

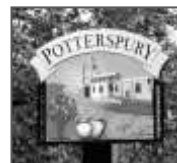
Potterspurty Parish Council

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MINUTES of the meeting of Potterspurty Parish Council held on Wednesday 13 March 2024 at 7:30pm in Potterspurty Village Hall.

Councillors present: Dr S Parkin (Chair), Mrs J Millidge, Mr I Garbutt, Mrs B Silvester, Mr R Capps, Mrs C Nagle.

Parish Clerk: Mrs J Spence.

Apologies: Cllr Neubersch, Cllr Dring, Cllr Lucas, Cllr Blunden, Cllr Norris.

Also present: WNC Ward Cllr William Barter, Cllr Ian McCord and 6 members of the public. Mr C Coppin, NHW Coordinator & Police Liaison Rep sent his apologies.

6483	APOLOGIES: <i>It was resolved to approve the apologies for absence from Cllrs Neubersch, Dring, Lucas, Blunden and Norris.</i>	
6484	MINUTES: <i>It was resolved to approve as a true record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 February 2024, which were duly signed by the Chair.</i>	
6485	MATTERS ARISING: None.	
6486	DECLARATION OF INTEREST UNDER COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT: None.	
6487	MINUTES ACTION REPORT: Noted.	
6488	PAYMENTS & BANK RECONCILIATION: Cllr Silvester checked invoices and payments lists prior to approval and bank reconciliation documents.	
6489	PUBLIC FORUM: (i) A representative from Stop 3000 Trucks attended - asked if it would be possible to organise village events to raise funds. (ii) Two residents from Church End - February flooding and raw sewage – thanked PC for support and contact with Anglian Water. Also expressed appreciation for residents who rallied after Facebook appeal and helped with clean up. (iii) Representative from Potterspurty Pre-School - grant funding – PC have been supportive in past and will consider application for specific requirements. (iv) Three residents concerned about planning proposal 2024/0642/MAF – neighbours seeking advice on how to object effectively - were not consulted by WNC Planning.	JS
6490	NHW COORDINATOR & POLICE LIAISON REP: Mr Coppin submitted email report. Crime figures: January – SN 128 (Potterspurty 1). Beat Bus to visit village on 27 March 11:30am-12:30pm near Cottage Stores. Useful leaflets on cycling on roads "Operation Close Pass" and Cyber Fraud (Cllr Millidge to include on social media).	JM
6491	WNC WARD COUNCILLORS: (i) Cllr William Barter: WNC has balanced budget. Council Tax bills sent out - 4.99% increase. Undertaking rigorous control of costs with forecast overspend of £3.5million. New Draft Local Plan Consultation in April – important to respond. Future housing development centred toward Northampton 2035. (ii) Cllr Ian McCord: Overspends expected on Children's Trust and Adult's Trust. Planning proposal 2024/0642/MAF – important for PC and residents to comment on WNC Planning. New WNC Local Plan Consultation after Easter – although 6000 houses near Deanshanger and 4000 houses in Towcester now gone – imperative to respond to consultation to show support for changes and Northampton the right place.	
6492	PLANNING (i) Planning Applications: (a) 2023/7902/LBC (Deadline 29/02/24 – for information only) Listed building consent to change front bay window for like for like wooden frame with Heritage 11mm double glazing. Reindeer House, 1 Reindeer Court. The PC has no objection to this proposal – deadline passed. (b) 2024/0040/FULL Internal and external works to existing outbuilding and installation of	

