

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on 27 June 2024

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

PRESENT: Mrs Sawyer (Chairman), Mr Baker (Vice Chairman), Mrs Fish, Mrs Sawbridge, Mr Trubshaw, Mr Barker, Mr Corbett, Mr Wilkins.

74/06/24 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Gee and Mr Wragg. These were accepted by the council.

75/06/24 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

Mr Barker – post meeting - Item 80/06/24 Finance. Cheque no. 2836

76/06/24 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AND THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 30 MAY 2024.**

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

77/06/24 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

Matters arising to be addressed via agenda headings

78/06/24 **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.

County Councillor Mr Barter was the only member of the public present. Mr Barter reported that in the last financial year West Northamptonshire Council had had an under-spend of £200,000 and had balanced the budget for 2024-25.

The Draft Local Transport Plan would soon be released for consultation. Work on the the Towcester Relief Road was imminent with the end of 2025 the projected completion date.

79/06/24 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

Proposed Annexe

APPROVED

b) **WNC/24/00010/SCO** Scoping Opinion for Proposed Limestone Quarry and ancillary operations at Pury End Quarry, Westy Road, Pury End, Northamptonshire

Mr Chris Bean. Technical Director Wardell Armstrong LLP representing The Heritage Quarry Group. Unable to attend this meeting Mr Bean will attend the 25 July Meeting.

80/06/24 **FINANCE**

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

| Chq. No | Payee | Account details | £ |
|---------|--------------------------|---|--------|
| 2831 | SN Community Responders | Appreciation donation for their recent demonstration to members of the community. | 200.00 |
| 2832 | Paulerspury Village Hall | D-Day celebration contribution | 500.00 |
| 2833 | Paulerspury Village Hall | Hall Hire X 3 | 75.00 |
| 2834 | B M Down | Salary/Mileage/Office | 738.20 |

The above payments were approved for payment with additional payments –

| | £ |
|--|--------|
| 2835 Anglian Water Business (National) Ltd. Allotment supply | 48.56 |
| 2836 D Barker. Allotment repair and Public Seat repair | 267.50 |
| 2837 DNH Contracts Waste Collection Service | 93.00 |
| 2838 DNH Contracts Waste Collection Service | 18.60 |
| 2839 NCALC Clerk Website Training | 50.40 |
| 2840 CPRE Membership | 36.00 |

b) To appoint the Internal Control 2024-2025 – Mrs Fish was appointed.

c) To consider the provision of playground equipment for Spinalls Field

Should S106 funding be approved a small roundabout was considered to be a possible addition with repairs to the Rocking item to be carried out. Costs of the roundabout to be brought to the next meeting.

81/06/24 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Receipt of the Waste Carriers licence on behalf of DNH Contractors.

- b) An Anonymous email had been received. The council resolved that it was not council practice to respond to any further anonymous correspondence.

82/06/24 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

- i. Tile missing on the bus shelter, Westy Road
- ii. New nets installed on the football pitch

b) Rota July 7/8 DB, 7/8 JS, 14/15 MF, 21/22 SS, 28/29 **OC** – Rota confirmed

c) To appoint a councillor to assist with the Annual Risk Assessment of Council property - Mr Barker was appointed.

83/06/24 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

A report from the clerk regarding her meeting as a member of the Highways Operational Focus group had been given to councillors. There will be a more robust oversight of Keir's work in future. A more effective reporting system was now in place with three trained monitors overseeing highway works.

b) Speed Watch. Update on the initiative and consideration to deploy a vehicle activation sign for one month on a trial basis

for Speed Watch was ongoing. Pury End was resolved to be a suitable location a vehicle activation sign trial – actual site to be determined.

Enquiries would be made regarding adding supplementary warnings via the Speed indicator sign serving the Primary School.

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

Progress to date - We are currently scoping requirements with our TST (Technical Survey & Testing) contractor, this has been requested as urgent, but will require minimum mobilisation and roadspace booking periods, for which we can't supply an accurate start date at this point, we will advise when we have a definitive response

d) Shutlanger Road Closure

Mrs Sawyer

Mrs Sawyer reported that the proposed 5 month closure (starting in October 2024) to replace the water main would now be the subject of a public

meeting to be held in Shutlanger Village Hall with representatives of Anglian Water present –date to be arranged. The proposed diversion during this operation to direct traffic via the A5 to the Stony Stratford roundabout was totally unacceptable.

e) Drain covers in the region of The Barley Mow to be reported for repair.

84/06/24 **D-DAY CELEBRATION 8 June 2024** - report

Mr Barker

The celebration had been a great success with a profit to date of £801. Displays had been created by many village organisations illustrating conditions during the war.

85/06/24 **PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

a) To consider additional channels.

Mr Corbett would overhaul the current website provision and research professional website providers.

86/06/24 **CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND THE WEBSITE**

87/06/24 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

THURSDAY 25 July 2024 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm

The meeting closed at 8:37 pm