

## **PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Thursday 23 February 2023  
in Paulerspury Village Hall Meeting Room

commencing at 7:30pm

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

18/02/23 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mrs Gee and Mr Barker. These were accepted by the council.

Ms Tracey Dixey had tendered her resignation from the council. Casual Vacancy notices had been published.

19/02/23 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

None declared.

20/02/23 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 January 2023**

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

21/02/23 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

Matters arising to be addressed via agenda headings

22/02/23 **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 Ken Pritchard, Mr Barter having sent his apologies for his absence.

Mr Pritchard outlined various financial and planning items.

**WNC Budget 2023/4** The draft budget for 2023/2024 had risen by 4.99% which included 2% for the Social Care element. Police (£15 per annum) and Fire costs (£5) still to be added to the final individual Council Tax figure. This would give a figure of £1694 for a band D property = an increase of £1.55 per week. Council house rents would rise by 7%. For the year end of 2023 WNC was forecasting an overspend of £3/£4m.

The charge for Green waste bins would rise to £55 per annum with Black bin collections possibly moving to a three week cycle.

**A43 Link Road Roundabout**. Problems had arisen regarding the planning of this proposed roundabout. Opening time pushed back to 2025. The A5 Link Road roundabout is scheduled to be open by July 2023.

**Towcester town traffic management** Various options were being considered in order to limit the volume of heavy traffic through the town.

**Integrated Care Strategy (ICS)** The ICS would replace the Clinical Care Group bringing all services under one umbrella organisation.

**Towcester South Community Centre**. This was scheduled to open in 2024.

23/02/23 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **WNS/2021/2154/FUL** Mr and Mrs Mark and Justine Gill Briary Cottage Lumber Lane, Paulerspury – **APPROVED**

b) WNS 2022/1947/PIP Land to north of Longcroft Lane 2-4 houses

**REFUSED**

A letter of appreciation for this decision would be sent to West Northamptonshire Council.

24/02/23 **FINANCE**

a) To receive January 2023 budget position and to approve payment of the outstanding accounts.

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2711	Northants CALC	Training	45.60
2712	D N H Contracts	Waste Bin Service	100.08
2713	B M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office	862.73

Additional payments

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2708 N J Blackwell Parish Maintenance		£1003.10
2709 NCALC VAT		£112.60
2710 Electricity Networks Ltd Light repairs		£663.60

The budget position and payment of the outstanding accounts were approved.

b) To consider installing a speed indicator in Heathencote

Residents of Heathencote would be further consulted and Helen Howard of Keir would be asked for her advice. Old Stratford Parish Council having recently installed some signs would be contacted for advice also.

c) To consider changing the lamp post adjacent Orchard House..High Street.

This would be done at the demise of the current lamp post.

d) To consider adjusting the Defibrillator cabinet attached to the Primary School wall.

Adjustment on hold for the present.

25/02/23 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter of thanks received from St James' Parish Church.

26/02/23 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

b) Rota 5/6 S.Westall, 12/13 MF 19/20 SS, **26/27 JS** Rota confirmed

c) St. James' Parish Church was given permission to hold a dog show

on

Bank Holiday Monday – 8 May 2023

27/02/23 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

- Potholes in Plumpton End reported for repair.

Mrs Sawyer, on behalf of Heathencote residents, thanked the council for the restoration of the "Heathencote" signs.

28/02/23 **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

Mrs Westall

The dates designated for this operation will be between 29 April 2023 – 27 May 2023. There would be four slots per week with Kennel Lane and Stony Hill being the two approved locations.

29/02/23 **VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**

To consider the printing of the Village Newsletter

A resident was generously printing the Newsletter at their own expense. This was therefore an intended opportunity to raise funds for a village enterprise. The cost to residents for a printed copy would be £3 per annum starting April 2023.

30/02/23 **ASH TREE LOCATED ON PLUMPTON END ROAD.**

To consider correspondence received from PWS Surveyors.

A surveyor (Party Wall services) had been commissioned by Mr Hosken to write a report on their considered opinion regarding the location of the ash tree.

The parish council had forwarded the report to its solicitor.

30/02/23 **CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND THE WEBSITE**

Mention will be made regarding the future charges for hard copies of the newsletter along with a message regarding the increase in dog faeces (some bagged) being noticed around the parish.

31/02/23 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Minutes 15 December 2022 Minutes Item 164/12/22.

Mr Hosken of The Mayflowers, Plumpton End Paulerspury had requested an amendment be made to the above minutes.

“Contained within the response from Mr Hosken (28th November 2022) regarding the addendum to the survey commissioned on behalf of Paulerspury Parish Council, was Mr Hoskens acceptance of the findings of the land surveyor Mr McGarragh in relation to The May Flowers”.

**THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2023 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm**

**ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL**  
**MONDAY 13 MARCH 7:30 PM.**

.The meeting closed at 8:40 pm.