	<p>first floor mezzanine level. Greenhouse formed off west elevation. New woodburner and flue. Ground-mounted PV panels installed to north end of garden. 104 High Street. The PC has no objection to this proposal.</p> <p>(c) 2024/0041/LBC Listed Building application for internal and external works to existing outbuilding and installation of first floor mezzanine level. Greenhouse formed off west elevation. New woodburner and flue. Ground-mounted PV panels installed to north end of garden. 104 High Street. The PC has no objection to this proposal.</p> <p>(d) 2024/0642/MAF Hybrid Planning Application seeking full planning permission for the erection of 20 no. affordable homes as an entry level exception site with upgrading of Furtho Lane, new access, parking, landscaping and all enabling works, and outline planning permission (all matters reserve) for 3 self-build homes. Land East of Drovers Way. It was resolved Cllrs Parkin, Millidge and Capps prepare draft objection and email to Councillors for consideration / approval before submission to WNC Planning by 25/3/24 deadline. Copy on PC website. It was noted that more affordable housing is needed in the village, but this proposal is in the wrong place and too big.</p> <p>(e) 2024/1205/FULL Proposed two storey side extension. Grafton House, 11 Church End. The PC has no objection to this proposal.</p> <p>(f) 2024/1282/LBC Proposed two storey side extension. Grafton House, 11 Church End. The PC has no objection to this proposal.</p> <p>(ii) Planning Decisions: None.</p> <p>(iii) Other Planning Matters:</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(b) 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. Emails sent to WNC Planning Senior Officers and Astrum Homes MK Ltd on 30/01/24 asking how will ensure required genuine local connection in any future application. No response received. It was noted that "local connection" is under review in April 2024.</p>	SP JM RC
6493	<p>PLAY AREAS:</p> <p>(i) Inspection Reports February-March:</p> <p>(a) Meadow View: Cllr Capps submitted verbal report – no issues to report.</p> <p>(b) Mays Way, Blackwell End & Village Hall: Cllr Blunden will email report.</p> <p>(c) Skatepark: Cllr Garbutt - weekly inspection reports submitted by email.</p> <p>(d) Items requiring attention will be referred to Handyman.</p> <p>(ii) Inspection Rota: March-April:</p> <p>(a) Meadow View: Cllr Garbutt.</p> <p>(b) Mays Way, Blackwell End, Village Hall: Cllr Millidge.</p> <p>(c) Skatepark Weekly: Cllr Garbutt.</p> <p>(iii) CPM Playgrounds Report: Operational report dated 14/02/24 noted. Items requiring attention issued to Handyman.</p>	JS
6494	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>(i) Budget Report: It was resolved to approve the Budget Report.</p> <p>(ii) Bank Balances: Total £66,749.57 (29/02/24).</p> <p>(a) Lloyds Current: £7,539.16 (29/02/24).</p> <p>(b) Lloyds Deposit: £49,210.41 (29/02/24).</p> <p>(c) Inter-Account Transfer: £10,000 from 32-day Deposit to Current account requested 12/02/24 – completes 15/03/24.</p> <p>(iii) Receipts: Lloyds Deposit: February interest - £110.06.</p> <p>(iv) Mays Way Play Area: Quotations for new slide received from three companies. It was resolved to defer and consider as a capital item on 2025/26 budget.</p> <p>(v) Meadow View Play Area: Quotations for new palisade fencing received from two companies. It was undecided if a fence is required - no action at this time.</p>	JS JS

(vi)	Potterspurty Pre-School: Request for grant funding. <i>It was resolved to respond that the Pre-School should submit an application for the purchase of a specific item with quotes.</i>	JS																																																																																
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(ii)	Councillor Vacancies (2): Advertisements - Old Mail, PC Noticeboard and Facebook.	JM																																																																																
(iii)	Churchyard Lime Trees Pollarding: Invitations to express interest in quoting for pollarding sent to tree surgeons. Invitations to quote to be issued for pollarding in September/October.	JS																																																																																
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(i)	Defibrillator Monthly Check: Cllr Parkin reported in working order and new contact sticker and what3words on casing.																																																																																	
(ii)	CCTV/ANPR Monthly Check: Reported in working order.																																																																																	
(iii)	Bus Service: Stagecoach Service X91 to commence through Potterspurty 25/3/24 – stopping at all High Street bus stops. Timetable being advertised.																																																																																	
(iv)	Village Roads: High Street sink hole: Work done. Remove from agenda.	JS																																																																																
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(a)	Community Speed Watch: Remove from agenda until more to report.	JS																																																																																
(b)	Northants Highways: Matthew Clarke, Asst Community Liaison Officer met with Cllr Parkin on 05/03/24. Cllr Parkin reported it was a useful visit for possible solutions to speeding in High Street: moveable VAS a good possibility and suggested contacting Steve Barber at Kier for advice on suitable locations; 20mph zone not good for this location; High Street school exit gate – suggested opening just right-hand side small gate to make pinch-point rather than opening both gates – to slow children. Witnessed motorist parked on double yellow lines in Brownswood Drive.																																																																																	
(c)	Northants Police: PCSO Matthew Taylor visited High Street on Thursday 29/02/24 morning and reported: he arrived later than anticipated as it took nearly 30 minutes to drive from Towcester due to rush hour traffic; he saw the Enforcement Officer from WNC Parking Services who had already spoken to motorists (have to allow 5 minutes before ticket is issued); cars parked on corner of Brownswood Drive and High Street but moved when saw hi viz clothing; unable to use speed gun due to heavy rain but in his professional opinion no one in excess of 30mph; witnessed parents/carers unloading children out of roadside passenger door. Clerk requested he return with speed gun before the school Easter holiday, but he replied it was unlikely.																																																																																	

