

## **PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL**

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Thursday 15 December 2022  
in Paulerspury Village Hall Meeting Room

commencing at 7:30pm

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

#### 154/12/22 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mrs Sawyer and Mr Wragg and were accepted by the council.

#### 155/12/22 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

Mrs Sawbridge Item 160/12/22 c)

#### 156/12/22 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24 NOVEMBER 2022**

The minutes were approved and signed as correct.

#### 157/12//22 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

Matters arising to be addressed via agenda headings

#### 158/12/22 **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.

A consultation would ensue to consider the proposed West Northants Council budget. WNS was proposing to raise Council Tax by 4.99% in order to generate additional funding of approximately £11.5m towards bridging the £60m shortfall forecast for 2023-2024 budget shortfall of £60 m. 2022-2023 currently had an overspend of £3.7m but it was hoped this would drop

gradually through the remaining financial year. The largest expenditures of the demand led services were for childrens' welfare and social care.

Currently there were 31 vacancies within the Planning Department (98 full complement), 12 were being covered by agency staff. A joint educational programme with Oxford University had been instigated.

159/12/22 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **WNS/2022/2309/FUL** Mr S Feven Little Farm, Careys Road, Pury End

Two storey side extension. No Objections.

b) **WNS/2022/2332/FUL** Mr S Simpson Cuttle Mill Bank Cottage, Watling Street, Paulerspury

2 No. Vehicular 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 of departure to save having to reverse out onto the A5 trunk road.

The concern regarding access was on the southern access point as the northern entrance seems to have been addressed.

Response awaited from National Highways regarding current ownership of this stretch of highway.

c) **WNS/2022/0079/COND.** Snowdon Homes. Land to the rear of 2 to 26 Grays Lane Paulerspury.

Boundary condition. No Objections

d) **WNS/2021/2154/FUL** Mr and Mrs Mark and Justine Gill Briary Cottage Lumber Lane, Paulerspury – new date January 2023

160/12/22 **FINANCE**

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

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2692	N J Blackwell	Mowing and Turfing	875.16
2694	B M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office	841.52
2693	B M Down	I T and Telephone 6 months	183.56
2695	Anglian Water	Allotment Supply	126.17

December Meeting additions

2687 SLCC £146.00 Membership

2688 N CALC LTD £112.60 VAT

2696 R Smart £3.35 Past Edition Local Council Administration

The above payments were approved for payment.

Cheques paid post November meeting.

2685 Paulerspury Village Hall 19.00 Hall Hire

2686 M Down £852.32 – includes pay backdated to April

2689 Electricity Network Ltd £1122.60 – Street Lighting work

2691 DNH Contracts £100.08 Waste Bin Service

- b) To consider future remedial and updating works to the parish street lighting scheme.

Following an inspection all wooden street light columns deemed unsafe would be replaced. Where possible spare parts to be used when lights failed. If total replacement was required then a 11.1 Watt LED light fitting would be supplied. An ornate column would replace the unsafe wooden column on Drs' Green.

Residents in Heathencote would be contacted to ascertain their preference for the location of a street light.

- c) To consider donations to Village Groups

£550 would be donated to Paulerspury Village Hall and £550 to St James the Great Parish Church.

- d) To consider Home-Start Daventry and South Northants (Home-Start).

January 2023 agenda item.

- e) To consider the Warm Welcoming Spaces Grant scheme

There was no space available to assist with this project.

- f) To consider the invitation to install electric vehicle charge points.

This was not considered to be a viable proposition.

- g) To consider the precept for 2023-2024

Councillors would receive a draft budget by 6 January 2023 for ratification on 11 January 2023.

161/12/22 **CORRESPONDENCE** - None received

162/12/22 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

The Primary School would be asked whether the defibrillator cabinet could be raised upwards on the wall to facilitate ease of use.

b) Rota 8/9 MD, 15/16TD, 22/23 SW, **29/30SG** - Confirmed

163/12/22 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

- Upstanding sewer lid reported to Anglian water – adjacent no. 7 Stony Hill.
- Deep pothole Plumpton End.

164/12/22 **ALLOTMENT**

Update regarding the contested ownership of the Protected Ash Tree.

Following receipt of the Addendum to the Land Surveyor's report Mr Hosken residing at The May Flowers, Plumpton End had conceded that the ash tree under the TPO was not on land belonging to Paulerspury Parish Council.

165/12/22 **CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND THE WEBSITE**

Mr Westall would request that books were not deposited on the floor of the libraries and that books were the only items to be placed within the libraries.

166/12/22 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY 2023** PAULERSPURY VILAGE HALL 7:30 pm

**THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2023** PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm  
Meeting Room.

The meeting closed at 8:25 pm

