

# **PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council**

**held on 26 October 2023**

commencing at **7:30pm** in Paulerspury Village Hall (Meeting room)

**High Street, Paulerspury**

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

### 120/10/23 **APOLOGIES**

An apology had been received from Mr Trubshaw and was accepted by the council. Mr Corbett (emailed 6:15pm) with an acceptable apology.

121/10/23 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.* None declared

### 122/10/23 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 28 SEPTEMBER 2023 AND 6 OCTOBER 2023**

The above minutes were approved and signed as correct.

### 123/10/23 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

Matters arising to be addressed via agenda headings

### 124/10/23 **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.

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

The first draft of the budget 2024-25 showed a deficit. Demand led social services placed an increasingly heavy burden on the budget.

The new Towcester A5 roundabout was behind schedule (due to be completed by 30 October). Lessons had been learnt by west Northants Council and meetings would be held with National Highways.

From the members of the public a request was made for the advisory 20 MPH signs to be displayed in Pury End.

Residents from Newbolt Close in attendance at the meeting advised the council of serious issues regarding the drainage system in Newbolt Close should application 2023/7010/FUL be successful.

Safety issues regarding vision for motorists at that location were raised also the lack of adequate parking arrangements.

125/10/23 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **2023/7101/FUL Mr and Mrs Wyatt. 3 Newbolt Close. Paulerspury**

Erection of New 2 bedroom dwelling to include a change of existing three bedroom detached house (no3) on the site location into 2 x semi detached properties. The existing property will remain as three bedrooms and the new dwelling will have two bedroom.

Paulerspury Parish Council objects to application 2023/7101/FULL.

The grounds for objection were :-

- The plot was too small for this development
- The proposed additional driveway for the existing property would be on an unsighted bend. This bend in the road has history on safety grounds as only a three foot fence height was deemed allowable due to the fact that anything higher would obscure the view for drivers. A danger if there were pedestrians in the vicinity.
- The small cul de sac of 19 houses already has a number of cars parked on the street - planning laws at the time of this build were not so robust regarding parking spaces. This application proposes only one additional parking space - it is our understanding that any new development should have two car parking spaces allocated on site.
- There are 3 main sewers of great age situated beneath the land proposed for this property. To consider building over them was giving current residents much cause for concern. Can you please ensure that Anglian Water is made fully aware of this situation.

126/10/23 **FINANCE**

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

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2771	NCALC	Training	79.20
2772	Cancelled		
2773	B M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office/IT	758.34
DD	Total Energies	Electricity	265.66
Paid			
2769	DNH Contracts	Waste Removal Service	141.60
2770	Chris Knott Ins. Servs.	Allotment tenants (contra)	179.20

a) Budget 2024-2025 considerations. No new projects currently envisaged

127/10/23 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) WNC Interim Bus Policy Consultation – 19 November 2023 closing date.

128/10/23 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

- Brambles – Hedge cutting will be carried out.
- Basket ball net damaged. Replacement to be ordered
- URC branch – request for removal already in place.
- New notice placed on the gate of the allotment detailing entry requirements.
- Entrance bollard repair ordered
- Mantis Aerial Runway (Zip Wire) – query cost of replacement tyre buffer.
- Matting beneath the Zip Wire – From Hags –“The grass matting laid beneath the aerial runway I can confirm is fully compliant with the relevant safety standards”

b) Rota 5/6 S Wragg, 12/13 ST, 19/20 RB, **26/27 IW**, Rota agreed.

129/10/23 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

- Grays Lane entrance to Grays Close – reported for repair
- Plum Park Lane – potholes repaired
- Request for the removal of the orange hoarding at the entrance to the village via Grays Lane from the A5.
- A5 - request for action regarding the water run-off onto the A5 from the Sheepscombe Close development.
- Potholes down Tews End Lane to be reported

- The lease for the National Grid (formerly Western Power) cabinet based on the Parish Council Allotment site has been renewed for a further 25 years. Mr Hosken had stated that the Parish Council owned the land in front of the cabinet and leased it to National Grid. Mr Ladyman, Wayleaves and Legal issues for National Grid, confirmed that this was not the case – National Grid had easement rights in order to access all their estates.

130/10/23 **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY WREATH LAYING**

To determine Parish Council representation.

Mr Baker volunteered to lay the wreath on behalf of the council at the Remembrance Service to be held on Sunday 11 November 2023.

131/10/23 **AOB:** Proposal in respect of personal visits undertaken by Councillors on official business.

There would be a formal proposition at the next meeting of the council.

132/10/23 **CHAIRMAN’S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND THE WEBSITE**

- A request regarding the need to pick up dog faeces and to keep dogs under control in public places.
- A request for litter not to be dropped in the parish

133/10/23 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

To request permission from the owner of the wall to the rear of the telephone box situated near Church Green for a volunteer to clear the ivy currently encroaching the box.

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

The meeting closed at 8:20pm.

