

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Report on the agenda of the Parish Council Thursday 26 March 2020

On Monday 23 March the Government declared that all citizens of the United Kingdom should isolate themselves at home. Life threatening Coronavirus (COVID-19) - was spreading throughout the country so in order to limit contagion and therefore reduce the pressure on the National Health Service all non essential work had to cease, non essential shops would close and people should work from home where possible. Residents would only be allowed out to collect medicines; take a daily walk for exercise; collect groceries or visit an infirm relative. People were instructed to stay 2 metres away from each other at all times. This therefore meant that the council meeting could not take place.

Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated with no issues being brought to the attention of the council. The accounts were listed in the agenda and these were approved for payment.

One additional action was taken. A group of volunteers had opened a “shop” in Pury End. This was stocked with essentials to help those in need. Prices are listed for the goods on offer. A request was made for a donation to help purchase such as cleaning materials etc. It was agreed that an initial donation would be made of £100.00. This had been done and had been gratefully received.

26/03/2020 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

27/03/2020 **MEMBERS’ DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required*

28/03/2020 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2020**

29/03/2020 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

Matters arising to be addressed via agenda headings.

30/03/2020 **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.

31/03/2020 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Due to the prevailing circumstances comments from all councillors were amalgamated and circulated for approval.

a) **S/2020/0282/FUL & S/2020/0283/LBC Mr Cassian Pasqua Heathencote Lodge, Shutlanger Road.**

Side extensions to existing dwelling. Internal alterations to include conversion of garage to living accommodation. New car port. Replacement vehicular & pedestrian gate to site entrance. Block up existing gate to west of site.

Paulerspury Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

b) S/2020/0306/FUL Mr S Feven Little Farm, Careys Road, Pury End

Detached dwelling incorporating existing garage.

Paulerspury Parish Council strongly OBJECTED to this application.

The site lies outside the village confines and therefore sits within the open countryside. Saved Policy H6 builds on EV2 in that new housing will not normally be permitted in open countryside. No exceptions can be supported in this case. Paulerspury Parish Council has been consistent in opposing new building works outside the village confines – Principle 1 Village Confines and Protected Areas, Paulerspury and Pury End Design Statement.

The West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Policy S1 seeks to limit new development in rural areas. Given the absence of employment, minimal public transport and basic services any residents would have to rely on private vehicles. This application to build in open countryside does not respond to local need and is neither a re use of buildings (newly built garage). This application is for market housing so none of the exceptions in policies relating to specialist housing are relevant.

South Northamptonshire has exceeded its housing land supply so there can be no justification on that basis.

When permission was granted for the garage (S/2018/0928/FUL) the planning officer commented that it was “a sizeable structure” and “would not visually compete with it in any way. The proposed scale of this development would surely be in contradiction of those statements.

The garage / store was given permission on the basis that it should be used only for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse as such and shall not be used as primary living accommodation or for any trade, industry, business or other use whatsoever.

Reason : To protect the amenities of nearby residents and to comply with Policy G3 of the South Northamptonshire Local Plan.

A restrictive planning condition was placed on the garage stating it should only be used for the purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the existing dwelling house and not used as primary living accommodation. To now convert the garage into a substantial dwelling would abrogate the restriction imposed by South Northamptonshire Council

The size and scale will dwarf all other houses if passed and would make a complete mockery of the Planning Laws. The design has the appearance of a disparate collection of garages masquerading as a dwelling and will be another gated suburban dwelling in a space which needs to remain green.

There has been a request by Highways to further remove more of the verge in order to offer a wider vision splay. This is totally unacceptable in this rural lane which has already been severely mutilated due to building works.

c) S/2020/2380/FUL Ashtons Farm. Alderton Road, Paulerspury **SNC APPROVED**

d) S/2020/0259/NMA Beech House High Street Paulerspury **SNC APPROVED**

a) To receive February 2020 accounts and budget position and to approve payment of outstanding accounts.

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2440	Anglian Water	Allotment Supply	20.43
2441	PDC	Computer parts and repair	14.00
2442	PDC	Kaspersky Security fee	25.00
2443	M Down	Salary/Office/Mileage/APA/Website	735.63
2444	United Reformed Church	Hall Hire	15.00
24	DNH Contracts	Dog Bin Service	
DD	TG & P	Electricity Supply	141.87
24	Aylesbury Mains	Light repair	

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b) To consider the adoption of the MODEL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 2019

ENGLAND

The MODEL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 2019 FOR ENGLAND were adopted by the Council.

c) To resolve to maintain the fabric of the parish bus shelters and wooden furniture situated on Spinalls Field.

A quote was awaited.

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d) To consider quotes for the replacement of the senior swings' wetpour and a set of swings. S 106.

Decision on hold.

e) To consider extending the delegation of Council decisions to the Clerk during any period of restricted activity declared by the Government in respect of the Covid-19 virus. Such delegation to enable the Council to fulfil its responsibilities to its residents.

f) To consider moving to bi-monthly meetings during this current period of restricted activity declared by the Government in respect of the Covid-19 virus.

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g) To consider a request for a family to use the goal posts exclusively on the morning Sunday 20 September for a couple of hours for a family football match.

33/03/2020 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Response regarding hedge cutting request for Plumpton End.

to A response had been received to the effect that hedge would not be cut back in order
to deter vehicle drivers from driving too fast on Plumpton End.

34/03/2020 **SPINALLS FIELD**

a) To record actions and inform the Council of any issues raised via the inspection reports – see Inspection Reports File. The field has been closed for use.

b) To confirm the April 2020 inspection rota 5/6 JS, 12/13 MF, 19/20 E de C-I, **26/27 SS**

35/03/2020 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

Tews End Lane pothole reported
Sunken grate at the junction of High Street with Plumpton End
Plumpton End pothole to be re done
Plumpton End road in a dreadful stet so requested sweeping.
Gray Lane pothole reported
12 a Park Lane light reported for repair
Tews End light reported for return to repair
Exposed wires on the 20MPH School sign reported to NCC
Alderton Road bollard reported for replacement
Cuttle Mil potholes reported
Plumpton End reported for road sweeping,

b) To consider the state of Plumpton End Road..

36/03/2020 **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

To consider issues raised at the Annual Parish Assembly held on 11 March 2020

37/03/2020 **CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE**

To consider items for inclusion.

38/03/2020 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

THURSDAY 30 April 2020 venue and time to be arranged.

