

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Thursday 26 August 2021 in Paulerspury Village Hall

commencing at 7:30pm

PRESENT Mr Westall (Chairman), Mr Baker (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Westall, Mrs Gee, Mrs Fish, Mr Wragg, Mr Barker, Mr Bloomfield, Mrs Sawbridge. Mrs Sawyer.

98/08/21 **APOLOGIES**

Ms Dixey tendered her apology which was accepted by the council

99/08/21 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

None declared.

100/08/21 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29 July 2021**

The above minutes were approved and signed as correct.

101/08/21 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

Matters arising to be addressed via agenda headings

102/08/21 **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.

Three members of the public were present including WNS Councillor Mr Barter. Mr Barter reported that the Area and Strategic Committee was settling into a more flexible way of working. Bearing in mind the strong local views on Application WNS/2021/1220/FUL Mr Barter had "called it in" to be decided upon by the Planning Committee.

Two members of the public expressed their views on the above application and would be forwarding comments to WNC.

103/08/21 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **WNS/2021/1187/FUL** Mr and Mrs Sneddon 46 High Street, Paulerspury

Conversion of an existing garage out-building into an annexe with associated minor elevational changes. Paulerspury Parish Council had **NO OBJECTIONS**

b) WNS/2021/1220/FUL Mr and Mrs Richard Fearn. 24 Tews End Lane, Paulerspury

New agricultural vehicular access.

Paulerspury Parish Council **OBJECTED** to this application – objections attached to the minutes.

c) WNS/2021/1067/FUL Mrs Garnor 66 Careys Road, Pury End

Single storey rear extension. Paulerspury Parish Council had **NO OBJECTIONS**.

d) Henlow Racing Limited – Application to vary a premises licence under Section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 **WNS REFUSED**

it was noted that the forthcoming Balloon Festival anticipated selling 10,000 tickets.

e) To consider the lighting scheme for land to the rear of Grays Lane.

The clerk had received a lighting plan for the site but had noticed that only 17 houses were shown on the map – the application being for 19 houses. Having contacted the designers and the lighting company to point this out nothing further had been heard.

104/08/21 **FINANCE**

a) To receive August 2021 accounts, budget position and to approve payment of the outstanding accounts.

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2574	M Down	Office/Salary/Mileage/Spinalls	859.23
2571	Lydon Contracting Ltd	Concrete Base	3,600.00
2572	Huck Tek	Climbing Net	19,218.00
DD	T G & P	Electricity	113.12
2565	DNH	Waste and Dog Bin Service (Paid)	118.80
2566	Glasdon	Seat (Paid)	764.00
2567	I Westall	Zoom Facility (Paid)	14.39
2568	PKF Littlejohn	External Audit fee (Paid)	240.00
2569	N J Blackwell	Grass Mowing (Paid)	1059.72

The above accounts and budget position were approved with the addition of ch. No. 2573 Paulerspury Village Hall £19.00

b) To consider a quote for a replacement Right of Way sign – RU 28.

It was resolved to accept the quote of £100 for the replacement FOOTPATH sign.

Mr Westall and Mr Barker undertook to install the notice board and the sign.

c) To consider a quote for a plaque for the William Carey Cairn, Careys Road, Pury End

The material chosen was polished steel. The clerk would obtain a quote.

d) To consider Wild Flower funding.

£100 would be donated to assist the funding of this voluntary scheme.

e) To confirm the design for the Grays Close lighting scheme – see above.

f) Completion of the 2020/21 Audit. No matters to raise and Notices of Completion posted.

105/08/21 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Anonymous Correspondence. To consider protocol.

It was resolved that the council cannot act upon anonymous letters and any person contacting the Parish Council anonymously with regards in particular to planning issues should contact West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) giving their name to WNC.

106/08/21 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

- Brambles cleared from the rear of the bus shelter – opposite the Vine House.
- Consideration to be given to a litter bin adjacent the table tennis table.

i) To consider an volunteer's application to apply a preservative to the Crucifixion.

Whilst this offer was valued it was resolved that due to insurance issues it would be done professionally.

ii) Defibrillator maintenance and signage

Both defibrillators were now registered on "The Circuit" – a National data base.

This is managed by the British Heart Foundation.

A 2-hour training session for the public to learn Basic Life Support and how to use the defibrillator would be booked and new instruction signs would be ordered.

b) Update on works carried out.

The climbing net, table tennis table and seat have been installed and would appear to have been a welcome addition to the field.

c) Rota September 5/6 SW, 12/13 MF, 19/20 SS, **26/27 S.Wragg – Confirmed**

107/08/21 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

- A request had been sent to the Primary School to cut back the hedge adjacent the footpath.
- A raised section of the footpath adjacent no.17 Fairfield Road reported for attention
- Lumber Lane hedge to be cut back..

b) Heathencote 40mph speed extension.

After many years of asking this had finally been achieved.

108/08/21 **ALLOTMENTS**

To consider a share option

It was resolved that this arrangement could proceed but there would be no change to the allotment size.

109/08/21 **Q E II PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION 2022**

To receive any comments – Facebook to be updated.

