

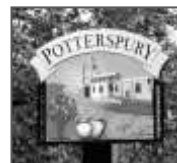
Potterspurty Parish Council

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MINUTES of the meeting of Potterspurty Parish Council held on Wednesday 10 January 2024 at 7:30pm in Potterspurty Village Hall.

Councillors present: Dr S Parkin (Chair), Mrs J Millidge, Mr G Lucas, Mr I Garbutt, Mr N Neubersch, Mr R Capps, Mrs J Blunden, Mr S Norris, Mrs B Silvester, Mrs C Nagle.

Parish Clerk: Mrs J Spence.

Apologies: Cllr Dring (away). Ward Cllr Barter.

Also present: WNC Ward Cllr Ian McCord.

Mr C Coppin, NHW Coordinator & Police Liaison Rep sent his apologies.

6447	APOLOGIES: <i>It was resolved to approve the apologies for absence from Cllr Dring.</i>	
6448	MINUTES: <i>It was resolved to approve as a true record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 December 2023, which were duly signed by the Chair.</i>	
6449	MATTERS ARISING: None.	
6450	DECLARATION OF INTEREST UNDER COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT: None.	
6451	MINUTES ACTION REPORT: Noted.	
6452	PAYMENTS & BANK RECONCILIATION: Cllr Silvester checked invoices and payments lists prior to approval and bank reconciliation documents.	
6453	PUBLIC FORUM: No members of the public attended.	
6454	NHW COORDINATOR & POLICE LIAISON REP: Mr Coppin submitted email report. Crime figures: November – SN 147 (Potterspurty 4). The Police Beat Bus visited on 3/1/24. Mr Coppin has updated PCSO Matthew Taylor on several issues.	
6455	WNC WARD COUNCILLORS: Cllr Ian McCord: 2022/0148/PIP (31/01/2022) 5-6 self-build dwellings in Poundfield Road – now being advertised on Rightmove. WNC Planning must ensure that interested parties be able to prove genuine local connection and PC should be consulted. Gritting in Potterspurty and Yardley Gobion – Cllr McCord contacted Highways to ask why not included in precautionary gritting but only in adverse conditions and to have them added to precautionary to ensure roads kept open – Highways responded that unable to review for current year but will consider in September review. Cllr Parkin raised the issue of several reports to FixMyStreet of blocked gullies in Church End and Yardley Road and leaf fall in High Street not being processed effectively or at all. Cllr McCord agreed several drains are full in Yardley Road and a more unified approach to cleaning and gullies clearance by WNC would improve service.	
6456	PLANNING (i) Planning Applications: None. (ii) Planning Decisions: 2023/5711/PIP Permission in principle for development of 8-9 customer/self-build dwellings. Land Poundfield Road. Decision 04/12/23 – Refusal. Noted. (iii) Other Planning Matters: (a) WNS/2022/1741/EIA Application for full planning permission for the erection of 9 x employment units comprising circa 69,744sqm GIA. of floorspace within Class B2 or B8 Uses, with ancillary class E(g)(i) offices and E(g)(ii) research and development, together with country park, ground re-profiling in the country park, new vehicular access from the A508 and associated site infrastructure, including lorry parking. Application accompanied by an Environmental Statement. Furtho Pits, Old Cosgrove Road, Old Stratford. Nothing new to report on application.	

