

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on 29 February 2024

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

PRESENT Mr Westall (Chairman), Mr Baker (Vice Chairman), Mrs Fish, Mr Barker, Mr Trubshaw, Mr Wragg, Mrs Sawridge.

14/02/24 **APOLOGIES**

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

15/02/24 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

Mr Wragg and Mr Barker updated their interest forms.

16/02/24 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2024**

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

17/02/24 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

Matters arising to be addressed via agenda headings

18/02/24 **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.

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

Mr Barter reported that West Northamptonshire Council had agreed the budget for 2024-5 at £419.4m. Council Tax would rise by 4.99%. Risks to the budget were the financial requirements of the Childrens' Trust which were subject to needs. Since the formation of the Unitary authority the total of the economies of scale had reached approximately £90m.

19/02/24 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **2024/0582/FULL** Mrs Timothy 18 Scriveners Lane, Pury End

Single storey extension to rear and amending first floor windows to doors for access to Flat roof. NO OBJECTIONS.

b) **2024/0798/OUT** Mr and Mrs P. and K.Davey-Turner. Firdale House
40 Tews End Lane, Paulerspury

Outline planning application for use of The Barn as a separate dwelling unit from the Host Dwelling, Firdale House. NO OBJECTIONS

c) **2024/0351/TPO** Persimmon Homes. Woodland opposite Shutlanger Road. Tree works various.

Paulerspury Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to the above application but would comment on the lack of the implementation of adequate drainage when the roundabout was constructed. This had resulted in trees standing in water which would consequently lead to their demise.

20/02/24 **FINANCE**

a) To receive January 2024 budget position and to approve payment of the outstanding accounts.

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2803	B M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office	738.20
DD	Total Energies	Electricity	411.50
Paid			
2802	DNH Contracts	Waste Removal Service	111.60
2801	HAGS-SMP Ltd	Zip Wire repair	1327.20

The above accounts were approved for payment.

b) To consider a deposit scheme for allotment tenants.

A deposit of £100 would be required from new allotment tenants returnable but dependent on the satisfactory condition of the allotment being vacated.

21/02/24 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) To permit the Paulerspury Church Fete and Dog Show – Saturday 13 July 2024 to take place on Spinalls Field – public liability insurance evidenced.

Permission was granted

b) Letter received from Shepherd and Co Solicitors on behalf of Mr and Mrs Hosken, The Mayflowers, Plumpton End reserving the right to take legal action against the Parish Council citing – The Act: The Highways Act 1980.

The letter had been forwarded to the Parish Council's insurer. CEO of Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils Mr Moody had confirmed the council bore no responsibility for the ash tree on unregistered land. Council was also guided by the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, Sch. 8 para 1(1).

c) To consider supporting a shrub planting scheme on Scriveners Lane verge

The Parish Council referred the applicant to the Local Highways Authority.

d) To consider taking part in the Keir sponsored "Pocket Woodland" scheme.

No suitable areas could be found to implement this scheme.

22/02/24 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

- New ties required for the football nets -Lumber Lane end.
- Growth removed from around the telephone box on Lower Street, Pury End
- Zip Wire repairs carried out

b) Rota 3/4JS, 10/11MD, 17/18 MF, 24/25 SS, **31/1JS** - confirmed

c) To consider supporting a request to run a Sunday Football Club for children.

The council unanimously supported this proposal. Timing would be from 9am – 12 noon Sunday mornings. It was pointed out that the person in charge would need to acquire the necessary liability insurance.

23/02/24 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

- Grays Lane, High Street, Careys Road potholes reported for repair
- 3 street lights – Plumpton End and Lower Street repaired
- Orange hoarding at the entrance to Grays Lane from the A5 finally removed
- Continuing correspondence with various agencies to ensure the metal palisade fencing is installed at the newly created A5 roundabout at Heathencote as per the planning conditions.

- Continuing correspondence with various agencies in order to seek the removal of left behind metal work on the A5 after roadworks have been completed.

b) Speed Watch and custody of Policeman Cut Out figure

A rota had been drawn up by Mrs Westall for the forthcoming Speed Watch initiative.

Mr Westall would retain and continue to place the figure at appropriate locations.

24/02/24 **VEXATION AND HARRASSMENT POLICY**

To consider the adoption of the above policy.

Agenda item for the March 2024 meeting.

25/02/24 **CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND THE WEBSITE**

26/02/24 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Agenda item March 2024. Dog fouling a constant concern - new areas for consideration for possible additional dog waste bins

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MONDAY 11 March 2024 7:30 pm

THURSDAY 28 March 2024 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm

The meeting closed at 8:40 pm.