

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Thursday 28 April 2022 in Paulerspury Village Hall

commencing at 7:30pm

PRESENT: Mr. Westall (Chairman), Mr. Wragg, Mrs. Fish, Mrs. Westall, Mrs. Sawbridge, Ms. Dixey, Mrs. Gee

43/04/22 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were tendered by Mr Barker and Mr Baker and were accepted by the council.

44/04/22 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

None declared.

45/04/22 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 31 MARCH 2022**

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

46/04/22 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

Matters arising to be addressed via agenda headings.

47/04/22 **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.

No members of the public were present at the meeting. District Councillor Mr Barter had forwarded two items of information for councillors.

For the budget 2022-23 WNC Councillors had achieved an underspend of £33,000 and the new Highways Maintenance contract would be presented to Cabinet on 3 May 2022.

48/04/22 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) WNS/2022/0510/COND Land to the Rear of 2 -26 Grays Lane Condition 8 of S/2020/0670/MAF – Update.

The unofficial opening created on Grays Lane had been banned from use.

- b) Update on the dispute regarding the ownership of the ash tree (subject to a Tree Preservation Order) on Plumpton End.

Additional historic evidence recalled by residents regarding the position of the tree had been forwarded to the council's solicitors.

- c) West Northamptonshire Council – Housing Strategy Consultation

Following receipt of councillors' feedback Mr Westall would forward the response on behalf of the parish council.

49/04/22 **FINANCE**

- a) To receive April 2022 accounts, budget position and to approve payment of the outstanding accounts.

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2630	Paulerspury V Hall	Hall Hire	38.00
2631	Cancelled		
2632	PDC	I T Security	40.00
2633	M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office	712.77
DD	T G & P	Lighting	166.47
2634	K Dixon - Hancock	Jubilee Refund	20.00

- b) To consider the Risk Analysis.

The Risk Analysis had been seen by all councillors and was considered to be sound.

- c) To confirm the report of the Internal Auditor and the Annual Governance and Accountability Returns for 2021/2022.

The accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022 had been audited. Councillors had received the report from the Internal Auditor. It was noted that although the accounts and access details for 2020/21 had been posted on the website and notice boards the Notice of Rights had not been.

- i) To consider the Accounting Statements of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/2022.

Councillors had received the above documents.

- ii) To approve the Accounting Statements 2021/2022 by resolution.

Councillors resolved to approve the Accounting Statements. The signed documents would be sent to the External auditor – PKF Littlejohn LLP

- d) To report on the change to ANSVAR (a Not-For Profit and Faith charity owned financial services company) as the scheme provider for the parish council

insurance cover.

On the basis that this would not impact on our current provisions no further action.

e) Community Infrastructure Levy award.

£8,122.36 had been paid to the council via this scheme. Consideration would be given to its use.

50/04/22 **CORRESPONDENCE** – none received.

51/04/22 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

Mr. Westall would take a supply of water to the recently planted whips. Sadly litter had been found around some tables.

b) Rota **31/1 JS**, 7/8MF, 14/15 SW, 21/22 TD, **28/29 S Wragg**. - confirmed

52/04/22 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk

- Careys Road/Fairfield/Lower Street potholes filled. To report - potholes in Park Lane.
- Anglian Water contacted regarding the water leak on Plumpton End and for re instatement of the grass verge on Plumpton End.
- Anglian Water contacted again regarding the water leak on Grays Lane which was now creating a potential slip hazard due to algae growing on the pavement.
- Concern raised regarding RU22 – Cuttle Mill – where access was not clear. An application had gone to the Definitive Map Team at WNC seeking a diversion by re-routing the path.

b) Community Speed Watch Update

Mrs S Westall

A box had been installed in the village to record traffic movements prior to the Speed watch initiative taking place.

c) A5 Towcester Corridor Improvements Consultation.- Workshop 19 May 2022

53/04/22 **UNITED REFORMED CHAPEL**

Update on work carried out to date. A new access had been created with two gates for entry. Mr Finn (Monumental Memorials of Towcester) would be re-locating memorials which were either preventing the installation of the new access path or were potential trip hazards.

Paulerspury Players had donated £250 towards the establishment of the Remembrance Garden.

54/04/22 **ALLOTMENTS**

To consider the renewal of the lease for the Western Power sub station.

A 21 year lease would realise a one off payment of £1500. A solicitor would need to be employed to oversee this transaction. The sum of £650 had been offered by Western Power to cover that cost. Further consultations were required.

55/04/22 **Q E II PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION 2022**

To report on programme developments

Mr I Westall

Fliers detailing the three day event would be hand delivered (mid May) to every household in the parish. Arrangements were progressing satisfactorily.

56/04/22 **VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Clerk

Bookings remain quite good. The projected rise in energy costs would potentially double the annual expenditure taking it to iro £9300. This will be addressed at the next meeting- AGM 13 July 2022

Apart from the Jubilee event there would be a further fund raiser on 25 June 2022 – A Big Breakfast. The 501 Club has been terminated due to the lack of an operator.

Quotes were being sought to upgrade the heating system to a digitally controlled one.

A small amount of redecoration had been carried out.

57/04/22 **CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND THE WEBSITE**

Further advertising for the Jubilee event.

58/04/22 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

THURSDAY 26 MAY 2022 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm

The meeting closed at 9:05 pm.

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