(d)	WNC Traffic Enforcement Team: On 26/02/24 the PC requested the double yellow lines in Brownswood Drive be included on their patrols. A resident witnessed an Enforcement Officer in the area on 29/02/24 speaking to illegally parked motorists.	
(e)	Vehicle Activated Signs: Recommendations from other PC's have highlighted moveable equipment supplied by Elan City and Swarco. <i>It was resolved to contact Mr Barber at Kier to seek advice on locating VAS.</i>	JS
(vi)	John Hellins Primary School: On 26/02/2024 the PC emailed the school and Governors on various matters relating to speeding traffic, inconsiderate parking and the safety of school children. Awaiting response. <i>It was resolved to contact the school with Mr Clarke's suggestion about High Street school gate exit – opening only the small gate.</i>	JS
(vii)	Dead Tree - Mr Allen's Land: Berrys contacted on 3/1/24 and 23/1/24 – Mr Harris promised site visit. No response - Berrys emailed again 20/2 & 4/3 – no response.	
(viii)	Church End Flooding & Sewage - 9 & 18 February: On 18/2/24 the residents of 6 Church End reported flooding to property and neighbour at 6a including raw sewage in garden and flowing into brook. Anglian Water (AW) attended, and the engineer advised that Old Stratford sewage treatment station overwhelmed by recent heavy rainfall but no plans to rectify the situation. On 20/2/24 the PC emailed AW Customer Services regarding complaints asking for a full explanation as to why AW are not addressing the problems adequately. AW replied on 29/2/24 with a report and agreeing that "it is unacceptable for sewer water to escape from our network to the environment." Copy of AW reply forwarded to resident at 6 Church End. <i>It was resolved to write again to AW as response not satisfactory.</i>	JS
(ix)	PSSC MVPF Goalpost: Email 17/2/24 from PSSC Chairman requesting permission for PSSC to replace the children's goalpost which was removed last year following vandalism. <i>It was resolved to agree to request but the PC should be contacted to approve the location of the new goalpost once sufficient funds raised.</i>	JS
(x)	Men For Minds FC: <i>It was resolved to confirm that the team may continue to use Meadow View playing field football pitch for Sunday morning and charity matches during the 2024-2025 football season.</i>	JS
(xi)	AFC Towcester: Application to use Meadow View playing field football pitch on Saturday afternoons from the 2024-2025 football season. <i>It was resolved to approve the application.</i>	JS
(xii)	Bus Shelter: <i>It was resolved to replace the broken wooden panels but not the windows at this time.</i>	JS JB
6497	CONSULTATIONS: Post-16 Transport Policy Statement Consultation: No response.	
6498	CORRESPONDENCE: Consider as listed and other items received. Application from PSSC to hold Fete & Fun Day on Meadow View playing field on Saturday 10 August 2024. <i>It was resolved to approve the request.</i>	JS
6499	UPDATES: WN Local Plan – Parish Engagement: Cllr Parkin and Cllr Millidge will prepare response – deadline 2/4/24.	SP JM
6500	Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 10 April 2024 – 7:30pm – St Nicholas Church Meeting Room (upstairs).	
	Meeting closed 10:00pm	
		JES 03/04/2024

Signed _____ Date _____