

## **PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the ensuing Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Thursday 28 MAY

commencing at 7:30pm via <https://join.skype.com/hFxOnSS6T0Fz>,

### **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

**PRESENT:** Mrs Sawyer, Mr Baker, Mr Barker, Mrs Fish, Mr Westall, Mrs Westall.

2 members of the public also joined via Skype.

#### **1A/20 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN for 2020/2021<sup>1</sup>**

i) To receive nominations.

Mrs Sawyer was proposed by Mr Baker seconded by Mr Westall. All in favour.

ii) The signing by the chairman of the Declaration of Office of Chairman and his/her undertaking to observe the Code of Conduct as adopted by Paulerspury Parish Council on 28 June 2012.

Due to Covid-19 this would take place externally.

#### **2A/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies received from Mr Bloomfield and Mrs Gee. These were accepted by the Council.

#### **3A/20 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN for 2020/2021.**

Mr Baker was proposed by Mrs Sawyer and seconded by Mrs Fish. All in favour.

#### **4A/20 TO CONFIRM THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER.**

Mrs Down was confirmed as the responsible Financial Officer

#### **5A/20 TO CONFIRM BANK SIGNATORIES.**

Mrs Sawyer, Mr Baker, Mr Barker were confirmed as signatories with Mrs Sawbridge in the process of applying.

#### **6A/20 REVIEW OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS FORMS – No changes to record.**

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<sup>1</sup> LGA 1972 ss15(2)

**7A/20 TO APPOINT INTERNAL CONTROL**

Mrs Westall would continue in this post.

**8A/20 TO CONFIRM ADVISORY GROUPS TO THE COUNCIL**

Potential Groups to be considered. None at present.

**9A/20 TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC BODY.**

The Village Hall Committee Mrs Sawbridge would continue in this post.

**10A/20 TO AGREE THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE ORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.**

The regular meetings would continue to be held on the last Thursday of each month with the exception of December 2020 when the date will be moved to the 17 December and the Annual Parish Assembly would be held on Monday 8 March 2021.

**11A/20 TO CONFIRM THE STANDING ORDERS, RISK ASSESSMENT AND THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL (and make amendments if recommended)**

The above documents were approved – no amendments recommended.

**Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council 28 May 2020**

**51/05/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr Bloomfield applied to take leave of physical absence for 6 months. This was agreed by the Council

**52/05/20 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required***

None.

**53/05/20 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 30 April 2020**

The minutes of the above meeting were approved and would receive a wet signature in due course.

**54/05/20 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

Matters arising to be addressed via agenda headings

**55/05/20 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.

a) **S/2020/0670/MAF Grand Union Housing Group Land to the rear of 2 to 26 Grays Lane**

Construction of 19 x 2 & 3 bed social rented and shared ownership houses and all ancillary works

The Parish Council was of the opinion that a development of 19 shared ownership/social housing occupation properties in Paulerspury, a village with no transport links or employment opportunities, was an ill-considered proposal.

There were currently 2750 properties under construction, less than 2 miles away, in Towcester however in the planning stage, it was deemed there was only a demand for 217 properties of this type within the whole development. These were scattered throughout the estate in groups of 10 to 15 houses and comprise less than 10% of the total housing stock. Amenities such as jobs, shops, schools, offices and transport are within easy walking distance for these properties in Towcester, a situation sadly lacking in Paulerspury. The Local Plan stated that development should be focussed on the major towns of Brackley and Towcester which should cater most particularly for this type of housing provision.

It was stated that there are only two potential occupiers for the proposed development with links to Paulerspury from a housing list of 32, which begs the question as to why this application is for 19 dwellings? If social housing provision really is required then surely bungalows should be in the mix given the current demographic trend? Paulerspury has a good mix of bungalows in what were originally social housing properties, surely this fact should have been taken into consideration given the age profile of many inhabitants of Paulerspury (an issue that is also sadly lacking in the new development in Towcester)?

Whilst confines are rigorously defended by Paulerspury Parish Council, the Council cannot object on these grounds owing to the fact that this is an exception site. However a development of 19 dwellings extending thus into the open countryside on the edge of the village, would have an adverse effect on coherence within the settlement. Being out on a limb it would not be integrated with the rest of the village and would be in close proximity to a major trunk road carrying a considerable amount of traffic with its consequent noise and pollution levels.

Accommodating 19 properties on this relatively small site means that there are no garages, very small gardens and little space for storage of cycles, equipment etc. with no provision for households with vehicles. There is no public transport provision for the village and very little in the way of amenities. Furthermore, no bungalows are planned for occupation by older members of the village. All in all, a very ill conceived proposal.

Paulerspury Parish Council therefore OBJECTED to this application.

b) **S/2020/0779/FUL Mr and Mrs Rachel Jaye Manor Farm, 1 Careys Road, Pury End.**

Widening of Existing Access to Provide Separate Access to New Dwelling.

The Parish Council OBJECTED to this application on the basis that the previously agreed access should remain in force.

The historic old stone wall at the entrance to Manor Farm should be retained in order to keep the character of the country lane and the original farmyard setting which the proposed much wider entrance on this narrow lane would not.

If widened then this new entrance would be close to the exit road for the opposite row of cottages which may cause issues.

57/05/20 **FINANCE**

- a) To receive April 2020 accounts, budget position and to approve payment of outstanding accounts.

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2457	M Down	Salary/Office/Mileage	660.57
2458	Anglian Water	Allotment Supply	2.58
2459	N J Blackwell	Mowing	959.04
DD	TGP	Electricity Supply	121.06
2460	DNH Contracts	Dog Bin Service	42.00

The Council resolved to approve the budget position and payment of the above accounts.

- b) To consider clearance and seeding of an area adjacent the A5.

out A letter had been sent to the BP Garage on Watling Street asking if they would carry this work. Response awaited.

- c) Solar Park Payment - £5,659.57 received.  
d) Amendment to Section 2 Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

The amendment would receive a wet signature in due course.

58/05/20 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Letter received regarding heavy vehicular traffic on Careys Road, Pury End

In the main SAT NAVS are responsible for directing vehicles down this narrow lane.

- b) Potterspurty Parish Council response to Milton Keynes Futures 2050

59/05/20 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

- One tree staked.
- All the play equipment and exercise had been bounded with tape to show it was all currently out of use until further notice from the Government.
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- b) To confirm the June 2020 inspection rota 7/8 MF, 14/15 JS, 21/22 SW, 28/29 JG Rota confirmed

- c) To consider the hedge adjacent The Hawthorns.

Mr Blackwell would be asked to level the hedge when the timing was within the law.

d) Update on new equipment purchase.

S106 finance secured. The new wetpour and swings (including a basket swing) would be installed as soon as possible under the current Covid-19 circumstances.

60/05/20 **ROAD MATTERS**

- a) To record actions taken by the clerk. None to record
- b) Graffiti on Telephone Exchange, Grays Lane OPENREACH had agreed to remove the graffiti

61/05/20 **CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE**

To consider items for inclusion.

62/05/20 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- Following a request from a resident the dog bin situated on RU 11 in Pury End would be moved further up the footpath.
- A resident would be asked to trim back a shrub currently encroaching on a footpath.
- The webmaster would be asked to provide a more visual point on the website for planning applications to be listed and described.

**THURSDAY 25 June 2020** Venue to be determined.7:30pm