(b)	<p>Stop 3000 Trucks emailed on 9/1/2024 asking the PC to reconsider their request for a donation to support the opposition fight against the application. <i>It was resolved to respond that the PC is supportive and are monitoring the application and have submitted several detailed objections, however, the PC maintains close financial controls and does not consider a donation to a non-accountable group is appropriate use of public funds.</i></p> <p>WNS/2022/0148/PIP: A previous application for 5-6 custom/self-build dwellings was approved 11/03/2022 and is being marketed on Rightmove. <i>It was resolved to contact WNC Planning and the agent Astrum Homes MK Ltd to ask how they will ensure a genuine local connection with proof of applicants' entitlement to apply for the plots.</i></p>	SP JS SP JS																																																												
6457 (i) (a) (b) (c) (d) (ii) (a) (b) (c) (iii)	<p>PLAY AREAS:</p> <p>Inspection Reports December-January:</p> <p>Meadow View: Cllr Norris gave verbal report and will submit report form by email. Mays Way, Blackwell End & Village Hall: Cllr Dring submitted report by email. Skatepark: Cllr Garbutt - weekly inspection reports submitted by email. Items requiring attention will be referred to Handyman.</p> <p>Inspection Rota: January-February:</p> <p>Meadow View: Cllr Neubersch Mays Way, Blackwell End, Village Hall: Cllr Lucas. Skatepark Weekly: Cllr Garbutt.</p> <p>Meadow View Play Area – object under bark: Cllr Lucas removed large concrete slab from under bark.</p>	SN JS																																																												
6458 (i) (ii) (a) (b) (iii) (a) (b) (c) (iv) (v) (vi)	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>Budget Report: <i>It was resolved to approve the Budget Report.</i></p> <p>Bank Balances: Total £70,954.82 (31/12/23).</p> <p>(a) Lloyds Current: £11,993.24 (31/12/23). (b) Lloyds Deposit: £58,961.58 (31/12/23).</p> <p>Receipts:</p> <p>(a) Lloyds Deposit: December interest - £121.66. (b) HMRC: VAT repayment 1/6/23-31/10/23 - £2,195.61. (c) PSSC: Rent 1/12/23-31/5/24 - £250.00.</p> <p>Budget 2024-2025: The Chair and Clerk signed the Precept Requirement form – Precept £58,330.00. Total Budget £60,210.00.</p> <p>PRG Charity: <i>It was resolved to approve invoice £75 for 2023 administration fee.</i></p> <p>Payments: <i>It was resolved to approve payments as listed below, checked by Cllr Silvester. To be authorised online by Cllr Parkin and Cllr Millidge.</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="261 1397 1402 1951"> <thead> <tr> <th>TR no</th> <th>PAYEE</th> <th>Net £</th> <th>VAT £</th> <th>Total £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>DD440</td> <td>15.1.24 Tesco Mobile</td> <td>6.25</td> <td>1.25</td> <td>7.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>441</td> <td>J Spence: Clerk December salary £904.13, mileage £16.65, office £16.50</td> <td>937.28</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>937.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>442</td> <td>HMRC: Clerk PAYE £226, Employer NI £51.35</td> <td>277.35</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>277.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>443</td> <td>B Osborne: Payroll services Oct-Dec 2023</td> <td>69.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>69.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>444</td> <td>A Stockton: Litter picking December</td> <td>100.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>445</td> <td>DNJ Contracts: Dog bins empty £144, new bin £168</td> <td>260.00</td> <td>52.00</td> <td>312.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>446</td> <td>R Phillips: Handyman labour and materials</td> <td>555.25</td> <td>26.49</td> <td>581.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td>447</td> <td>NPOWER: December Streetlight electricity</td> <td>196.35</td> <td>9.82</td> <td>206.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>448</td> <td>Old Mail: Advert Councillor vacancy</td> <td>22.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>22.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>TOTAL TRANSFERS JANUARY</td> <td>2417.23</td> <td>88.31</td> <td>2505.54</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>TOTAL JANUARY</td> <td>2423.48</td> <td>89.56</td> <td>2513.04</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	TR no	PAYEE	Net £	VAT £	Total £	DD440	15.1.24 Tesco Mobile	6.25	1.25	7.50	441	J Spence: Clerk December salary £904.13, mileage £16.65, office £16.50	937.28	0.00	937.28	442	HMRC: Clerk PAYE £226, Employer NI £51.35	277.35	0.00	277.35	443	B Osborne: Payroll services Oct-Dec 2023	69.00	0.00	69.00	444	A Stockton: Litter picking December	100.00	0.00	100.00	445	DNJ Contracts: Dog bins empty £144, new bin £168	260.00	52.00	312.00	446	R Phillips: Handyman labour and materials	555.25	26.49	581.74	447	NPOWER: December Streetlight electricity	196.35	9.82	206.17	448	Old Mail: Advert Councillor vacancy	22.00	0.00	22.00		TOTAL TRANSFERS JANUARY	2417.23	88.31	2505.54		TOTAL JANUARY	2423.48	89.56	2513.04	
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6459 (i)	<p>PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS:</p> <p>Mill Pond Meadow: Cllr Lucas report – fly-tipped items in brook near footbridge including settee and mattress. Pond iced over.</p>																																																													

(ii)	Councillor Vacancies (2): Being advertised in Old Mail and PC Noticeboard.	JM
(iii)	Churchyard Lime Trees Pollarding: In progress. Diocese have issued numerous forms requesting response.	
(iv)	St Nicholas Church Clock: Churchwarden requested increase in clock winding fee of £25 pa, or financial support to have the clock electrified – estimated cost £7-8k. It was noted that since 2020 the PC has paid Church expenses of £28,147: grounds maintenance £1228.50; clock service and winding £1,075; rebuilding Churchyard wall £19,583; tree maintenance and surgery £2,575. Also has budgeted £30,000 to pollard 30 Lime trees in Churchyard Extension over next 3 years. <i>It was resolved to respond that the PC is unable to contribute more than £25 pa for winding or make any contribution to the cost of electrifying the clock but will support advertising for a volunteer to wind the clock and/or their fundraising.</i>	JS
6460	VILLAGE MATTERS	
(i)	Defibrillator Monthly Check: Cllr Parkin reported in working order.	
(ii)	CCTV/ANPR Monthly Check: Cllr Capps reported in working order.	
(iii)	Meadow View Playing Field Stream – Fallen Tree: Contact with Landowner’s Agent - Berrys Towcester: Email received from Mr Tom Harris of Berrys on 12/12/2023 – Mr Allen has agreed to have tree removed when ground conditions improve so as not to damage playing field and make goodwill payment for works previously undertaken by PC. <i>It was resolved to accept offer and work to be done when ground conditions suitable.</i>	
(iv)	Bus Service: Resident has complained on Facebook about bus failing to arrive in Stony Stratford.	
(v)	Village Roads: High Street sink hole: Nothing to report.	
(vi)	Speeding on Village Roads: No volunteers have contacted Clerk following advertising of Community Speedwatch on Facebook.	
(vii)	Safety Road Signs for School: Cllr Millidge will obtain the names of School Governors.	JM
(viii)	Gritting Routes – Potterspurty & Yardley Gobion: Cllr McCord has contacted Highways and requested review of gritting before September to include P & YG on the precautionary routes.	
6461	CONSULTATIONS: None.	
6462	CORRESPONDENCE: Consider as listed and other items received.	
(i)	03/01/2024 email: Report of dead tree on far side of stream on Mr Allen’s land affecting resident at 56 Meadow View. Clerk emailed Tom Harris at Berrys on 03/01/2024 and asked for the tree to be inspected and removed – no response yet.	JS
6463	UPDATES:	
6464	Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 14 February 2024 – 7:30pm - Village Hall.	
	Meeting closed 9:00pm	
		JES 17/01/2024

Signed _____ Date _____