

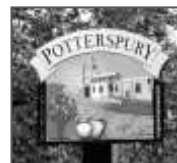
# Potterspurry Parish Council

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## MINUTES of the meeting of Potterspurry Parish Council held on Wednesday 14 February 2024 at 7:30pm in Potterspurry Village Hall.

**Councillors present:** Dr S Parkin (Chair), Mrs J Millidge, Mr G Lucas, Mr I Garbutt, Mr S Dring, Mrs J Blunden, Mrs B Silvester, Mrs C Nagle.

**Parish Clerk:** Mrs J Spence.

**Apologies:** Cllr Capps (school meeting), Cllr Neubersch (paternity leave), Cllr Norris.

**Also present:** WNC Ward Cllr William Barter and 18 members of the public

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

6465	<b>APOLOGIES:</b> <i>It was resolved to approve the apologies for absence from Cllrs Capps, Neubersch and Norris.</i>	
6466	<b>MINUTES:</b> (i) <i>It was resolved to approve as a true record the Minutes of Potterspurry Recreation Ground Charity Meeting held on 10 January 2024, which were duly signed by the Chair.</i> (ii) <i>It was resolved to approve as a true record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 January 2024, which were duly signed by the Chair.</i>	
6467	<b>MATTERS ARISING:</b> None.	
6468	<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST UNDER COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT:</b> Cllr Millidge – reimbursement to husband Mr J V Millidge – Minute 6474(vi) – TR 458.	
6469	<b>MINUTES ACTION REPORT:</b> Noted.	
6470	<b>PAYMENTS &amp; BANK RECONCILIATION:</b> Cllr Silvester checked invoices and payments lists prior to approval and bank reconciliation documents.	
6471	<b>PUBLIC FORUM:</b> 18 members of the public attended and raised concerns about: Speeding vehicles on A5; speeding vehicles through village, including High Street and Mays Way, and potential serious danger to children; John Hellins Primary School (JHPS) High Street exit is considered dangerous for children; little point introducing a 20mph speed limit as would be ignored and not enforced; pedestrian crossing suggested across High Street near Cottage Stores; Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) may help to slow traffic; is a chicane an option; illegal e-scooters in village – 8 counted in Brownswood Drive; vehicles parking on double yellow lines in Brownswood Drive; parents/carers of school children parking inconsiderately and not escorting children into school; teachers/school staff should be outside school premises monitoring safety of children at start and end of school day; volunteers for Community Speed Watch (CSW); Mays Way – white vans parked at High Street end obstruct footpath causing problems for less able residents and also start loading vans at 0600 causing noise nuisance. The Chair and Councillors responded: The PC has been contacting National Highways since 2017 requesting speed limit on Potterspurry stretch of A5 be reduced to 40mph; a VAS was borrowed from Northants Highways for a trial in 2018 for Church End and Poundfield Road and provided data on actual vehicle speeds – majority were around 30mph but one recorded at 60mph – there are specific requirements for where VAS can be positioned and it was found difficult to locate in a suitable place in High Street at that time; Community Speed Watch is good option if enough volunteers – one Coordinator, one Deputy Coordinator plus 10 volunteers is the ideal (although fewer volunteers may be possible) – a link will be on PC website and interested residents can contact the Clerk; the PC has written to JHPS expressing concerns for the safety of children using the High Street exit and parents/carers inconsiderate parking and also offered to purchase “Kiddie Road Signs” for the school - JHPS offered to put out for 20 minutes per day – it was noted that other schools leave them out all day; residents may wish to write to JHPS stating their concerns about road safety for children; Police previously offered little support as	JM

