

## **PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Paulerspury Parish Council

held on Thursday 28 October 2021 in Paulerspury Village Hall

commencing at 7:30pm

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

131/10/21 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mr Bloomfield and accepted by the council.

132/10/21 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

Mrs Sawyer Item 136/10/21 c)

133/10/21 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

The minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed as correct.

134/10/21 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

Matters arising to be addressed via agenda headings

135/10/21 **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.

24 members of the public attended the meeting including WNC councillor Mr Barter.

A resident of Heathencote addressed the meeting with concerns regarding the effect on agricultural land, further stretching services, wildlife and the historic Easton Neston park land should a proposal for development of the former Towcester Racecourse, alluded to in the forthcoming WNS Spatial Strategy consultation, come to fruition.

An increase in flooding of the adjacent farmland had been observed following the recent developments in Towcester. Doubts were raised as to whether the current sewage system could cope given the numerous tankers currently taking away fluids from the Shutlanger station.

Traffic flows would increase and further challenge an already heavily used A5 especially when deployed as the relief road for the M1.

Mr Barter urged those present to get involved in the consultation for the Spatial Strategy. Transport would be a serious issue should all the proposed developments succeed.

Community Funding Grants up to £15,000 were now available to support local voluntary and community groups.

Mr Barter had his own “Councillors Gift Fund” of £2,500. This was in the main to assist recovery from the effects of Covid.

Mr G Milnes, Synod Property Officer for the United Reformed Church, addressed those present regarding the imminent closure of Paulerspury United Reformed Church.

Many questions were posed to Mr Milnes with the view to securing the current burial ground for future use. Mr Milnes said it was the Synod’s hope that the Parish Council would take over the more recent burial ground and then continue to maintain it. The church would be sold with an amount of land – the original burial ground.

Should the Parish Council agree to purchase the ground for the nominal sum of £1 the Synod would bear all costs relating to legal fees, ground clearance, path provision, fencing, sign relocation and any internments requiring relocation.

A question was raised with regards to memorials within the church. This would be resolved by the Synod. The church would be sold to a purchaser who would provide the best deal – not the best offer.

The frontage of the church was an important part of the street scene and it would be detrimental to the street scene if changed. Efforts would be made to retain the frontage.

A vote was taken with 21 members of the public in favour of the Parish Council taking ownership and two abstentions.

136/10/21 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **2021/1568/FUL** Mr Jason Wooton. 48 Careys Road, Pury End

Two storey extension to the side of the dwelling

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

b) **WNS/2021/0971/MAF Persimmon Homes Midlands** Land at Towcester Vale, Northamptonshire,

Approval of reserved matters for football pitches (Pursuant to outline planning permission S/2007/0374/OUTWNS Mixed use development comprising 2750 dwellings, employment local centre, education and sports uses. Outline application accompanied by an Environmental Statement)

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

c) WNS/2021/1610/FUL Mr Casian Pasqua Heathencote Lodge, Shutlanger

Stand alone car port

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

d) WNS/2021/1570 MAF Persimmon Homes Midlands. Land Adj. Park Hall Farm  
Watling Street, Heathencote

Residential development of 211 dwellings with associated access, parking, public open spaces, landscaping and other associated works.

This application for 211 dwellings was so far away from Towcester that in walking terms would take at least 25 minutes thus vehicular transport would be required for daily living and commuting.

Formerly designated as an area for employment this need for daily commuting might indicate that Towcester would struggle in realistic terms as a local employment hub as many of the new residents in this proposed development would also have to leave the area for work and commute daily. The lack of a frequent public transport service from this site to onward connections further increases reliance on personal transport.

Paulerspury Parish Council also had concerns over traffic and transport, both from a safety, density of transport onto the existing infrastructure (ie A5), which was struggling to cope with existing development, but did note that Highways had commented and responded with a number of conditions, The Parish Council would hope these were monitored and enacted to mitigate traffic congestion and other transport concerns.

Another concern raised was that' this was an area of recognised and identified archaeological interest but the plans currently suggest more of a 'watching brief' with limited investigation, perhaps a more interventionist and broader archaeological survey investigation would be merited given the interest in the area.

