

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on 10 December 2024

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

PRESENT: Mrs Sawyer (Chairman), Mr Wilkins, Mr Wragg, Mrs Fish, Mrs Sawbridge, Mr Corbett

157/12/24 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mr Trubshaw, Mr Baker and Mr Barker. They were accepted by the council

158/12/24 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST** *for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.*

Mrs Sawbridge Item 163/12/24 c)

159/12/24 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 November 2024**

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

160/12/24 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

Matters arising to be addressed via agenda headings

161/12/24 **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 present. West Northamptonshire Council having drafted its budget for 2025-26 envisaged an overspend of iro £3m but hoped that this would be ameliorated during the year. A balanced budget had been set with a 4.99% increase. There was much pressure on costs hence redundancies were being sought.

162/12/24 **PLANNING MATTERS**

None received

163/12/24 **FINANCE**

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

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2874	Paulerspury Village Hall	Hall Hire	25.00
2875	Cuttlefish Multimedia Ltd	Website creation	1510.85
2876	B M Down	Salary/Mileage/Office	816.36
Paid			
2870	KOMPAN	Carousel	6548.55
2871	DNH Contracts	Wasted disposal service	145.80
2872	Paulerspury Village Hall	Grant for Land Registration	900.00
2873	B M Down	Tax Refund	189.68

The above accounts were approved for payment.

b) To confirm the precept for 2025/2026.

Councillors were presented with a draft budget spreadsheet for 2025-26. Council resolved to precept on West Northamptonshire Council the sum of £27,000.00.

c) To confirm grants to St James the Great Parish Church and Paulerspury Village Hall

Council resolved to grant the above named £550 each.

164/12/24 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None received

165/12/24 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

New safety matting had been placed under the Zip Wire mounting block.

The clerk continued to seek assurance from HAGS (installers of the Zip Wire) - that they were content that the space between the seat extended at the end of the ride in relationship to the supporting struts complied with the relevant British Standard. A point raised following the recent Playground Inspection.

b) Rota January 2025 5/6 SS, 12/13 OC, 19/20 S.Wragg, 26/27 SG

Rota confirmed

166/12/24 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk

- Fairfied Road footpath had been cleared of moss.
- The broken bollard sited on a concrete plinth on the A5 near Towcester Racecourse had been reported to Highways England. This is a cause of great concern as it was almost invisible to nighttime traffic and a potential accident spot.
- Failed lighting on the A5 – Cowpastures roundabout region – to be reported by the clerk.

the b) Update on the survey undertaken by National Highways regarding water egressing onto the A5.

The clerk continues to pursue this and has contacted West Northamptonshire Council highway contractor Kier due to the deleterious effect of the water flooding the entrance to Longcroft from the A5.

c) To consider the speed limit on the A5.

A meeting with National Highways would be arranged for early 2025. Potterspury Parish Council would be invited to attend.

167/12/24 **PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

Website progress

Mr Corbett envisaged the new website would be live late February/early March. He would migrate material from our existing website to the new website. A working party would be formed in the new year to consider content.

Once completed a mail drop to each household would be effected to inform residents of this new website for the parish.

Communications from West Northamptonshire Council would be via a separate link.

168/12/24 **CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND THE WEBSITE**

169/12/24 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

THURSDAY 30 JANUARY 2025 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm

The meeting closed at 8:19 pm.