

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on 28 March 2024

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

PRESENT: Mr Baker (Vice Chairman), Mr Barker, Mrs Gee, Mr Wragg,
Mr Trubshaw, Mrs Sawbridge, Mrs Fish

27/03/24 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Apologies for absence had been received from the prospective candidate so this election would be held over until the meeting to be held on 25 April 2024.

28/03/24 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence had been received from Mrs Sawyer. This had been accepted by the council.

29/03/24 CO-OPTIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

Mr Oliver Corbett and Mr Stephen Wilkins were duly co-opted to the council.

30/03/24 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

None declared.

31/03/24 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 29 FEBRUARY 2024 and 1 MARCH 2024.

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

32/03/24 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

Matters arising to be addressed via agenda headings

33/03/24 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.

One member of the public was present – County Councillor Mr Barter. Mr Barter commented that yet again the lighting installed at the new Heathencote roundabout was malfunctioning.

West Northants Council had selected Mr Martyn Emberson as their preferred candidate for the position of Police and Fire Commissioner

34/03/24 **PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) **2024/1419/LDE** Mr N Taylor Stable Flats, Pury Hill, Pury Road. Paulerspury

Lawful development certificate (existing) for the occupation of part of stable range as two independent one bed flats

Paulerspury Parish Council objected to this application in that it is a retrospective application and therefore outside the rules.

- b) **2024/1071/FULL** Mr Frank Sykes 37 Lower Street Pury End

Reconstruction of two small extensions (one block and one brick) to create one larger space.

Paulerspury Parish Council had no objections to this application.

- c) **2024/0125/TPO** **Approved**
 d) **2023/7893/PIP** **Approved**
 e) **2023/5464/MAF** **Approved**

35/03/24 **FINANCE**

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

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2808	B M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office/A. P. Assembly	814.62
2809	Electricity Network.	Repairs to 3 streetlights	849.60
2810	Paul Dards Consult.	Internet Security fee	40.00
2811	NCALC	Training (Clerk)	50.40
2812	Anglian Water	Allotment supply	20.89
Paid	N J Blackwell (2807)	Parish Maintenance	1018.80

With the additions of the following cheques the above listed ones were approved for payment.

2813	DNH Waste Bin Service	£111.60
2814	Paulerspury Village Hall	£50.00
2815	K Mozdzynski SSL Certificate	£59.99
2816	Electricity Contractors Light repairs	£2560.80

b) To consider reducing the dusk to dawn lighting provision.

In accepting the fact that climate change was a threat to the environment and generations yet to be born, and in consideration of the move to net zero by 2030, the Parish Council resolved to install part night photocells to a proportion of the parish street lighting. These lights would go off from midnight to 6am which would lessen our energy consumption and thus the cost to the parish plus it would reduce our carbon emissions (CO₂e) generated by the lights and minimise light pollution. For safety reasons, lights around the street junctions in the village would remain on during the hours of darkness.

36/03/24 **CORRESPONDENCE**

37/03/24 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

- Monitor senior swings seats
- Monitor Lumber Lane entrance fence
- Monitor basket ball pitch for movement
- Clean children's play equipment
- Repairs required to the roof of the Westy Road bus shelter
- Uneven paving slabs at the URC to be resited.
- Replacement hedging whips to be planted.

b) Rota 7/8 SG, 14/15 TBC, 21/22 DB, **28/29 SS** – Rota confirmed

c) No rates to pay – confirmed by West Northamptonshire Council

38/03/24 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

- Concrete services cover unplaced on the High Street reported for re-instatement
- Loose kerb outside no 30 High Street reported for repair
- Lower Street street light reported for repair
- 20MPH Advisory signs ordered for Tews End Lane

b) To confirm that the Parish Council would continue to be responsible for all urban highway grass mowing 2024-2025

This was confirmed.

39/03/24 **Annual Parish Assembly - 11 March 2024**

a) To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting.

The minutes were approved.

b) Issues raised for the attention of the Parish Council:

i) Defibrillator demonstration requested – training course arranged for 16 May 2024 7;30 Paulerspury Village Hall.

ii) Light for repair Lower Street Pury End - reported

iii) Difficulty in exiting the village at the junction of Grays Lane with the A5 at certain times. It was resolved to seek a 50MPH limit from north of Plum Park Hotel to south of Plum Park Vets.

iv) Metal signage abandoned on the roads following work carried out by contractors employed by National Highways. Requests for removal had been made to no avail.

v) Retention of some Herras fencing at the entrance to Grays Lane from the A5. This would be retained awaiting further considerations for the use of this privately owned stretch of land.

vi) Additional routes to communicate with the members of the public to be explored. Various methods would be explored and considered at the meeting to be held on 25 April 2024

40/03/24 **VEAXATION AND HARRASSMENT POLICY**

To consider the adoption of the above policy.

It was resolved by the council to adopt this policy.

41/03/24 **COMPLAINTS POLICY**

To consider an update to the existing policy.

It was resolved by the council to adopt the updated Complaints Policy.

42/03/24 **TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL** Mr Barker

Recording a loss of £780 for the year 2023-24 this was in part explained by the extraordinarily high electricity bill received for the months of January and

February. The committee was seeking expert advice regarding this anomaly. Standard bookings were good and the Scouts had returned. Spring cleaning was underway with hall painting, car park clearance and attic clearance the priority tasks. New curtains had been purchased. Fund raising was going well with a Musical Bingo and D-Day Celebrations programmed.

43/03/24 **CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND THE WEBSITE**

- Litter Pick Event_-18/19 May 2024
- Information regarding the planned reduction in lighting
- Installation of a dog bag dispenser on Lumber Lane.

44/03/24 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

THURSDAY 30 May 2034 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm

The meeting closed at 8:50pm.