

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Thursday 28 July 2022 in Paulerspury Village Hall

commencing at 7:30pm

PRESENT: Mr Westall (Chairman), Mr Baker (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Sawyer, Mr Barker, Mrs Westall, Mrs Fish.

86/07/22 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were tendered by Mrs Gee, Mr Wragg, Ms Dixey and Mrs Sawbridge and were accepted by the council

87/07/23 **CO-OPTION TO THE COUNCIL**

Councillors present resolved that Mr Simon Trubshaw would be co-opted to the Parish Council. Mr Trubshaw signed that he undertook to abide by the Council's Code of Conduct

88/7/21 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

None to declare.

89/07/22 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30 JUNE 2022**

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

90/07/22 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

Matters arising to be addressed via agenda headings

91/07/22 **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.

One member of the public was present – County Councillor Mr William Barter

Mr Barter reported that the Planning Policy Committee when reviewing the Spatial Strategy had resolved not to look so far ahead but just up to

2041. Logically this implies fewer houses in this plan, but also a need for a successor plan for 2041 onwards at some point.

The Employment Areas – Supplementary Planning Guidance was out for consultation. Control over the numbers of large sheds was an ambition due to their lack of employment opportunities given the dynamics of West Northamptonshire’s population. It was therefore desirable to add a fourth category to the existing small, medium and large enterprises categories.

Contractors had been engaged to demolish the former Co-Op site in the Sponne Shopping Centre, Towcester and replace it with a car park.

41,000 application letters regarding the A-D Band rebates had been sent out to non-direct debit payers with 17,000 responses received. The application deadline was 31 July.

The new Highways contract had been signed with the contractor Keir. More money would be available but stronger contract management and appropriate key performance indicators would be in place in order to monitor the works. A Task and Finish group had been set up to scrutinise the contract of which Mr Barter was a member.

92/07/22 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

The report by the Land Surveyors was awaited.

93/07/22 **FINANCE**

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

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
DD	Total Energies	Lighting	126.45
2658	M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office	666.63

It was resolved to approve the accounts, budget position and payment of the above accounts.

b) To confirm the insurance policy for 2022-23

The revised policy was awaited.

c) To confirm the lease agreement with Western Power for their cabinet situated on the Parish Council allotment site. See 96/07/22

the The Parish Council resolved that if required it would cover the shortfall in amount offered by Western Power for solicitor oversight of the lease.

- d) To consider an attachment to the War Memorial to support tributes.

This would be addressed in November 2022

94/07/22 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) 75th Northants CALC Annual Conference Saturday 1 October 2022
- b) Plant a tree for Jubilee - PPC felt that trees planted to date were sufficient.
- c) Civility and Respect Pledge
- d) The Chairman had responded to the letter sent by Mr Hosken.

95/07/22 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

A new bar would be made by Mr Baker in order to attach pigeon deterrents to the top of the senior swings. Ties were also required on the goal nets.

Mr Westall would attend to the splinter hazard now evident on the “S” shaped seat and would also check on the newly planted saplings.

- b) Rota 6/7 SG, 13/14 S.Wragg, 20/21JS, **27/28 RB**

96/07/22 **ROAD MATTERS**

- a) To record actions taken by the clerk

The clerk had reported to Gigaclear the continuous whining noise emanating from the cabinet at the junction of High Street with Kennel Lane.

been Mrs Sawyer reported that the “Heathencote” sign nearest the A5 had been damaged. Efforts would be made to re-instate it.

97/07/22 **ALLOTMENTS**

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

See 93/07/22

b) Rents, fence and entrance.

Due to the condition of plots 7 and 9 it was resolved that rent would be waived for the first year of the new tenancies.

A quote would be provided at the next council meeting for the refurbishment of the allotment entrance.

98/07/22 **VILLAGE HALL REPORT**

Mr Barker

Mr Barker had attended the Annual Meeting of the Village Hall and the ordinary meeting.

Due to repairs to the leaking roof a "loss" of £5,000 was recorded. The bank account stood at £18,858. Rents would remain as set for the present time. Whilst the 501 Club had closed £300.00 had been received from the Parish Council and £100.00 from Plum Park. Mr Barnes was investigating a new scheme - 100/200 Club. Various fund raising ideas were being considered.

A more efficient way of controlling the heating system was being sought.

CCTV/cameras/signage were methods being explored in order to combat misuse of the outside areas.

99/07/22 **TO APPOINT A COUNCILOR TO THE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE**

It was resolved that Mr Trubshaw would be appointed to the committee.

100/07/22 **CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND THE WEBSITE**

Nothing to add at this present time.

101/07/22 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Due to the popularisation of electric vehicles the clerk would investigate the permissibility of laying cables across public footpaths.

THURSDAY 25 August 2022 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm

