

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council via Zoom

held on Thursday 28 January 2021

commencing at 7:30pm

PRESENT: Mr Westall (Chairman), Mr Baker (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Fish, Mrs Gee, Mrs Sawbridge, Mrs Westall, Mr Barker, Mr de Courcy-Ireland, Mrs Sawyer.

1/01/21 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

2/01/21 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.

None received.

3/01/21 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 17 December and 29 December 2020**

The minutes of the above meetings were approved and signed.

4/01/21 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

Matters arising to be addressed via agenda headings

5/01/21 **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.

Two members of the public were present – County Councillor Mr Walker and District Councillor Mrs Barnes.

Mrs Barnes commented that the £10.25m council loan to Northampton Town Football Club for use on a stadium redevelopment had been found to have serious failings. Northampton Borough Council loaned the money, which had since disappeared, to Northampton Town in 2013 and 2014 to rebuild a stand and develop land. The loss of this money plus the ongoing expenditure into the “corruption” enquiry will impinge on the Unitary finances.

The Census would be carried out in March 2021.

Covid vaccinations in Northamptonshire had been given to 80% of the over 80 year olds with 9% already having received a second dose.

Mr Walker confirmed that to date the elections were going ahead – 6 May 2021

6/01/21 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **S/2020/2347/FUL** Mr S Sampson. Cuttle Mill Bank Cottage, Watling Street, Paulerspury

Change of use of agricultural land to residential garden and erection of retaining wall to front garden, including excavation/levelling of existing garden land. (Retrospective)

Paulerspury Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

b) **S/2020/2392/FUL** Mrs M Wheatcroft-Rowe. 5 The Hill, Pury End

Single storey front extension.

Paulerspury Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this application

The Parish Council did however consider the plans of a very poor quality and difficult to navigate so requested that in future more detailed plans should be obtained.

c) **Response received from South Northants Council regarding S106 allocations.**

The Parish Council had written to SNC requesting release of S106 in favour of Paulerspury Village Hall to assist with extensive repairs to the roof. This request was declined.

d) **To consider requesting that South Northamptonshire Council and its successor informs Paulerspury Parish Council when applications were made for brownfield status to be conferred on parcels of land in this parish.**

A request would be sent to SNC for inclusion in the consultation process when brownfield status for land in the parish was requested.

7/01/21 **FINANCE**

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Account details	£
2519	I Westall	Zoom facility/ Shelter materials	46.30
2520	M Down	Sal/Mlge/Office/Litter coll. contra/Web Site	841.86
DD	T G & P	Electricity	165.09
2521	A Joyce	Allotment refund	12.00
2522	J Eggleton	Allotment refund and change	8.00
2523	DNH Contracts	Waste Bin Collections	59.70
2524	N J Blackwell	Allots./Spinalls Field/Parish Maintenance	1169.40

The above accounts, budget position and payment of the outstanding accounts were approved

b) Internal Control Report

Mrs Westall

Mrs Westall, Internal Controller, had examined the accounts and found them to be in order.

c) Internal Interim Audit Report

The independent Internal Auditor had examined the accounts and reported via the Interim Report received by all councillors that the accounts were in order.

8/01/21 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter received from a resident regarding parking issues on Fairfield Road, Paulerspury

The Parish Council had no jurisdiction regarding parking issues. The correspondent would be advised to contact the police for advice.

9/01/21 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

The ditch adjacent The Hawthorns has been cleared.
The new Topsy Litter Bins had been installed.
Matting had been placed under the exercise equipment.
Mr Blackwell would be removing the algae which has grown under and on some of the equipment.

b) To confirm the February 2021 inspection rota 7/8 JS, 14/15 MF, 21/22 SS, 28/1DB

Rota confirmed

c) To set a date to carry out the Annual Inspection of Assets.

Mr Westall would accompany the clerk – Date to be arranged.

d) To instruct HAGS to carry out the inspection and refurbishment of the Zip Wire.

The clerk would contact HAGS to book the engineer.

10/01/21 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

Hedge cut back Grays Lane/A5
Parish Litter pick completed
5 black bin bags dumped on Westy reported to SNC for collection
Due to the number of empty beer cans and vodka bottles found on our lanes leading off the A5 and on Westy Road, Pury end it is to be assumed that alcohol is being consumed in those locations. The Police have therefore been asked to drive down our lanes when in the neighbourhood.
Church Hill path had been cleared

Plumpton End water run reported
Tews End Lane blocked drains reported
Overhanging tree on Newbolt Close had been trimmed back
Pothole reported outside the URC.
Potholes at the entrance to Lower Street from the High Street reported – it would be fixed within 26 weeks.
Reported raised metalwork on drain on Church Hill reported.
Reported raised metal work on drain outside Brook Cottage, High Street.
Trimmed branches from around the defibrillator in Pury End.
Mr Westall had installed Perspex windows in the Westy Road bus shelter.

To be reported- two potholes on Tews End Lane.

11/01/21 **TO CONSIDER THE FORTHCOMING QEII PLATINUM CELEBRATION**

It was resolved to make Saturday 4 June 2022 the day for the main event in the parish with possibly a Picnic/Tea Party on the 5 June 2022. A team to organise events would be sought via an appeal to the Community. Mr Perryman of Adventureways would be asked how he could support the event with his various forms of equipment.

12/01/21 **TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

Due to be held by 1 June each year a decision would be taken in due course as the current restrictions relating to the Corona Virus epidemic forbid public assemblies.

13/01/21 **CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE**

To consider items for inclusion.

In preparation for the Annual Assembly the chairman requested the clerk draw up a list of the parish council activities over the past two years.

14/01/21 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

THURSDAY 25 February 2021 via ZOOM 7:30pm

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