

IPAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Thursday 30 September 2021 in Paulerspury Village Hall

commencing at 7:30pm

PRESENT: Mr Westall (Chairman), Mr Baker (Vice Chairman), Mr Wragg, Mrs Sawbridge, Mrs Fish, Mrs Westall, Mr Barker, Mr Bloomfield, Mrs Sawyer, Ms Dixey.

112/09/21 **APOLOGIES**

Apology tendered by Mrs Gee and accepted by the council.

113/09/21 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

Mrs Sawbridge Item 118/09/21 f). Mr Wragg Item 117/09/21 d)

114/09/21 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 August 2021**

The above minutes were approved and signed as correct.

115/09/21 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

Matters arising to be addressed via agenda headings

116/09/21 **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.

Five members of the public were present including WNC Councillor Mr Barter.

Mr Barter spoke about the Spatial Strategy and Bus Service consultations and urged the parish council to attend the cabinet meeting when the bus service consultation would be discussed

Mr Barter would seek to restore the public's comments to planning applications back onto the Planning portal.

a) **WNS/2021/1255/FUL** Rebecca Irwin, Copper Corn, Plumpton End, Paulerspury

Variation of condition 2 (plans) to S/2019/2518/FUL)Demolition of existing garage, annexe, and single storey projection to the rear, and the construction of a 2 storey side, front, & rear extension, new glazed entrance, new glazed panels to the rear at ground floor level, and the construction of a detached Garage and Sunroom) To allow a link extension, changes to floor layout and alterations to fenestration.

Paulerspury Parish Council had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application

b) **WNS/2021/1293/FUL** Mr Bryan Issac, 40 High Street, Paulerspury

Proposed single storey rear/side extension

Paulerspury Parish Council had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application

c) **WNS/2021/1365/RES** Mrs J Masters, Horseshoe Cottage, Tews End Lane, Paulerspury

Reserved matters application pursuant to S/2018/1629/OUT (Detached dwelling - Outline) for the approval of the following reserved matters: Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale

Paulerspury Parish Council **OBJECTED** to this application on the basis that it has always resisted any incursion into the ancient Holloway.

d) **WNS/2021/1373/FUL** Mr Bradley Ellis 12, Stony Hill, Paulerspury

Removal of existing conservatory and build of new two storey rear extension.

The extension of the roofline will cause a loss of light and overshadowing to the neighbouring properties. The illustration of the garage does not indicate it is in fact attached to the garage of No 14. Concerns were raised at the many anomalies and seemingly misleading information and illustrations which appear not to reflect the true nature of the property's relationship to its adjoined neighbour.

The Parish Council therefore **OBJECTED** to this application and requests that Ms Hayward, the case officer, visits the site and contacts the neighbour Mr Wragg who resides at No 14 Stony Hill to discuss his concerns.

e) **WNS/2021/1490/FUL** Mr and Mrs Gayton. 9 Grays Close, Paulerspury

Loft conversion with rooflights to front and side roofslopes.

Paulerspury Parish Council had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application

f) WNS/2021/1468/AGD D Taylor. Manor Farm, Alderton Road, Paulerspury, Northamptonshire

Determination as to whether prior approval is required (under Class A of Part 6 of the above Order) Excavation of soils for the installation of a water bag for irrigation to a maximum depth of 2m. The excavated soils will be used to create a 2.5m high bund to the perimeter of the excavation.

Paulerspury Parish Council had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

g) WNS/2021/1187/FUL 46 High Street, Paulerspury. **SNC APPROVED**

h) TPO No 5/2001. Ash tree adjacent the Allotment site. To review ownership.

Documentation received from WNS confirmed that the ash tree was not in the curtilage of the Allotment site and therefore not the responsibility of the Parish Council.

118/09/21 **FINANCE**

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

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2577	NCALC	Councillor Training	88.00
2578	N J Blackwell	Grass Mowing	877.92
2579	Paul's Pury Services	Parish/Spinalls Field Maintenance	911.30
2580	K Mozdzynski	Annual Website Host	58.33
2581	Anglian Water	Allotment Supply	76.36
2582	S Canning	Notice Board and Footpath Sign	374.00
2583	M Down	Sal/Off./Mlge/Bulbs/Signage/Election fee	882.47

b) Internal Audit Report. Sue Westall

Mrs Westall reported that on inspection the accounts were in order.

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

Two quotes had been provided. It was resolved that the quote by Brunel Engraving in the sum of £206.50 (net) would be accepted.

d) Wild Flower funding.

Ms Frost had completed the planting of daffodil, crocus and bluebell bulbs.

e) To confirm the design for the Grays Close lighting scheme

The Parish Council resolved to accept the design as proposed with the option for louvres should it prove to be too harsh for the residents.

f) To consider donations to village organisations.

It was resolved to donate £300 to Paulerspury Village Hall ¹

It was resolved to donate £400 to Paulerspury United Reformed Church²

It was resolved to donate £400 to St James the Great Parish Church³

g) To consider orchard funding in conjunction with Platinum Jubilee/Queen's

Green

Canopy Initiative.

It was resolved to set aside £150 to fund fruiting trees for this project.