110/08/21 **CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND THE WEBSITE**

111/08/21 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- Letter to be sent to a resident regarding parking on a footpath and verge.
- Anglian Water to be contacted regarding water issuing down Plumpton End.
- Footpath map to be placed on Facebook

THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2021 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm

Planning Response.

Reference: WNS/2021/1220/FUL 24 Tews End Lane Paulerspury Northamptonshire

Paulerspury Parish Council wishes to object to application WNS/2021/1220/FUL as it has
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consistently defended any incursion into the ancient Holloway, Tews End Lane. Our Holloways are characteristic features of this Parish.

The reasons for this objection are: -

1. Tews End Lane is a sunken single-track carriageway measuring approximately 2.8m wide, there are no road markings or pedestrian footpaths, limited street lighting, high banks, and hedgerows. Policy SS2 (j) of the Part 2 Local Plan requires that proposals “possess a safe and satisfactory means of access for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.”
2. Entry to Tews End Lane at both ends of it is discouraged by a sign warning that it is unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles. There is no sign on the A5 junction denoting the presence of Tews End Lane which indicates that minimal use of this lane is required by Northamptonshire Highways. Northamptonshire Highways refused permission for a previous application (S/2019/1624/FUL) in Tews End Lane due to it being “a sub-standard single-track road with no vehicular passing places.”
3. Drainage is a serious issue for this lane, in the main due to run off from the fields. Drains currently overflow, flooding the road – photographs attached after just a short burst of rain – and manhole covers lift. Water from the adjacent land would certainly flow down this proposed roadway adding to the flooding. A soakaway into clay is not an acceptable method of dealing with water runoff in this location. Opposite the proposed site is a drain which would almost certainly be damaged by commercial sized vehicles accessing the road, this being due to the need to swing wide on the narrow section of the road.
4. A roadway such as proposed, given the height of the land adjacent would be an unacceptable incursion into the Holloway and would set a precedent for previously refused applications to seek similar access. Much reprofiling would be required to stabilise the land either side, making it totally unacceptable visually in this narrow sunken single track country lane.
5. The adjacent property, number 26, has many established trees on its bank some of which were planted by the Parish Council for the benefit of the Parish. Given the location of this narrow strip, damage to the tree roots would be inevitable.
6. The roadway is proposed to join Tews End Lane at possibly its narrowest point on a bend in the road which could make visibility when entering the lane limited.

It can be demonstrated that Paulerspury Parish Council has previously been supportive of the work being carried out by the Applicant on this land having passed applications in 2017 for the addition of a barn to the property and in 2020 for the further addition of a Field Shelter. Neither of these applications made any request for vehicular or pedestrian access and in fact the application for the barn stated that it was to be located “at the top of the field to reduce impact from the roads and to best service the security requirements. This location is also the furthest point from the road access and so it’s distance from the road across soft access ground will help provide some additional security”.

Had either of these applications included the request for the vehicular access, then the Parish Council would have objected as they are doing now. The current application states that vehicular access is required desperately as the “access is virtually unusable between the end of October and March”. It would appear that the construction of the barn was carried out during the winter of 2017. The access was able to cope with the delivery of the construction materials for this, as well as the Field Shelter last year.

The applicant purchased the land in 2015 knowing that there was no vehicular access to the land but with a verbal agreement with the adjacent landowner for vehicle access across his land. In order to access his land on foot, the applicant has formed a **personal** pedestrian access in the Holloway at the point of the proposed vehicular access. This access marked "Private Land" has already damaged the Holloway by insertion of rocks to make steppingstones in order to climb the steep bank, due to it being washed away by the water runoff.

The Applicant was an active committee member of the "Keep Paulerspury Rural" campaign in 2013 and was vehemently opposed to any development that would seek to destroy the Holloway and adding his own opposing comments on S/2013/1496/MAO "Tews End Lane struggles to deal with the current level of traffic and floods on a regular basis". The standard of Tews End Lane has not improved since 2013 and having not been maintained, it has probably got considerably worse.

Tews End Lane hollow way was recorded by South Northamptonshire Council - MNN165279 in the HER dataset and by the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments "An inventory of Archaeological sites in South-West Northamptonshire" - The main feature is a large hollow-way up to 2.5m deep. These are two further illustrations of their local and national importance and value for posterity.

The Rockingham Trust considers the Holloway an important part of our local history and a distinctive feature of Paulerspury Village also an important element of the wider landscape character for the area. Holloways are one of the best surviving features of the medieval period and in this Parish are part of our local distinctiveness and the hedgerow is probably a reflection of 18th century enclosure profile. It would be in contravention of JCS Policy R1, which seeks to enhance and maintain the distinctive character of the community, to spoil this profile. Paulerspury Village Design Statement – adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance – seeks to protect the rural character and to preserve the local landscape and environment.

Paulerspury Parish Council whole heartedly support local businesses of the type run by the Applicant in the Village but cannot support damaging the Holloway and would urge that a site visit must take place when reviewing this application to fully understand the magnitude of the issue.