

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Mminutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on 30 MAY 2024

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

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

1A/24 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN¹

i) To receive nominations.

Mrs Sandy Sawyer was proposed for chairman by Mr Baker and seconded by Mrs Fish. Mrs Sawyer was unanimously elected as chairman.

ii) The signing by the chairman of the Declaration of Office of Chairman and his/her undertaking to observe the Code of Conduct as adopted by Paulerspury Parish Council on 28 June 2012

Mrs Sawyer signed the Declaration of Office.

2A/24 APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from Mrs Gee, Mrs Sawbridge and Mr Corbett. They were accepted by the council

3A/24 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

Mr Baker was proposed by Mr Trubshaw and seconded by Mr Wragg. Mr Baker was unanimously elected as Vice chairman.

4A/24 TO CONFIRM THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER.

Mrs Down was confirmed as the Responsible Financial Officer

5A/24 TO CONFIRM BANK SIGNATORIES.

Mrs Sawyer, Mr Barker and Mr Baker were confirmed as the bank signatories.

¹ LGA 1972 ss15(2)

6A/24 TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC BODY.

Paulerspury Village Hall Committee – Mr Barker was duly appointed

7A/24 TO AGREE THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE ORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

With the exception of the December meeting which would be held on Wednesday 11 December all other meeting would be held on the last Thursday of each month.

8A/24 TO APPROVE THE ASSET REGISTER OF COUNCIL PROPERTY FOR INSURANCE RENEWAL PURPOSES.

The asset register had been approved and insurance commensurate with the values confirmed.

9A/24 TO CONFIRM THE STANDING ORDERS AND THE ADOPTION OF NEW FINANCIAL REGULATIONS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL (and make amendments if recommended)

The Council's existing Standing Orders were confirmed without any alterations. New Financial regulations were adopted. All elements of risk were addressed via the council's Risk Assessment and were effectively managed.

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council 30 May 2024

60/05/24 **APOLOGIES** - as above

61/05/24 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.* – None declared

62/05/24 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25 APRIL 2024**

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

63/05/24 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

Matters arising to be addressed via agenda headings

64/05/24 **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 the new Leader of West Northamptonshire Council was Mr Adam Brown and Mr Matt Golby was the deputy Leader.

Dame Andrea Leadsom would not be standing for election as Member of Parliament for South Northamptonshire in the forthcoming General Election (July 4). Three candidates had been selected for interview for the position

Closure of the Shutlanger road for sewerage works by Anglian Water for a period of 5 months commencing in October was a cause of great concern to those living and trading on that route. Efforts would be made to reduce this time frame.

A representative of those in opposition to the proposed development - Stop 3000 Trucks.org - explained the issues which would arise should 9 warehouses (75,000 sq ft.) be permitted to be built adjacent the A5/508 roundabout between Old Stratford and Cosgrove be granted approval.

The parish council would send in a comment. See attached.

65/05/24 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **2024/2111/FULL** Miss Bowman Highfields, Cuttle Mill Lane, Paulerspury

Proposed Annexe - No comment

b) **2024/2400/PNHPD** Mr and Mrs Alexander and Sarah Angus
Lower Cottage, 8 Lower Street Pury End

Prior approval for the removal of existing conservatory, proposed single storey rear extension to create kitchen/family room.

c) **2023/7912/FULL** United Reformed Church Approved.

d) **2023/7893/PIP** Land To North Of 14 Longcroft Lane Paulerspury Approved

e) **WNC/24/00010/SCO** - Pury End Quarry

Scoping Opinion for Proposed Limestone Quarry and ancillary operations at Pury End Quarry, Westy Road, Pury End, Northamptonshire

Paulerspury Parish Council would ask that the serenity of Pury End be respected with regards to noise emanating from the site and operational hours.

Roads should be kept clear of quarry material and that no HGV vehicles access the A5 via Pury End.

f) Response to the Towcester Town Centre Survey

This online survey was aimed at the views of individuals.

g) Response to the draft Local Plan

The council would submit its response – see attached.

h) West Northamptonshire Council Stage Two Consultation for Community Governance Review - detail of proposed changes to parishes, and neighbouring parish areas affected.

No changes to Paulerspury Parish confines had been effected.

66/05/24 **FINANCE**

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

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2826	B M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office/Spinalls Field	799.79

Payment of the above account was confirmed also –	£
2827 Business Services CAS Ltd Insurance	725.68
2828 DNH Contracts Waste Disposal Service	145.80
2829 N J Blackwell Mowing	1155.60
2830 Electricity Networks (East) Ltd Street Lighting	5967.00

b) 2023-2024 Audit sent to External Auditors and Notices for the examination by members of the public posted on line.

c) To consider the renewal of the insurance policy - see 8A/24.

d) To consider the purchase of and location for a dog waste bag dispenser

After much discussion it was confirmed not to proceed with this initiative.

e) To consider maintenance of the seat adjacent to St. James' Church wall.

It was resolved that Mr Barker should purchase 6 lengths of green oak and carry out repairs to the seat. The residual amount of money donated for a memorial by the West family in respect of the late Mr and Mrs West, formerly of The Green, Paulerspury, would contribute to this.

- f) To consider a donation to the South Northamptonshire Community Responders – providers of the CPR training event.

