

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Thursday 24 NOVEMBER 2022

in Paulerspury Village Hall Meeting Room

commencing at 7:30pm

PRESENT: Mr Westall (chairman), Mr Baker (Vice Chairman), Mrs Sawyer, Mrs Fish, Mrs Westall, Mr Wragg, Mrs Sawbridge, Mr Trubshaw, Mr Barker.

141/11/22 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Ms Dixey and Mrs Gee which were accepted by the council.

142/11/22 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.* – None declared

143/11/22 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 OCTOBER 2022**

With the addition of the comments of County Councillor Mr Barter to be added the minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed as correct.

144/11/22 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

Matters arising to be addressed via agenda headings

145/11/22 **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.

Mr Barter reported that the overspend of £7m by Northamptonshire Council had been reduced to a forecast outturn of £4m for the end of the current financial year.

The new Highways Contract would be monitored to ensure it was strategic. An ambitious target of 63 key performance indicators had been set.

A resident sought to be assured that the Parish Council would in future be represented at the Remembrance Service held at St James' the Great Church.

146/11/22 **PLANNING MATTERS**

None.

147/11/22 **FINANCE**

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

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
	B M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office (Confirmed)	TBC

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

Mr Linford of Electricity Network Contractors attended the meeting to confirm the required remedial work to be undertaken on several light poles in the parish. A report on the condition of those needing repair or replacement was given to councillors. Work was to be actioned as soon as possible. Electricity Network Contractors were confirmed as our lighting contractors henceforth.

c) To consider the Coronation of King Charles III - 6 May 2023

It was resolved that £1,000 would be earmarked in the forthcoming budget for 2023-2024.

148/11/22 **CORRESPONDENCE**

To consider the renewal of the lease for the sub station situated on the Allotment site

It was resolved that the clerk would consult with the solicitor.

149/11/22 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

b) Rota 3/4 SG, 10/11DB, 17/18 JS, 24/25 S.Westall, **31/1MF**

c) To consider the Annual Play Inspection Report 2022.

Councillors had received the report. Items for attention would be addressed accordingly. The biennial inspection of the Zip Wire would take place in 2023.

150/11/22 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

Mill Lane, having reported the considerable uplift of the crown in Cuttle Lane, had been informed by Highways that it was an historic highway which had never actually been constructed. Most historical unconstructed routes were just surfaced and resurfaced over the years. Short of an expensive reconstruction there was unfortunately not a lot Highways could do.

In terms of the standard of maintenance on roads such as this Highways would maintain it to the standard for the type of traffic using it and the frequency of traffic. As a low trafficked, narrow carriageway, this road would never realistically be maintained to a high standard. Highways would continue to inspect and action any safety defects which appear. However, in the meantime, they would be placing signs up for motorists warning of the uneven road surface etc

151/11/22 **VILLAGE HALL**

Mr Barker

Mr Barker reported that the committee had sought and received a considerable reduction (20p/kWh) in the price of their electricity to April 2023. Further investigations were underway regarding more efficient methods of heating the building.

152/11/22 **CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND THE WEBSITE**

Nothing to report for the forthcoming edition.

140/10/22 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER 2022 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm

Meeting Room.

The meeting closed at