This application was associated with a previously agreed planning application – S/2007/0374/OUTWNS. As such the policy in principle regarding residential development appeared to have been set out and agreed beforehand. However, this appeared to be an additional development, within the boundary of Towcester SUE, and facilitated through the previously approved employment space being a smaller area than previously anticipated.

Given the Policy Guidance on this matter, the Parish Council believed they could not object but would ask that our concerns be taken into account by the Planning Committee, specifically relating to the recommendations that - the overall quantum of residential development to be provided throughout the Towcester South SUE remained in accordance with that provided for in Policy T3(a) of the WNJCS, and the proposed development was not detrimental to the overall delivery of the SUE as required by approval S/2007/0374/OUTWNS

e) **WNS/2021/1680/LBC** Mr Stephen Wilkins 49 High Street, Paulerspury

Listed Building Consent for removal of existing roof light in kitchen as glass is blown and frame is damaged. Replace with Velux GGL PK04 solar conservation window including Velux solar PK04 blackout blind.

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

f) **WNS/2021/1678/FUL** Mr S Simpson. Cuttle Mill Bank Cottage, Watling Street, Paulerspury

2 no. Vehicle access gates to access road to front of property

Paulerspury Parish Council **OBJECTED** on the basis that this road should remain open in order to facilitate vehicle access such as utility vehicles, ambulances and waste collection vehicles all of which require a safe manoeuvring area on departure to save backing out onto the A5.

g) **WNS/2021/1707/FUL & 1708 LBC** Mr Stephen Wilkins. 49 High Street, Paulerspury

To replace existing glass conservatory roof with a terne coated steel roof with capped batten rolls. The new roof will make the conservatory more thermally efficient.

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

h) **WNS/2021/0512/FUL SNC APPROVED**

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

Actions are being taken to assert who is responsible for the tree.

j) **Spatial Strategy - comments**

Mr Westall would respond on behalf of the council.

137/10/21 **FINANCE**

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

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2588	Nordis Signs	Cricket sign	41.34
2588	M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office	684.92
2589	M Down	William Carey Memorial sign	247.80
2590	NCALC	Training	76.00

- b) Precept received.
- c) To consider the closure of the United Reformed Chapel. - Mr G Milnes, Synod Property Officer for the United Reformed Church East Midland Synod.

The Parish Council resolved to purchase the United Reformed Church burial ground in the sum of £1 on the assurance from Mr Milnes that the ground would only be transferred to the Parish Council once it had been cleared and renovated to the satisfaction of the council. It had been made clear to Mr Milnes that the parish council would not be responsible for any costs incurred prior to ownership. The clerk would liaise with Mr Milnes.

138/10/21 **CORRESPONDENCE - Consultations**

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

139/10/21 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

Hucknet had been summoned to repair a linkage on the climbing net which had separated.

Mr Westall and Mr Barker would investigate bollard options for the High Street entrance.

Matters raised in the Annual Inspection Report had been addressed for action.

- b) Rota 7/8 DB, 14/15 JS, 21/22 SW **28/29MF** Rota confirmed

140/10/21 **ROAD MATTERS**

- a) To record actions taken by the clerk

- Tews End Lane – A5 entrance – had been reported for repair.
- Grays Lane bus shelter cleaned
- Newbolt light reported for repair
- BT box Newbolt Close/Tews End Lane reported for repair
- BT cabinet facing the A5 re-reported for graffiti
- Fly tip on Westy Road reported to WNS

- b) Northamptonshire Highways recommendations regarding verges.

Verge issues would be reported to the regulations team.

- c) A5 entrance.

The quoted for clearance of a section of scrub ground on the A5 pending.

141/10/21 **COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH**

Dependent upon the sites planned being acceptable sufficient volunteers would be available.

142/10/21 **Q E II PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION 2022**

To report on the latest meeting.

Mr I Westall

To date on Friday June 3 Paulerspury Players would perform either a play or a Variety Show. Saturday June 4 would be the traditional Church fete with all the usual attractions plus additional games in the form of a climbing wall and another attraction to be confirmed kindly provided and manned by Mr Perryman and staff of Adventureways.

Sunday June 5 would be a Picnic in the Park with a band providing music, food vendors hopefully available. The Barley Mow are keen to take part in the Q E II Jubilee events.

143/10/21 **CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND THE WEBSITE**

Details of the Spatial Strategy consultation events to be publicised.

144/10/21 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

**THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2021** PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.