	inconsiderate parking common in villages; recently offered to attend with a speed-gun.	
6472	<b>NHW COORDINATOR &amp; POLICE LIAISON REP:</b> Mr Coppin submitted email report. Crime figures: December – SN 104 (Potterspurty 1) Information placed on NHW Facebook and Potterspurty News Facebook concerning Northants Police Community Speed Watch programme, requesting volunteers. The new Locally Identified Priorities for December 2023 to March 2024 are – road safety and road traffic offences, burglary and vehicle crime.	
6473	<b>WNC WARD COUNCILLORS:</b> <b>Cllr William Barter:</b> Good to see so many residents attending and he will offer support where possible. WNC Place Scrutiny Committee has been meeting with officers to find out more about their roles. It has been recommended to extend the e-scooter trial in Northampton. Local Transport Plan will focus on Northampton with a consultation later in the year. Cllr Blunden asked what will be done to help bus services in villages.	
6474	<b>PLANNING</b> (i) <b>Planning Applications:</b> (a) <b>2024/0093/TPO</b> 30 Lime trees, pollard every third Lime tree (10) commencing clockwise from Homestead Way entrance. In second year – September/October 2025 pollard every second tree (10). In third year – September/October 2026 pollard remaining 10 trees. Pollarding to previous pollarded level. Potterspurty Cemetery, High Street. <i>Application submitted by Potterspurty Parish Council.</i> (b) <b>2024/0371/TPO</b> Two Mature Walnuts various tree works. 1 High Street. <b><i>It was resolved that no comment was required to Planning.</i></b> (ii) <b>Planning Decisions:</b> <b>2024/0093/TPO</b> 30 Lime trees as above. Approval 01/02/24. (iii) <b>Other Planning Matters:</b> (a) <b>WNS/2022/1741/EIA</b> 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. <b>Furtho Pits, Old Cosgrove Road, Old Stratford.</b> Nothing new to report on application. (b) <b>WNS/2022/0148/PIP:</b> A previous application for 5-6 custom/self-build dwellings was approved 11/03/2022 and is being marketed on Rightmove. <b>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.</b>	
6475	<b>PLAY AREAS:</b> (i) <b>Inspection Reports January-February:</b> (a) <b>Meadow View:</b> Cllr Neubersch submitted a report by email. (b) <b>Mays Way, Blackwell End &amp; Village Hall:</b> Cllr Lucas submitted a written report. (c) <b>Skatepark:</b> Cllr Garbutt - weekly inspection reports submitted by email. (d) Items requiring attention will be referred to Handyman. (ii) <b>Inspection Rota: February-March:</b> (a) Meadow View: Cllr Capps. (b) Mays Way, Blackwell End, Village Hall: Cllr Blunden. (c) Skatepark Weekly: Cllr Garbutt.	JS
6476	<b>FINANCE</b> (i) <b>Budget Report: <i>It was resolved to approve the Budget Report.</i></b> (ii) <b>Bank Balances: Total £68,655.55 (31/01/24).</b> (a) Lloyds Current: £9,555.20 (31/01/24). (b) Lloyds Deposit: £59,100.35 (31/01/24). (iii) <b>Receipts:</b> (a) Lloyds Deposit: January interest - £138.77. (b) PRG Charity: Admin fee 2023 £75.00. (iv) <b>Mays Way Play Area:</b> Quotations for a new slide have been received from three	

