

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council via Zoom

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held on Thursday 22 October 2020

commencing at 7:30pm

PRESENT: Mr Westall (chairman), Mr Barker, Mr de Courcy-Ireland, Mrs Fish, Mrs Sawbridge, Mrs Sawyer, Mrs Westall, Mr Bloomfield, Mrs Gee

105/10/20 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from mr Baker. This was accepted by the council.

106/10/20 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.

Mrs Sawbridge Item 112/10/20 b)

107/10/20 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 24 September 2020 and 8 October 2020**

108/10/20 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

Matters arising to be addressed via agenda headings

109/10/20 **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.

District Councillor Mrs Barnes was in attendance.

110/10/20 **PAULERSPURY MEDICAL FACILITIES**

To consider the effects of Covid-19 regarding facilities at the surgery at Lumber Lane and how the Medical Centre at Towcester will benefit Paulerspury residents following its forthcoming enlargement. Ms K Wheeler, Practice Manager

Ms Wheeler was able to reassure the Council that there was no threat to the continuation of Paulerspury Surgery. The Towcester SUE residents would in the main be patients of the Towcester surgery. Paulerspury surgery would not be able to dispense to Towcester residents due to the 3 mile dispensary regulation.

If money was available then the Paulerspury surgery could expand. Ms Wheeler was active in seeking funds for this purpose.

Contact with patients had been a challenge due to Covid-19. Telephone calls whilst seeming to be less time consuming could at times result in a double appointment when a patient needed to be seen following a call. Mental health issues were on the rise so these had added to the delays. Also doctors have at times had to go into isolation.

For matters relating to prescriptions then the clinical pharmacist should be the first port of call. Nurses were also available to direct patients to the right course of action.

Some services such as ear syringing have had to be withdrawn due to the very nature of the procedure. Patients should contact the surgery for advice as to where to obtain help.

Mr Westall thanked MsWheeler for taking the time to attend the meeting which councillors found very helpful.

Mrs Barnes said there was a Oversight Board for Northants keeping a very careful watch on Covid within the county. Wellingborough, Corby and Southnorthants were giving cause for concern. SNC staff were being upskilled to help control the virus. There was sufficient capacity within the county for testing. As yet, no move to tier 2.

Councillor Barnes was following up the provision of medical services to the residents of Southnorthants, with particular regard to 106 monies. Especially for Towcester. Also any outstanding Section 106 monies for leisure and transport.

111/10/20 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) S/2020/1706/MAR Land at Towcester Vale London Road Towcester

Application for reserved matters for consent of 81 units (ParcelH14) and the surrounding strategic landscaping (Part 1,2 and 3). Pursuant to outline planning permission S/2007/0374/OUTWNS). The outline application was accompanied by an Environment Statement.

Once again wooden play equipment was to be installed via an application for another of Towcester Vale's sites. It was the considered opinion of Paulerspury Parish Council that wooden play equipment was unsatisfactory in that wood was prone to damage and required a guaranteed regular and more thorough inspection over and above those for alternative materials. Accretions of algae in adverse weather conditions can make wooden equipment slippery.

The Parish Council therefore would ask that the specification be changed so that wooden equipment was not the material of choice.

b) To consider further action regarding the s106 relating to Grays Lane, Paulerspury

The clerk was asked to continue to seek the release of s106 monies for indoor recreation facilities. Mrs Sawbridge would seek further details from the secretary of the village hall regarding the envisaged roof repairs. Mrs Barnes would also assist in this matter.

112/10/20 **FINANCE**

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

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Accounts paid during the month –

Cheque No.	Payee	Account details	£
2493	Ian Westall	Zoom monthly facility	14.39
2494	M Down	Sal/Mlge/Spinnals/Office	692.12
2496	Paul Dards	I T Support	40.00
2497	Paul Dards	I T Support	100.00

The above accounts, budget position and payment of the outstanding accounts were received and all approved. Also payment of cheque no. £842.04 N J Blackwell for mowing and parish maintenance.

b) To consider grants to parish organisations.

The council resolved to award grants to the following parish organisations.

Paulerspury Village Hall £300¹ for maintenance
 St James the Great Parish Church £400² for churchyard mowing
 Paulerspury United Reformed Church £400³ for churchyard mowing.

113/10/20 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None received.

114/10/20 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

- Shackles had been replaced on the infant swings.
- A person, when found with her dog on the field, was reminded that dogs were not allowed on the field unless it was an assistance dog.

b) To confirm the November 2020 inspection rota 1/2 SG, 8/9DB, 15/16 JS, 22/23 SW 29/30MD

Rota confirmed. Mr Blackwell to be asked to trim an additional section of the interior hedge.

c) Zip Wire. To confirm remedial work to the safety matting beneath the Zip Wire and to commission HAGS to carry out the work recommended via the Inspection Report.

It was resolved to employ HAGS to carry out the necessary inspection and remedial works on the Zip Wire.

115/10/20 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

Whilst not part of the highway potholes outside the Drs' Surgery had been repaired.

Reported for repair:

¹ LGA 1972 s133

² Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9 & 10

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- Pavement outside no. 12 High Street, Paulerspury
- Pothole outside Midsummer House, Lower Street, Pury End
- Potholes at the High Street entrance to Lower Street, Pury End
- Pavement opposite the Allotment Site, Plumpton End.

To report; Potholes in Tews End Lane.

b) To consider a request to plant roadside verges with wild flowers.

Concerns were expressed regarding the difficulties of establishing a worthwhile display and the appearance of verges long term. It was resolved that the current mowing arrangements would continue.

c) To consider a request for a dog waste collection bin on Lower Street Pury End

be After much consideration of this request it was resolved that opinions of residents would be sought and the matter raised at the next meeting of the parish council. Location of a bin being the main quandary.

d) To consider comments regarding adding book shelves to the bus shelter on Westy Road

next Favourable comments had been received regarding this proposal. Agenda item for the parish council meeting.

116/10/20 **TO CONFIRM THE ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT FOR THE PAULERSPURY PARISH WEBSITE**

The clerk had outlined the requirements of this legislation and would now draft a summary for publication.

117/10/20 **CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE**

To consider items for inclusion.

- Information regarding the recent communication regarding the effects of Covid-19 on the Britannia Bus Service to be placed on Facebook and the Parish Website.
- The consultation regarding the proposed school dates for 2021-2022 to be posted on the Parish Website and Facebook.

116/10/20 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**
THURSDAY 26 November 2020 via ZOOM 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 21:13 pm.