119/09/21 **CORRESPONDENCE - Consultations**

a) Road Investment Strategy (RSI3) 2025-2030 (30 November 2021)

A response would be forwarded to this consultation detailing the affect the A5 has on residents exiting the village. Whilst traffic decreased during the Covid pandemic it was gradually getting back to pre Covid peak time volumes. The opportunity for an effective Towcester by-pass had been sacrificed. Instead a link road through the Towcester SE had taken its place. Traffic calming measures were proposed for Towcester to discourage HGV traffic but these could alienate local residents.

b) West Northants Spatial Strategy

(Public Pack) Agenda Document for Cabinet. 14/09/2021 Pages 96 – 197 (Oct.?)

A response would be forwarded to this consultation seeking to ensure that rural communities would not be subjected to overdevelopment thus detracting from their status. Development which would challenge the heritage assets and historic landscapes should be resisted.

Brownfield sites in rural villages should be determined in consultation with parish councils so that local knowledge of the former use was transparent and Greenfield land was not incorporated incidentally. It was not a commonly known fact that parish councils had to ask to be included in any brownfield site application. Infrastructure should be constructed alongside the house building rather than much later as at present.

Also that major settlements should only be built where adequate transport and employment opportunities already exist or can be confidently generated.

¹ LGA (Misc. Provs>)Act 1976s 19 (3) (a)

² Open Spaces Act 1906

³ 1906 Open Spaces Act

c) Improvements to bus services in North and West Northamptonshire , (10/10/21)

for

A response would be forwarded to this consultation seeking a realistic service rural communities in order to access services, education, employment and other facilities concomitant with daily life.

d) SNC Healthy Communities

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programmes – Suggestions for Review. (27/09/21)

Response attached.

120/09/21 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

- Graffiti had been removed from the table tennis table and the police had been informed
- The clerk had contacted the Football Club and had requested that the grass mowings created by the club be removed.
- A cricket warning sign had been ordered.
- The Football Club to be asked to draw back their pitch.

b) Rota October 3/4 TD, 10/11 EB, 17/18 RB, 24/25 IW, **31/1 SG** Rota confirmed

121/09/21 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk

- Pothole repaired in Plumpton End.
- Skid sign removed from Grays Lane
- New sign in place for Grays Close
- New footpath sign installed at the entrance to St James' Church.
- Fairfield pavement repaired
- Heathencote potholes and kerbside edging repairs carried out.

122/09/21 **ALLOTMENTS**

To consider vacant plots.

It was resolved that Plot 6a) and Plot 6 b) would be rejoined.

123/09/21 **Q E II PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION 2022**

To receive any comments -

- It had been noticed that the junior football club had migrated their pitch towards the area proposed for planting the “Green Canopy” trees. It would be asked to reinstate the pitch on its original site.
- A meeting would be held towards the end of October 2021

129/09/21 **CHAIRMAN’S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND THE WEBSITE**

Nothing to report.

130/09/21 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- Residents of Pury End had received notification that work to facilitate High Fibre Superfast Broadband will be being installed in Pury End in the near future.
- The condition of the Grays Lane entrance to the village from the A5 currently leaves much to be desired. A meeting will be held with Mr Blackwell to discuss ways to improve it.

THURSDAY 28 OCTOBER 2021 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm

The meeting closed at 9:45pm

SNC Healthy Communities

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programmes – Suggestions for Review. (27/09/21)

As a strategic priority it is important that the rural character of Northamptonshire County does not convert to a county known for its number of warehouses. Being on a strategic network understandably encourages this type of development but it brings relatively few employment opportunities. As robotic developments advance human employment numbers will fall accordingly.

With the former SNC it was always possible to access officers in person. Post Covid many are now working from home. It would be helpful if the various agencies could ensure residents could again have access to officers albeit on a reduced basis due to changing work patterns.

For the People Scrutiny section faced with financial constraints it is hard to recommend additional services. It is essential that existing services are linked in order to avoid duplication which causes unnecessary time wasting and expense to both council and client. Attention could be drawn to the allocation of S106 money or similar which currently needs to be spent on outdoor facilities. This ignores the wide range of needs that are present in any community. Due to age or incapacity for other reasons not everyone is able to avail themselves of an outdoor activity. This form of discrimination should cease.

With regards to education not all pupils are suited to academic learning but can provide essential services in other ways. Their potential is often ignored – we all need hands on craftsmen of varying skills. Effort should be made for a wide range of effective placements (not just a week's experience) to be sourced in order that these pupils can experience work which may eventually provide a worthwhile living. A dispirited young person can often cost a community dearly in the future.

For the Place Scrutiny the environment is being challenged due to many factors. Currently we have a children's playground in Towcester situated adjacent the A5, a major trunk road and the relief road for the M1 when closed. It is surely not advisable to place young people so close to particle emissions which are shown to have a detrimental effect on people. No playground in future in West Northamptonshire should be placed adjacent any road.

Road repairs are costing us all dearly. A more effective way of managing pothole repairs must be found, Currently many man hours are wasted as we witness and repairs can be suspect in many cases. A time and motion study should be carried out to evaluate the current service and a more effective one put in place. Generally temporary repairs are a waste of time and money. Small independent contractors held to account by the parishes they serve could be a better way.