

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on 13 December 2023

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

PRESENT: Mr Westall (Chairman), Mr Barker, Mr Wragg, Mrs Westall, Mr Trubshaw, Mrs Sawbridge, Mrs Gee

146/12/23 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Sawyer, Mrs Fish and Mr Baker. There were accepted by the council.

Mr Corbett had resigned as a councillor. Vacancy notes had been signed and would be posted publicly.

147/12/23 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.

None declared.

148/12/23 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 30 November 2023

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

149/12/23 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

Matters arising to be addressed via agenda headings

150/12/23 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.

Five members of the public were present. Views were expressed on Item 151/12/23 b). County Councillor Mr Barter had sent his apologies.

151/12/23 PLANNING MATTERS

a) **2023/5080/FUL 38 High Street Paulerspury APPROVED**

Paulerspury Parish Council was extremely concerned to learn that planning permission had been granted for Application 2023/5080/FULL which condoned on street parking as an acceptable facility for this property..Nobody has a right to park outside their property, so to assume there would be space in this street which already has only a modicum of off street parking was scarcely credible.

The assumption that only a single car space was adequate for this two-bedroom property was seen by the council as an improbable scenario, meaning additional vehicles could occupy vacancies in front of other properties, with the potential it leads to unnecessary neighbour conflicts.

Reference was made at the meeting to the Northamptonshire Parking Standards 2016 Document which states that streets must be wide enough to accommodate two lanes of traffic and the on street parking space.

The clerk would inquire whether policies had changed such that roads were now to be officially designated as acceptable parking spaces for new builds.

b) **2023/7912/FULL United Reformed Church, High Street, Paulerspury, HAMMOND TOWN PLANNING**

Conversion of former United Reformed Church to 2 no. Dwelling houses,formation of vehicular access and associated works.

Paulerspury Parish Council opposed this application on the basis that the parking arrangements would appear to be impracticable and potentially unsafe due to unsighted entry onto the thoroughfare. However, with regards to the overall plans proposed for the United Reformed Chapel itself, the council was fully supportive.

152/12/23 **FINANCE**

a) To approve payment of the outstanding accounts.

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2790	N J Blackwell	Parish Maintenance/Spinalls Field	1206.00
2791	SLCC	Training	42.00
2792	Anglian Water	Allotment Supply	22.66
2793	Paulerspury Village Hall	Grant	550.00
2794	Paulerspury PCC	Grant	550.00
2795	B M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office/Allotment	743.60

b) To consider a grant to Fields in Trust

A grant of £45.83 would be given to Fields in Trust.

c) To consider and confirm the precept for 2024-2025

It was resolved to maintain the precept at £26,500.00

d) Confirmation of TPO determination criteria.

The criteria defined by the TPO officer at West Northamptonshire Council accords with Point 8 of the Government Guidance Document on making a TPO application viz. Evidence should be provided that the tree has defects that may be of concern

e) 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.

Advice from Mr P Hutchings, the Parish Council’s arboreal expert, had been received. Mr Hutchings had assessed the tree and it appeared sound” and that therefore the requirements as defined by feedback from the TPO officer had not been met. Therefore at this time no action could be taken.

153/12/23 **CORRESPONDENCE** - none received.

154/12/23 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

The clerk was continually reminding Hags that they still have work to carry out on the Zip Wire.

b) Rota January 2024 8/9 SS,15/16 MD, 22/23 S. Wragg, **29/30 SG**
Confirmed

155/12/23 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

Numerous black sacks had been fly tipped on Westy Road – reported to WNC for collection.

156/12/23 **CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND THE WEBSITE**

A reminder to walkers that they should be aware that misuse in the form of dog fouling may result in the closure of permissive paths within the parish. Permissive paths are those that do not legally carry public rights of access. The landowner chooses to grant the public access but has the right to close them at any time.

157/12/23 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Despite attempts to contact an allotment holder via email, telephone and a door to door mail delivery by the clerk it has not been possible to contact this person. Given the state of the allotment Mr Blackwell would be asked to clear it in order that it may be occupied by a new tenant.

THURSDAY 25 JANUARY 2024 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm

The meeting closed at 9:00pm