

PAULERSPURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on 26 June 2025

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

PRESENT: Mr Baker (Chairman), Mrs Sawyer, Mrs Gee, Mrs Fish, Mr Wilkins, Mr Trubshaw, Mr Davey-Turner.

Mr Baker tendered his resignation as chairman.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

i) **To receive nominations.**

Mrs Sandy Sawyer was nominated and duly 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 above Declaration of Office of Chairman

74/06/25 **APOLOGIES** An apology was received from Mr Wragg which was accepted by the council

75/06/25 **MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on the agenda and update of Interests where required.** None declared

76/05/25 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AND THE ENSUING ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 12 MAY 2025**

The above minutes were approved and signed as correct.

77/06/25 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

Matters arising to be addressed via agenda headings

78/06/25 **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS** One member of the public present.

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.

78/06/25 **PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) **2025/2205/FULL** Mr C Newman, 14 Park Lane Paulerspury.
Addition of second storey to existing extension.
No Objections.
- b) **2025/1386/TPO** Property Risk Inspection Ltd 16 Newbolt Close Paulerspury

T1 Oak - Fell and treat stump with eco-plugs The above tree works are proposed as a remedy to the differential foundation movement at the insured property and to ensure the long-term stability of the building. carbon captured.

APPROVED

- c) “Tews End” was formally an historic location in Paulerspury Parish. The council is asked to consider reinstating “Tews End” similar to Pury End.
Mr Davey-Turner

The Parish Council supported this initiative and to include “Church End”.

79/06/25 **FINANCE**

- a) To receive the May 2025 budget position and to approve payment of the outstanding accounts.

Chq. No	Payee	Account details	£
2913	Paulerspury Village Hall	Hall Hire	25.00
2914	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Cradle Seat	179.02
2915	Paul's Pury Services	Asset Maintenance	380.89
2916	Risk Assessment Products	Charge-Pak for defibrillator High Street	183.10
2917	Cancelled		
2918	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Cradle Seat	178.80
2919	B M Down	Microsoft 2021	60.00
2920	N J Blackwell	Mowing	1245.00
2921	BM Down	Salary/Mileage/Office	839.30
DD	Wave	Allotment water supply	208.01

The above accounts were approved for payment.

Paid 2907 Paulerspury Village Hall	Hall Hire	£25.00
2910 MYES	Waste Bin Service	£117.00
2911 Risk Assessment products Ltd	Charge Pak	£183.10
2912 N J Blackwell	Mowing	£1155.00

b) To consider reimbursement of costs for the V E Day Celebrations provided by the Village Hall Committee.

The sum of £500 had been allocated to this event and would be forwarded to the Village Hall Committee.

c) To appoint the Internal Controller Mrs Fish was duly appointed.

100/06/2025 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) To consider views on remote meetings.

Paulerspury Parish Council was opposed to having remote meetings unless circumstances dictated it appropriate.

b) Update from Wellers Law re Village Hall Land registration.

The clerk had been sent several queries relating to the past and current history of the Village Hall which would be answered.

101/06/2025 **SPINALLS FIELD**

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

- Vandalism occasioned to numerous trees on the field. PCSO report

Following serious damage to several trees on Spinalls Field by young children the PCSO had been contacted. Due to the children being under 10 years of age actions were limited. The families had been contacted by the PCSO.

Proposals were discussed for protecting the remaining trees, in particular the mature ash tree. Due to time constraints a site meeting would take place and councillors were delegated to decide on what action to take.

- Two cradle seat replacements due to wear.

- Dog waste bin provision

West Northants Council and Rights of Way would be contacted with a view to placing a dog waste bin in Lumber Lane and on the High Street.

- Lumber Lane Steps ramp/repairs

Having received a quote for the suggested triple gradient ramp the cost had proved to be prohibitive. Mr Blackwell would be asked to repair the existing wooden railings.

- Ash tree enclosure proposal by Mr Bishop. See above.

b) Rota July 6/7 MD, 13/14 JS, 20/21 MF, **27/28 SS** Confirmed

- Bolts had been removed from the springer see saw.

102/06/25 **ROAD MATTERS**

a) To record actions taken by the clerk.

- Discussion with Mr Hubbard, 4 Grays Lane, re the entrance to his property now not accessible for his vehicles due to road engineering for the entrance to Sheepscombe Close.. Advised contact with Snowdon Homes as the site is still subject to S38 agreement.
- Meeting with Helen Howard (WNC), Mrs Sawbridge and Mr Davey-Turner to discuss various road matters.

Traffic volumes when the village became the relief road for the A5 in the case of an accident closing the A5 were discussed. Mrs Howard advised that should the proposed quarry on Cowpastures be given consent then an Amenity Weight Limit should be applied for to protect the village.

- Summary of work carried out to replace a telegraph pole which has punctured the drainage system on Tews End Lane.

National Grid and Kier attended the site but work was prevented due to National Grid determining it not to be an electrical emergency. A date for the work to be carried out would be forthcoming. Thanks to the on site assistance given to us by our electrical contractors – Electricity Network Contractors – the correct procedures were undertaken.

- To consider signage for Longcroft Lane and Tews End Lane which will indicate that they are “Ancient Holloways”.

Mr Davey-Turner and the clerk would pursue this.

- Dislodged kerbstone Doctor's Green reported for repair
- Permission received from the Rolls Royce Foundation to site the dog waste bin currently adjacent the notice board High Street/Stony Hill to their verge.

103/06/25 **PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

Update.

Mr Davey-Turner and Mr Wilkins

Progress was on track for completion with councillor and content details being agreed. There would be no commercial advertisements.

104/06/25 **ALLOTMENTS**

To consider adherence to the Allotment terms of occupancy

Tenants would be reminded of the requirement to adhere to the terms of the allotment lease with regard to crops. Vegetative material had been tipped over the boundary hedge. The tenant would be written to with a reminder that this was strictly against the tenancy lease.

105/06/25 **THE FORUM, TOWCESTER**

To consider requesting that West Northants Council meetings be held in The Forum, Towcester and not in the Guildhall, Northampton.

The Parish Council, concerned at the centring of the new unitary authority on Northampton, would be sending a letter urging West Northants Council to use The Forum in Towcester for meetings rather than always meeting in the Guildhall in Northampton. Having our own council offices – The Forum – in Towcester, residents, officers and councillors should not have to travel to Northampton incurring significant travel and Guildhall hiring costs and obviating a green agenda due to fuel usage.

106/06/25 **CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF TO THE NEWSLETTER AND THE WEBSITE**

Recent incidents of vandalism – terminal damage to trees on Spinalls Field and a glass pane shattered in the Grays Lane bus shelter, removal of bolts on play equipment in Spinalls field - would be recorded.

107/06/25 **MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

THURSDAY 31 JULY 2025 PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL 7:30 pm

The meeting closed at 9:40pm.

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