

# **PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**held on 25 April 2024**

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

### **45/04/24 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Mrs Sandy Sawyer was unanimously elected as chairman of the Parish Council

### **46/04/24 APOLOGIES**

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

### **47/04/24 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.***

None declared

### **48/04/24 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 MARCH 2024.**

The minutes were approved and signed as correct

### **49/04/24 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

Matters arising to be addressed via agenda headings

### **50/04/24 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.

Two members of the public were present including County Councillor Mr Barter. Mr Barter reported that following the resignation of the leader of the Conservative lead West Northamptonshire Council an election would be held at the Conservative AGM in May to appoint his successor.

The draft Local Plan will be available for viewing at The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester on the 8 May 2pm-6pm.

51/04/24 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **Local Plan Regulation 18 Plan – Draft**

Mr Wilkins had extracted the salient features of the plan and had circulated them to councillors. The key issues that were not dealt with in this plan were Housing Numbers and Village Confines, both of which should be confirmed in the Regulation 19 Plan to be issued at the next stage following the current consultation process.

52/04/24 **FINANCE**

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

| Chq. No | Payee          | Account details                   | £      |
|---------|----------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 2817    | B M Down       | Salary/Mileage/Office/I T Support | 751.59 |
| 2819    | R Baker        | Notice printing and supply        | 22.89  |
| 2820    | Northants CALC | Council services                  | 923.83 |
| 2821    | B M Down       | IT and Telephone (6 months)       | 174.39 |

Payment of the above outstanding accounts was approved.

b) **To consider and approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return and the Annual Internal Audit report.**

The Annual Internal Audit Report and the 2023-2024 Statement were presented to councillors. Sections 1 and 2 were approved by the council.

53/04/24 **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Response received from Highways England regarding the unclaimed metalwork and cones littering the A5 and surrounding routes following road works.**

Assurance had been given that all the above litter had been removed, The clerk had written to inform Highways England that that was not the case and a return trip to collect the remainder was required.

54/04/24 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

- Sand Serpentine seat (two places splintered)
- Paint Zip Wire

- Paint Football Goal Posts
- War memorial – gentle clean with washing up liquid
- Signpost by Barley Mow Garden Paint
- Loosen tie on the tree at the L Lane entrance and small tree by ditch
- Adult wooden bench clean and the floor beneath
- Tots Swings clean
- Slide Clean and underneath
- Basket Ball and Multi Goal Clean
- Senior chin ups – clean
- Goal Posts clean

All the above were resolved for action.

Other items considered –

- Verge damage at junction of Fairfield with Lumber Lane. Obviously large vehicles have difficulty accessing Fairfield from Lumber Lane when a vehicle was legitimately parked on the opposite side.

It was resolved that even if soil was placed in the grooves this would not prevent further damage.

- New nets for the football goals. These would be ordered.
- The footrest showing damage on the Springer Dog had been taped it up to save anyone getting scratched. Council would consider a replacement item.
- The light on Lumber Lane adjacent The Hawthorns was obscured by vegetation. The clerk would investigate action to be taken.

b) Rota for May 5/6 M F, 12/13 SW,19/20 OC,**26/27 SW** - Confirmed

c) Items raised for repair/ renewal –see above

55/04/24 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

- Longcroft and Lower Street reported for repair
- Signs recommending 20 mph for Tews End and Longcroft lanes ordered and to seek advice from Northamptonshire Highways regarding a permanent limit. – see above
- Proposal to seek a partial 20 mph official speed limit for Tews End Lane from no.40 to the school

b) To consider a one way system for Longcroft Lane and Tews End Lane

Advice received from Northamptonshire Highways regarding this proposal indicated several reasons for non approval.

56/04/24 **PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

a) To consider additional paths.

Mr Ollie Corbett

Agenda item next month.

57/04/24 **TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL** Mr Barker

Mr Barker reported the initial decorating scheme had been completed with the rest of the hall to be undertaken later in the year. New curtains had been provided. A very successful Musical Bingo event had raised in excess of £900

58/04/24 **CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND THE WEBSITE**

- To ask that vehicle drivers drive with care around the parish
- To seek a 50 mph limit on the A5 – Cuttle Mill to Plum Park Farm

59/04/24 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- Pury End Quarry- Proposed New Limestone Quarry

**THURSDAY 30 May 2024 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm**

The meeting closed at 8:35 pm