

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on 30 November 2023

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

PRESENT: Mr Westall (chairman), Mrs Westall, Mrs Fish, Mrs Sawbridge, Mrs Gee, Mr Wragg, Mr Barker, Mrs Sawyer

134/11/23 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mr Baker, Mr Corbett and Mr Trubshaw. Their apologies were accepted by the council.

135/11/23 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

Mrs Sawbridge and Mr Barker Item 140/11/23 e)

136/11/23 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 26 October 2023**

The above minutes were approved and signed as correct.

137/11/23 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

Matters arising to be addressed via agenda headings

138/11/23 **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.

3 Members of the Public were present. Councillor Mr Barter had sent his apologies and a report from West Northamptonshire Council (WNC)

- The WNC waste app had recently added a report function for problems
- Of WNC household waste, less than 10% goes to landfill. About half was recycled, and the rest was 'treated' which mainly meant incineration.
- 3-weekly collections for the black bin recommendations were subject to consultation but DEFRA 'recommendations' are now 2-weekly at worst making it unlikely WNC will go to 3-weekly.

- Re-use shops at Household Waste centres would be considered for inclusion in the new contracts which were scheduled to start in April 2025

139/11/23 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **2023/6635/FULL**

Petrol Filling Station Watling Street Paulerspury

APPROVED

140/11/23 **FINANCE**

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

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2781	Paul's Pury Services	Parish Maintenance	215.84
2782	SLCC	Subscription	148.00
2783	B M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office/Spinalls Field	797.16
2784	B M Down	Broad Band (6 months)	210.20
2785	B M Down	Remembrance Wreath ¹	28.99
2786	Paulerspury V. Hall	Hall Hire	25.00
2787	Electricity Network	Light repairs (2)	372.00
2788	DNH Contracts	Waste Removal Services	145.80
2789	SLCC Enterprises	Training	36.00
Paid			
2776	DNH Contracts	Waste Removal Service	111.60
2777	Paulerspury V. Hall	Hall Hire	50.00
2778	SLCC Enterprises	Training	42.00
2779	Acorn Nurseries	Tree purchase (Contra)	372.48

The above accounts were approved for payment

- b) To consider committing the parish council precept to an unknown term of unlimited expenditure (iro £4000 +) on a tree, legally proven not the responsibility of the council, without a nominated "statutory power" (required by law) to authorise this action.

Mrs Down, Clerk and Responsible Officer to the council stated that she would not be party to acting against the advice of the Internal Auditor.

The Arboricultural Officer at West Northants Council would be contacted regarding the criteria required when making an application to work on a protected tree.

¹ S137

A decision on whether to make a Pre Application with regards to further actions would be taken on receipt of that information. Notwithstanding the outcome of the information it would be expedient to kill the ivy growing on the tree – a separate species – at the earliest opportunity.

c) Internal Audit report 2023-2024

Councillors had received the Internal Auditors report. The accounts had been prepared on the correct accounting practices with no discrepancies.

d) To confirm repairs to the allotment fence (£280)

Repairs were confirmed.

e) To consider grants to parish organisations

£550 would be granted to Paulerspury Village Hall² and £550 to St James the Great Parish Church³

141/11/23 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) To consider taking part in the parish event to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy.

A grant would be made to support the Village Hall event⁴.

142/11/23 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

- Spinalls Field entrance bollard repaired
- Basketball nets delivered for installation
- An infestation of chafer grubs has been identified on the newly laid grass at the URC. This can be dealt with in the Spring.
- Telephone libraries overused as a place for unwanted books – note for the newsletter.
- Zipwire repairs confirmed but not yet implemented.

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

143/11/23 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

² LGA 1972 s 133

³ LGA 1972 s 215 (1)

⁴ LGA 1972 s145

- Potholes at the entrance to Grays Close repaired – white line re marking awaited.
- Newbolt Close reported for repairs but not yet at intervention depths.
- Ironwork near Orchard House realigned.

144/11/23 **STANDING ORDERS**

Proposal with regards to in person visits undertaken by Councillors on behalf of the council

Should a visit in person to a resident be required by the council in order to protect the council a minimum of two councillors should attend.

Any outcomes should be reported back to the council in writing and then be minuted

145/11/23 **CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND THE WEBSITE**

Request that unwanted books and other media forms rather than being left en masse in the telephone libraries should be taken to other destinations.

146/11/23 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2023 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm