

## **PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Thursday 30 June 2022 in Paulerspury Village Hall

commencing at 7:30pm

**PRESENT:** Mr Westall (chairman), Mrs Westall, Mrs Gee, Mrs Fish, Mrs Sawyer, Ms Dixey, Mr Barker, Mr Wragg.

72/06/22 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Sawbridge and Mr Baker. These were accepted by the council.

73/06/21 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

Mrs Sawyer

Items 77/06/22 a) and d)

74/06/22 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES AND THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 May 2022**

The minutes of the above meetings were approved and signed as correct

75/06/22 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

Matters arising to be addressed via agenda headings

76/06/22 **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.

Three members of the public were present. County Councillor Mr Barter had sent his apologies and had forwarded the following WNC updates.

- Planning Policy Committee on 28 June would be considering the consultation on the Spatial Strategy – possible outcome that the plan horizon would be reduced to 2041 rather than 2050. Logically fewer houses would be needed by 2041, but also logically there would have to be a new plan in 2041 rather than 205 which could simply put those houses back depending on how things look then.

- Employment areas – PPC will also review draft Supplementary Planning guidance, which would then be put out to consultation.
- Sponne Arcade car park – contractor appointed.
- £150 council tax rebate Bands A-D. Rebates to Direct Debit payers should now be complete. So far, approximately 41k have been asked, 17k have responded and 11k been paid.
- New highways contract presented to Place Scrutiny committee on Tuesday evening. It includes more appropriate KPIs, stronger contract management, higher spend and parish – level engagement.

77/06/22 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **WNS/2022/0829/MAF** Towcester Racecourse, London Road, Towcester.

Change of use of stables to mixed use stables and kennels.

The council understands that to house dogs and horses side by side as proposed is totally unacceptable. It was hoped that veterinary advice would be sought prior to this application being considered. Paulerspury Parish Council therefore strongly OBJECTED to this application.

b) **WNS/2022/0971/MAF** Manor Farm Green Energy Ltd. Manor farm, Alderton Road, Paulerspury.

Development of three agricultural silage clamps, two covered 5,000 m<sup>3</sup> lagoons and additional landscaping to the existing agricultural anaerobic digestion facility.

Paulerspury Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this application

c) **WNS/2022/1015/FUL** Land at Pury Hill Business Park, Pury Road, Paulerspury

Detached building for storage of materials, plant and machinery.

Paulerspury Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

d) **WNS/2022/1025/FUL** Towcester Racecourse, London Road, Towcester

Retention of two static caravans and a proposed static caravan overnight staff Accommodation.

Paulerspury Parish Council had considerable concerns regarding this application.

Heathencote is part of our parish and the increase in traffic was significant and gives rise to substantial problems for the residents.

Given how close the residences in Heathencote are to the stables the residents have suffered from the noise emanating from the dogs, particularly

in the early hours of the morning as they are presumably waiting to be fed. Noise continues to be heard at various times throughout the day which limits how the residents can enjoy outside life in their own grounds.

Powerful lighting was another issue with regards to this activity. Their controls do not take into consideration the fact that the huge volume of light pollutes Heathencote.

Clarity was required to determine the use of these caravans. If this application was approved the use of the caravans must be so conditioned that they are solely for the use of staff directly employed to manage the greyhounds.

Paulerspury Parish Council strongly OBJECTED to this application

e) Land to the Rear of 2 - 26 Grays Lane S/2020/0670/MAF – Update

The unofficially created opening near the A5 continued to cause concern. The clerk will contact WNS and ask that the contractors place a “NO ENTRY” sign on the fencing at the opening.

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

No additional information to date.

78/06/22 **FINANCE**

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

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2650	NCALC	Subscription	737.10
2651	P Village Hall	Jubilee Hire	40.00
2652	M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office	664.83
2653	S Westall	Jubilee Ice Creams	250.00

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

b) To appoint the Internal Auditor 2022-2023.

Mrs Fish was appointed as the Internal Auditor for the year 2022-2023

c) To confirm the insurance policy for 2022-23

Revisions had been made to the policy. These were awaiting the broker's confirmation.

- d) To confirm the lease agreement with Western Power for their cabinet situated on the Parish Council allotment site. See 86/06/22 a)

Discussions remain ongoing.

79/06/22 **CORRESPONDENCE**

80/06/22 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

- Goal posts removed for the Jubilee Celebration had been returned.

b) Rota 2/3 DB, 9/10 JS, 16/17 MF, 23/24 SS, **30/1 S Westall**

c) Annual Inspection.

Mrs Gee and the clerk had carried out the Annual Risk Assessment of all council property.

Issues to be dealt with:

- Greenery behind the shelter opp. The Vine House to be removed
- Dog faeces on basket ball court
- Net left behind by Towcester Footballers – clerk to email.
- Scrub Multi Game
- Remove suckers on trees near ditch
- Ash suckers at foot of large slide to be removed
- Small amount of rust on the multi play tubing to be attended to.
- Terracotta pot broken at base of gazebo
- Attention to ties on senior swings required
- Clean tel. box Pury End
- Screws required for the handle on the tel. box opp Tithe Barns.
- Paint the gate and stain the wood at the Allotment entrance
- Write to the adjacent land owner to let him know his fence adjacent the allotment requires repairs.
- Quote from Mr Blackwell for fence repairs to the roadside allotment fence.
- Two allotments being vacated this year.

81/06/22 **ROAD MATTERS**

- a) To record actions taken by the clerk – see 77/06/22 e)

b) Community Speed Watch Update  
Westall

Mrs S

Whilst no drivers had been caught exceeding the speed limit (29 mph the highest recorded speed) it was felt that it had been a worthwhile exercise.  
Several people had stopped to thank teams for carrying out the task.

82/06/22 **ALLOTMENTS**

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

See 78/06/22 d)

b) To consider revisions to the Allotment Lease.

It was resolved that no revisions were required at this time..

c) To consider actions regarding unkempt plots.

Contact to be made with plot holders.

83/06/22 **Q E II PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION 2022**

To report on the event.

Mr I Westall

A really successful event thanks to the work and commitment of many residents. The Dog Shoow was extremely well supported and enjoyed by all.

Whilst Sunday was somewhat wet stall holders were fairly content with the day. IRO £4000 was raised for the Church, nearly £1000 for the Village Hall. Final figures for the Parish Council involvement for the next meeting.

Letters of thanks to be sent to Ms Sharron Taylor, Mr Brian Lydon, Mrs Stella Watson and Mr Kurt Perryman without whose assistance we would not have had such a successful event..

84/06/22 **CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND THE WEBSITE**

Summer break.

85/06/22 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- Support for wreaths when placed at the War Memorial
- Security measures for the Village Hall.

**THURSDAY 28 July 2022** PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm

The meeting closed at 9:03 pm