<p>(v)</p> <p>(vi)</p>	<p>companies. No decision made – deferred to March meeting.</p> <p><b>Meadow View Play Area:</b> Quotations for new palisade fencing received from two companies – one company did not respond. No decision made - deferred to March.</p> <p><b>Payments: <i>It was resolved to approve bank transfers as listed below, checked by Cllr Silvester. To be authorised by Cllr Parkin and Cllr Millidge.</i></b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="261 215 1401 770"> <thead> <tr> <th>TR no</th> <th>PAYEE</th> <th>Net £</th> <th>VAT £</th> <th>Total £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>DD449</td> <td>15.2.24 Tesco Mobile</td> <td>6.25</td> <td>1.25</td> <td>7.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>450</td> <td>J Spence: Clerk January salary £904.13, mileage £16.65, office £20.40</td> <td>941.18</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>941.18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>451</td> <td>HMRC: January Clerk PAYE £226, Employer NI £51.35</td> <td>277.35</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>277.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>452</td> <td>Society Local Council Clerks: Annual membership 2024-25</td> <td>183.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>183.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>453</td> <td>Old Mail: Advert Community Shield 2023</td> <td>22.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>22.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>454</td> <td>A Stockton: Litter picking January</td> <td>100.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>455</td> <td>SN Community Responders: Defibrillator pad/battery set</td> <td>95.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>95.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>456</td> <td>DNH Contracts: Dog bins January</td> <td>120.00</td> <td>24.00</td> <td>144.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>457</td> <td>NPOWER: Streetlight electricity January</td> <td>205.72</td> <td>10.29</td> <td>216.01</td> </tr> <tr> <td>458</td> <td>West Northants Council: Bulky waste collection (JV Millidge)</td> <td>30.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>30.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: right;"><b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b></td> <td><b>1974.25</b></td> <td><b>34.29</b></td> <td><b>2008.54</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: right;"><b>TOTAL FEBRUARY</b></td> <td><b>1980.50</b></td> <td><b>35.54</b></td> <td><b>2016.04</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	TR no	PAYEE	Net £	VAT £	Total £	DD449	15.2.24 Tesco Mobile	6.25	1.25	7.50	450	J Spence: Clerk January salary £904.13, mileage £16.65, office £20.40	941.18	0.00	941.18	451	HMRC: January Clerk PAYE £226, Employer NI £51.35	277.35	0.00	277.35	452	Society Local Council Clerks: Annual membership 2024-25	183.00	0.00	183.00	453	Old Mail: Advert Community Shield 2023	22.00	0.00	22.00	454	A Stockton: Litter picking January	100.00	0.00	100.00	455	SN Community Responders: Defibrillator pad/battery set	95.00	0.00	95.00	456	DNH Contracts: Dog bins January	120.00	24.00	144.00	457	NPOWER: Streetlight electricity January	205.72	10.29	216.01	458	West Northants Council: Bulky waste collection (JV Millidge)	30.00	0.00	30.00	<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>		<b>1974.25</b>	<b>34.29</b>	<b>2008.54</b>	<b>TOTAL FEBRUARY</b>		<b>1980.50</b>	<b>35.54</b>	<b>2016.04</b>	<p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>
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(vii)	<p>parents/carers and the high speed of vehicles along High Street. The PC has contacted JHPS and Northants Police several times expressing concerns. It was noted that at many senior schools, teachers patrol outside the school at the start and end of the school day and would this be possible at JHPS to help with road safety for children. Teachers appear to park close to the school and it may ease the parking situation if they could park away from the school – there is space available in the car park at PSSC. JHPS when contacted previously with the offer of the “Kiddie Road Signs” indicated they could only put out for 20 minutes at the end of the day. It was noted that other primary schools leave the signs out all day, however there may be insufficient room in High Street.</p> <p><b><i>It was resolved to contact JHPS and Governors to ask if they will support improved and additional safety options.</i></b></p> <p><b>Dead Tree on Mr Allen’s Land:</b> Berrys of Towcester contacted on 3/1/24 and 23/1/24 – Mr Harris promised site visit. No update received. Clerk to chase.</p>	JS  JS
6479	<b>CONSULTATIONS:</b> None.	
6480 (i)  (ii)	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE:</b> Consider as listed and other items received.</p> <p><b>Email 15/01/24 Mr Ion, Landlord of The Cock:</b> Enquiry about a framed oil painting by Alan Wakeman which is deteriorating. It was noted that this is not the property of the PC and can offer no assistance. Cllr Lucas advised he will contact Mr Wakeman to advise about the condition of the painting. <b><i>It was resolved to respond that the painting is not village property and PC cannot assist with renovation but will try to contact Mr Wakeman.</i></b></p> <p><b>Email 31/01/24 Stop 3000 Trucks:</b> Replying to PC email advising unable to offer financial support asking again to reconsider our position. <b><i>It was resolved to respond there is no change in PC stance on this matter.</i></b></p>	GL JS  JS
6481 (i) (ii) (iii)	<p><b>UPDATES:</b></p> <p>(i) Cllr Millidge advised that the Environmental Coordinators have reported litter behind palisade fence at Meadow View play area.</p> <p>(ii) Fly-tipping Yardley Road – Cllr Dring flailed the grass and vegetation but oil drums still being fly-tipped – believed usually on Mondays.</p> <p>(iii) Cllr Lucas and Cllr Garbutt – tree growing in no-man’s land at end of Cllr Garbutt’s back garden fell several weeks ago. Query has it fallen into property in Woods Lane.</p>	
6482	<b>Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 13 March 2024 – 7:30pm - Village Hall.</b>	
	Meeting closed 9:20pm	
		JES 06/03/2024

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_