to continue the current parish mowing regime with an increase in allotment mowings.

h) To confirm the resiting of the Westy Road “Pury End” sign.

The posts supporting this sign were of considerable weight, being sunk into a concrete block. Should the sign be resited it would have to be done mechanically. A quote would be obtained.

h) To consider grants to Parish organisations. -141/12/14/e)

It was resolved that, having received evidence that the financial affairs of the named village organisations were sound, donations would be made to: *the orgnisations listed below from the current financial budget.*

Paulerspury United Reformed Church - for restoration work	£400 ²
Paulerspury Village Hall - for general purposes	£300 ³
St James’ the Great Church - for restoration work	£400 ⁴

152/11/15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Letter from Mrs Crawford, Lay Chairman of Paulerspury Parochial Church Council.

Mrs Crawford had written to express the thanks to Paulerspury Parish Council for the donation of the WW1 Tower of London Memorial Poppy and to Mr Barnes in particular for its effective display at St James’ Church.

b) Letter from Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Adam Simmonds.

Mr Simmonds had written to express his wish to continue to focus on increased visible policing, speed reduction and improvements to the highway.

153/11/15 **LITTER IN THE PARISH**

To discuss methods of dealing with this issue – deferred to the meeting to be held on 14 December 2015

² Parish Councils Act 1957 Pt.1 s.2

³ LGA (Misc Provs) Act 1976 s.19 (3) (a)

⁴ Parish Councils Act 1957 Pt.1 s.2

154/11/15 **PARISH MEETING MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2015 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL**

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

a) Additional recreational equipment for Spinalls Field.

The Council supported this application with regard to the provision of new play equipment on Spinalls Field –Item 154/11/15. Mrs Sawyer and Mrs Bartlett would proceed with the appeal for support from the New Homes Bonus.

An item would be placed in the Newsletter advising residents of the plans.

b) Defibrillator/s

Mr Batten would continue to make enquiries.

c) Bus shelter and notice board – Grays Lane

Parish carpenters would be asked to quote for a bus shelter and notice board combined once details had been finalised.

155/11/15 **HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY**

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

A note would be written and delivered to each household seeking volunteers to form a Working Party to organise an event. Initial thoughts were that additional activities could follow on from the Annual Church Fete which will take place on 11 June 2016.

Existing organisations in the parish would be asked to take part.

156/11/15 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

There had been some graffiti written on the adult swing wet pour. When weather conditions allowed this would be disguised.

Additional supports could not be added to the goal posts.

b) To confirm the December 2015 inspection rota. 6/7 DB, 13/14 SS, 20/21SB, 27/28 HD

The rota was confirmed

c) Towcester Youth Football Club use of Spinalls Field. Update - Nothing further.

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

An excellent job of work had been carried out by Mr Hutchings and Mr Blackwell respectively.

e) Use of Spinalls Field. Confirmation received from Paulerspury C E Primary School

Mr Porteous, Chair of Governors, had confirmed that the school valued this facility and wished to continue use under the existing terms and conditions..

157/11/15 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

- Some minor pothole repairs carried out on Cuttle Mill Lane – others proposed for 10 December 2015
- Removal of the spoil currently deposited on the High Street roadside verge had been sought.
- NCC Regulations Team contacted several times as a result of inadequate pedestrian and motorist safety arrangements around a gas main installation for Grays Close.
- Additional lining requested for High Street/Lower Street/Careys road junction.
- Light covers sought for the newly installed lights on Kingstons Farm.
- Light damaged on Grays Close due to gas main contractors.
- BT contacted to clean Telephone Box on Doctors' Green
- Water quality check requested for the water pump on Park Lane. This was now done online via the postcode of the area in question.
- A One contacted again regarding the upstanding grating on the A5 opposite Cuttle Mill
- Pothole at junction of Grays Lane and the A5 reported.
- To Report:
- Raised ironwork adjacent to No 7 Stony Hill
- Raised section of highway adjacent The Old Hunt House, High Street.

b) Update on the replacement sign for Pury End.

Mr and Mrs Hobson, Kirby Farm Pury End had given their consent to the placing of the sign adjacent to their wall should it be resited.

158/11/15 **FOOTPATHS**

To record actions taken by the clerk

- Clearance of the footpath on Church Hill, High Street requested of SNC.

159/11/15 **BUS ROUTE CHANGES**

To consider the proposed changes to the new contract due to go out to tender.
See Item 149/11/15

160/11/15 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION AND FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- A letter of good wishes would be sent to Dr Hooker, a former parish councillor, who had now moved from Paulekrpsury to Horsham.
- A new design for Paulerspury Parish Council notepaper would be sought.
- The Allotment lease to be examined with regard to the accommodation of sheds on the Allotment Garden.

Mrs Thorburn announced that she was no longer continuing as a Parish Councillor. Regrets were expressed by Mrs Sawyer and thanks tendered for all her recent work on behalf of the Council.

14 DECEMBER 2015 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm