

# **PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Thursday 25 August 2022 in Paulerspury Village Hall

commencing at 7:30pm

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

102/08/22 **APOLOGIES** None

103/08/22 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

Mr Barker Item 107/08/22 b)

104/08/22 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28 July 2022**

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

105/008/22 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

Matters arising to be addressed via agenda headings

106/08/22 **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.

Two members of the public were present including County Councillor Mr Barter.

The Local Government Boundary Commission was conducting a consultation on ward boundaries for West Northamptonshire. Mr Barter explained that by significantly reducing the number of councillors it would make it difficult for those remaining to adequately serve on the numerous committees which was necessary for the business of the council to be conducted satisfactorily.

Concerns were raised regarding the perceived speeding of some vehicles through the parish. A Community Speed Watch sign would be relocated to Pury End.

a) WNS/2022/1561/LDE Mr Paul Davey-Turner, Land North of 40 Tews End Lane, Paulerspury

Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of an addition of gate to boundary.

Paulerspury Parish Council had NO COMMENTS to make regarding this application.

b) WNS/2022/1657/FUL Mrs J Lepper. 36, High Street, Paulerspury

Demolish existing dilapidated workshop and to build 1no detached dwelling with 2 off-road car parking spaces.

Policy SS2 of the South Northamptonshire Local Plan and Government guidance in Section 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework requires that an adequate and safe access is provided to sites.

This application is for a dwelling on a section of Paulerspury High Street which could be classed as a single carriage road. Cottages along this road were constructed before cars were invented. Consequently each cottage can have two cars parked on the road at any one time. Near misses – one occurred as recently as the 24 August 2022 - are frequent as drivers see their chance of getting through only to be thwarted by an oncoming vehicle. Paulerspury Village Design Statement Principle 14 requires that any development that may exacerbate problems such as this should be resisted.

The space allocated for parking is on the borders of the minimal allowed. Roadside parking would therefore be the norm for anything other than the smallest cars available. Vehicles could not access and egress in a forward gear resulting in highway safety concerns both for other road users and pedestrians.

The proposed dwelling, being set well back, is out of line with the adjacent cottages. This is not in keeping with the character of the cottages which sit close to the pavement reflecting their history - Policy SS1 3.3.2 Setting and Coalescence.

Paulerspury Parish Council OBJECTS to this application would ask that the case officer ensures the person responding on behalf of Highways visits the site to see the actual conditions prevailing along this section of the High Street before determining an opinion.

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

Land surveyors report awaited.

d) Local Government Boundary Review. –See 106/08/22

To consider :

- the number of Councillors elected to the Council,
- the number & names of wards,
- the ward boundaries and,
- the number of Councillors per ward.
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Consultation closes 7 November – Agenda item 29 September 2022

108/08/22 **FINANCE**

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

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2663	D Barker	Avian defence mechanism	4.42
2664	B M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office	719.56
2665	Paulerspury V. Hall	Hall Hire	19.00
2666	SNAST	Subscription	25.00

of The Council resolved to approve the accounts, budget position and payment of the above accounts also including cheque no. 2667 in the sum £216 payable to The Defib Store. This will provide replacement batteries for the two parish defibrillators.

b) To confirm the insurance policy for 2022-23

A copy of the revised policy was still awaited.

c) To confirm the External Auditor – Smaller Authority Audit Appointments (SAAA) Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 for the period 2022-23 until 2026-27

The Council resolved to continue to employ the services of the NCALC appointed External Auditor.

d) Mrs Fish acting as Internal Control had carried out an inspection of the financial accounts. Nothing untoward was discovered.

109/08/22 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None received

110/08/22 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

Mr Baker had attached avian deterrents to the swings in order to prevent bird droppings contaminating the equipment.

- FIT Inspection due September 2022.
- Inspection of the trees commissioned.

b) Rota 3/4 TD, 10/11 IW, 17/18 MD, **24/25 DB** - confirmed

111/08/22 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk

- Deterioration of the entrance to Grays Close reported
- Ongoing conversation with WNC regarding the posters now adorning the “box” at the entrance to the village from the A5.
- Gigaclear have silenced the cabinet at the entrance to Kennel Lane.

b) Heathencote sign re-instatement. – awaited.

112/08/22 **ALLOTMENTS**

a) Fence repair.

It was resolved to accept the quote tendered in the sum of £175.00

b) Entrance refurbishment.

It was resolved to accept the quote tendered in the sum of £100.

c) Rents and water dues had been sent out to tenants.

113/08/22 **CHAIRMAN’S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND THE WEBSITE**

Due to the current drought the chairman would ask residents not to risk holding bonfires etc which could swiftly result in causing a major disaster.

Despite a successful “Speed Watch” initiative vehicles were still perceived to be speeding. The chairman would highlight this also.

114/08/22 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- Consideration would be given to the provision of Vehicle Activated Signs.
- Enquiries would be made regarding the provision of Highway road signs indicating the turning into Plum Park Manor.

**THURSDAY 29 September 2022** PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm

Meeting Room.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm