

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 22 February 2018

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

PRESENT: Mrs Sawyer (Chairman), Mr Baker (Vice Chairman), Mrs Fish, Mr Barker, Mr Bloomfield, Mr Barnes, Mrs Sawbridge, Mr Harvey, Mr Davey-Turner

14/02/18 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mr Boothman and accepted by the Council. Mrs DeRitter had tendered her resignation from the Parish Council. Mrs Sawyer would send a letter of thanks to Mrs DeRitter for her contribution to the Council during her tenure of office.

15/02/18 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

Mrs Sawyer Item 21/02/18 a)
Mrs Sawbridge Item 22/02/18 c)

16/02/18 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 13 December 2017 and 25 January 2018**

The minutes of the above meetings were approved and signed as correct.

17/02/18 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

03/01/18 Mr Paul Davey- Turner had signed up to the Paulerspury Parish Council Code of Conduct and declared his Interests. South Northamptonshire Council has been informed.

08/01/18 h) Dog Waste Bin installed at the junction of Stony Hill and the High Street

08/01/18 c) New signatory to the Bank Mandate. Process under way.

13/01/18 Destination of the waste collected by South Northamptonshire Council.

Waste was collected then taken to Helmdon Transfer Station. Recycled waste was currently taken to Cheshire but would soon be destined for a site in Leicestershire. Separated materials were then baled and sent on to reprocessors in North Wales, Warrington or Manchester.

18/02/18 **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 at the meeting including District Councillor Mrs Barnes.

Mrs Barnes indicated that the budgetary issues currently affecting Northamptonshire County Council would impact on South Northamptonshire Council's ability to set their own budget. There were suggestions about changing the current system to two Unitary Authorities but the preference would be for Northampton Borough to be a third since it was a distinctly urban council with no correlation to rural councils.

Mrs Barnes commented on the Report to South Northamptonshire Council with regard to the Community Governance Review. 175 responses had been received, and results were as follows: Question – do you agree with the recommendation to move the boundary? 5 respondents (2.9%) agreed 170 respondents (97.1%) did not agree. The breakdown of responses received by location was as follows: 97 individual households (20.3% of the total in the parish); 12 from outside of the parish; 3 on behalf of parish councils/meetings.

At this point councillors challenged the Working Party's conclusions and expressed their concerns that the consultation process may not result in a democratic decision to leave the parish boundary intact.

A resident who had previously raised the issue of Open Space designations was assured that this would be discussed at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting.

A resident expressed concerns regarding the plan to insert corner marker posts on each allotment plot.

19/02/18 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) S/2018/0369/FUL Mr Sapey and Miss Orcherton. 1 Vine End Paulerspury

Single storey side extension Paulerspury Parish Council had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

b) S/2017/3014/FUL Ms L Dale Elm Cottage 20 Lumber Lane Paulerspury Proposed two storey front extension **SNC APPROVED**

c) S/2017/3023/FUL Mr and Mrs G Garnor 66 Careys Road Pury End Single storey extension to side/rear together with new carport. **SNC APPROVED**

d) Community Governance Report regarding Towcester Town Council's request to acquire a large section of Paulerspury Parish

A response from the Parish Council to the forthcoming presentation of the Report to South Northamptonshire Council would be forwarded to Mrs Barnes for her to put the Parish Council's case at the meeting to be held on 28 February 2018.

e) To consider potential nominations for Open Space designation.

Suggestions would be sought at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting.

20/02/18 **FINANCE**

a) To receive January 2018 accounts, budget position and to approve payment of outstanding accounts.

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2242	CPRE	Subscription	36.00
2243	Paulerspury Village Hall	Hall Hire	36.00

DD	Total Gas and Power	Electricity	145.02
2244	M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office	658.21
2245	Northants CALC	Training – Clerk	49.00
2246	Trevor Iles Ltd	Dog Waste Bin	139.20
2247	R Baker	Cable Ties	5.50

The above accounts and budget position were approved and outstanding cheques approved for payment. Also approved for payment cheque no. 2248 Mr N Blackwell £1,309.02 for Allotment work, Spinalls Field maintenance and the installation of a dog waste bin.

b) To consider street lighting provision

Light Number 27 – opposite the Barley Mow. After much discussion and consideration of information from Aylesbury Mains it was resolved that an engineer from Aylesbury Mains be asked to visit the site at night to observe the light deficiency prior to any decisions being taken.

c) To consider contracting out three sessions per year of parish verge litter collection.

It was resolved to contract for three sessions for the year 2018-2019 and to review this matter thereafter.

d) To confirm topics for the forthcoming Councillor Training Session

Mrs Sawyer would inform Mr Moody of the Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils what topics had been proposed by councillors.

21/02/18 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Letter received from a Heathencote resident regarding unacceptable noise levels emanating from Towcester Racecourse events and concerns regarding the appropriate highway management for forthcoming major entertainment events.

The clerk would ascertain what licences were held by the hosts of the proposed events with regard to alcohol and entertainment issues. Details of Traffic Management schemes would also be sought.

A letter would be sent to the Racecourse Management Team with reference to the excessive noise levels.

b) Letter received from the Rt Hon. Mrs Andrea Leadsom MP regarding a complaint from a Paulerspury resident regarding the proximity of the Zip Wire on Spinalls Playing to a residence.

To independently attach any form of equipment as in a lock as mentioned in the above letter would contravene the manufacturer's guarantee.

The clerk would contact the Environment Protection Officer at South Northamptonshire Council to confirm details of the evidence with reference to disturbance levels as mentioned in the above letter.

c) Letter received from Cherwell and South Northamptonshire Councils regarding naming the lane that runs between the A5 and the A413 Cowpastures Lane.

The Parish Council fully supported the proposal to install road signs indicating “Cowpastures Lane”.

22/02/18 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

- Replacement seat to be ordered for the Tots swing.
- Goal posts to be moved to alternative position to allow the turf to recover.
- The ditch has been cleared out.

b) To confirm the March 2018 inspection rota. 4/5 PD-T, 11/12 EB, 18/19 RB, 25/26 HD.

Rota confirmed

c) Letter received from Paulerspury Parochial Church Council seeking permission to hold the Paulerspury Church Fete and Dog Show - Saturday 9th June 2018 - on Spinalls Field. The Fete will include a Family Fun Dog Show. (Copy of Ecclesiastical Insurance cover included effective 1 January 2018).

The Parish Council gave its permission for this event.

23/02/18 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

- Shutlanger Road Fly Tip reported. Land owners responsibility to clear it but the Enforcement Officer did find some useful paperwork...
- Water source – Church Green/Park Lane. Anglian Water has been asked to check this supply for its potability.
- Longcroft Drain blocked – Re reported
- Yellow Lines re done on the entrance to Grays Lane from the A5
- Requested re instatement of the broken lines Tews End Lane onto the A5
- Drains Lumber Lane (between the Drs’ Surgery and Briary Cottage) reported – monitoring for flooding
- Pothole Lower Street Pury End – near Sundowner – reported
- Church Hill potholes reported
- Requested cleaning for the footpath from the Church down to Swan Lane bridge
- Pothole The Green reported.

b) Cuttle Mill Lane. Damage caused to a vehicle.

Mr Bloomfield

Several deep potholes on Cuttle Mill lane. Verge “potholes” could only be filled with soil.

c) Status of Church Green - Protected Green

Following further damage to this Green new shrubs will be planted. Highway rights are not transferable.

24/02/18 **ALLOTMENT GARDEN**

a) Footpath installation.

Mr Barnes

Six bark footpaths have been installed

b) To consider the request from an adjacent resident to replace their current fence and remove selfset saplings – allotment side – in order to discourage ivy growth.

The Parish Council resolved that the selfset saplings on the allotment ground adjacent Orchard House could be removed and a fence erected, by the resident, to include enclosing the ash tree which would be the responsibility of the resident in perpetuity.

c) (i) To confirm, as previously resolved, that each allotment garden should have its corners physically identified and should also be clearly marked with its identity number (as shown on the Master Plan) and, if so confirmed,

(ii) to agree the proposal that this should be done by inserting a numbered post in the approach corner of each garden and a marker peg in its remaining corners and, if so agreed,

(iii) to approve the specification and expenditure

Mr Barnes

It was resolved to mark the corners of each plot with wooden stakes bearing painted tops.

25/02/18 **BEST VILLAGE COMPETITION**

To consider entering the 2018 Competition Paulerspury would not be entering this competition this year.

26/02/18 **WW1 Celebration**

To consider an event to celebrate this anniversary – 11 November 2018

Arrangements to date consist of a bonfire and firework display on Spinalls Field and a Revue in the Village Hall by Paulerspury Players. A service would be held at St James' Church accompanied by the playing of the "Last Post". Poppies were being knitted to form a display.

27/02/18 **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2018**

To consider items for discussion.

- Open Spaces
- Mr Paul Carvey Senior Project Manager Towcester Vale.

28/02/18 **DECEMBER MEETING DATE**

To confirm the date for the Parish Council Meeting December 2018

It was resolved to hold this meeting on 3 January 2019

29/02/18 **CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE**

To consider items for inclusion

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a The chairman would appeal to motorists asking them to avoid the verges which were currently in very bad condition due to vehicles accessing them.

30/02/18 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

29 March 2018 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm

22 March 2018 **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30pm**

The meeting closed at 10.06 pm.