Having given those present an excellent demonstration of the life saving equipment it was resolved to send the organisation £200 as a token of the council's appreciation.

67/05/24 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Update on the progress of the Towcester Relief Road,

Details had been received and had been posted on the web site.

68/05/24 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

- New football goal nets acquired – Mr Trubshaw to install
- Research to be carried out with regards to acquiring new Playground equipment via S106 money.

- b) Rota 2/3 June ST, 9/10 RB, 16/17SG, 23/24 S.Wilkins, 30/01 **DB** – confirmed.

- c) To consider removal of overgrowth on lamp post no. 20.

The electrical contractor was unable to remove this growth so a letter would be sent to the owner of the vegetation.

69/05/24 **ROAD MATTERS**

- a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

- Pothole adjacent West Tithe Barn reported for repair
- Two blocked drains on Vine Close cleared

- b) Update on the “One Way” proposal for minor roads.

This had been pursued by the council but the work would prove difficult to get approval for and prohibitively expensive.

20 MPH advisory signs had been erected in Tews End Lane.

- c) Update on the meeting with the National Highways inspector regarding the water egressing onto the A5.

his Mr Barker and the clerk had met with the inspector who would take findings to National Highways.

70/05/24 **D-DAY CELEBRATION 8 June 2024** - update
Barker

Mr

Arrangements for the event were going well.

71/05/24 **PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

a) To consider additional channels - agenda item June 2024.

72/05/24 **CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND THE WEBSITE**

The energy saving adjustment to the lighting system – midnight-6am certain lights extinguished.

73/05/24 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

AOB – It was noted that Mrs Amy Crawford had been appointed High Sheriff of Northamptonshire and Mrs Sandra Barnes MBE was a recipient of the Honorary Alderman title.

Money had been donated to the Newsletter so it was resolved to donate £100 to the forthcoming D-Day Celebrations and £100 to the Village Fete.

THURSDAY 27 June 2024 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm

The meeting closed at 8:59pm

draft West Northamptonshire Local Plan (WNLP)

Application Number WNS/2022/1741/EIA

WNC Local Plan in relation to Furtho Pit Development

Paulerspury Parish Council has for some time been concerned at the proliferation of warehouse in the district. It would seem we are an easy target but the time has come to say enough is enough. Traffic on the A5 during the morning and evening period already resembles a car park due to the increase in house building in the area.

From 3am onwards the southern end of Milton Keynes sees the beginning of a steady flow of HGVs and other delivery vehicles exiting from warehouses. If the proposed build here is successful then we can see further disruption for those wishing to get to work etc. via our already congested roads Having no near rail link exacerbates the transport movements required.

With the proposed DHL build to the North of Towcester, the A5 will have large warehouses at either end of a 10 mile stretch of single carriageway road, which will make an already bad traffic situation completely unsustainable, given that this road is the first place to lock up completely whenever there is an incident on the parallel stretch of the M1.

Servicing these vast units is mainly achieved by robots so the choice of work opportunities for those living locally is limited both in quantity and variety. Will this mean that workers will need to be recruited and thus transported in from regions some distance away adding further to the carbon emissions?

The proposed warehouses are relatively close to communities. Air pollution is a worldwide problem which this high concentration of vehicle movements will exacerbate causing possible health issues to local residents.

Paulerspury Parish Council therefore opposes this development.

draft West Northamptonshire Local Plan (WNLP)

Paulerspury Parish Council Local Plan consultation response:

The fact that currently plans around confirmation of the confines is a barrier to a full response at this stage.

Development areas south of the A43 by-pass (new roundabout) might have the effect of causing inadvertent coalescence between areas between Towcester and southwards towards Stony Stratford.

Dangers of coalescence also exist with proposals around Towcester Park towards Northampton, although it is to be welcomed that the priority areas for major housing developments are focused on Northampton and Brackley within the plan.

There is some concern over the use of, and identification of, exception sites. This is particularly pertinent in respect of the Self-Build policy where the definition of a local link is vague and there are concerns about the eligibility criteria and enforcement of the policy that defines the nature of a local link. There is concern that the Self-Build policy is being exploited by commercial developers as a loophole with speculative buying of land, including current rural or greenbelt defined land in the hope of future development opportunities and that the Self-Build policy in general is a weak policy. This is especially the case in terms of monitoring and of constructive engagement and dialogue with local communities where the development is outside current confines. The local connection test needs to be more rigorous, more local and enforceable through closer inspection from conception of development concept to occupation and the local communities affected with such 'extra-confine' development should have a role in this. There is a real danger that development outside confines is being facilitated 'under the radar' through speculative developers potentially utilising or exploiting ambiguities or lack of inspection as a loophole for development to the detriment of the character and nature of local communities.

There is a lack of information around these issues and areas of policy – confines and development – and local communities need the benefit of a further opportunity to comment on these matters to input into the response on the Local Plan effectively at a later stage.

There is a lack of definition around 'Employment Opportunities' – it would be useful to know in specific detail the areas where 'employment opportunities' have been identified to know in more precision the definition (beyond Warehousing) what these opportunities and ear-marked zones would include.

Policy section 10.10 – does it match the actual demography? Are bungalows and accommodation for elderly people or disabled parishioners actually being developed or built? When as the last needs assessment conducted?

