

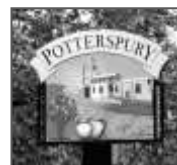
# Potterspurty Parish Council

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## Minutes of the meeting of Potterspurty Parish Council held on Wednesday 12 February 2020 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall, Potterspurty

**Councillors present:** Dr S Parkin (Chair), Mrs J Millidge (Vice Chair) Mrs J Blunden, Mr R Kilvert, Mr R Armstrong, Mr M Wootton, Mr G Lucas, Mr S Norris, Mrs B Silvester, Mr R Capps, Rev Mrs D Whittaker.

**Parish Clerk:** Mrs J Spence.

**Apologies:** Cllr Dring (holiday).

**Present:** Cllr A Walker, Mr Craig Coppin NHW Coordinator, one member of the public.  
Cllr A Medina sent her apologies.

5735	<b>APOLOGIES:</b> <i>It was resolved to approve the apologies for absence from Cllr Dring.</i>	
5736	<b>MINUTES:</b> <i>It was resolved to approve as a true record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 January 2020, which were duly signed by the Chair.</i>	
5737	<b>MATTERS ARISING:</b> None.	
5738	<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST UNDER THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT:</b> Cllr Lucas: Receipt of cheque 3088 reimbursement - Minute 5743(iv).	
5739	<b>MINUTES ACTION REPORT:</b> Noted.	
5740	<p><b>PUBLIC FORUM:</b></p> <p>(i) <b>Mr Craig Coppin – NHW Coordinator:</b> Scams: Amazon Prime; TV Licence; HMRC; Argos Vouchers; hacking PayPal accounts. Beware of “cowboy” tradesmen after Storm Ciara. The local Policing Team are holding a public meeting at 169 Watling Street, Towcester on 25/02/2020, 10:00am to 12 noon. Crime figures: November SN 324, Potterspurty 12; December SN 259, Potterspurty 8. Mr Coppin provided a report of the annual crime figures.</p> <p>(ii) <b>Cllr Allen Walker:</b></p> <p>(a) <b>NCC:</b> NCC has outlined £22.9m savings from an estimated net budget of £445.71m. Reserves have been boosted by £2m to £42m.</p> <p>(b) <b>MK Futures 2050 Draft Strategy:</b> MK are aiming to change boundaries to move some Northants villages into MK as they want land to build houses to increase the number of households in MK. Parish Councils have a right to make representations. (See Minute 5748(i))</p> <p>(c) <b>Cllr Walker</b> advised that due to changes out of his control, he will no longer be attending Potterspurty PC meetings as our County Councillor. He will remain as the District Councillor for Deanshanger. He praised the PC for the frank and open dealings with him during the 23 years he has served as a County Councillor. The Chair, Cllr Parkin, thanked Cllr Walker for all his help and hard work in supporting the Parish over the years in our dealings with NCC and SNC and said that he would be missed.</p>	
5741	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p>(i) <b>Planning Applications:</b> <b>S/2020/0056/FUL</b> Roof windows install into roof line (retrospective), 24 Woods Lane. <b>It was resolved to submit a response to SNC of objection on the grounds: This latest retrospective application demonstrates a flagrant disregard to the clearly</b></p>	



	Chq	PAYEE	Net £	VAT £	Total £	
	3080	Void				
	3081	J Spence: Clerk salary January	687.24	0.00	687.24	
	3082	HMRC: PAYE £171.80; Employer NI £19.32	191.12	0.00	191.12	
	3083	J Spence: Mileage £16.20; Office £16.00	32.20	0.00	32.20	
	3084	A Stockton: Litter picking January	80.00	0.00	80.00	
	3085	E.ON: Streetlight electricity December	152.55	7.63	160.18	
	3086	RTM Landscapes Ltd: Removal of bush on A5 [2122]	220.00	44.00	264.00	
	3087	CPM Playgrounds Ltd: Play areas inspection 21/1/20 [3005]	250.00	50.00	300.00	
	3088	Acorn MK Nurseries: Trees Conservation Area [chq G. Lucas]	34.44	6.89	41.33	
	3089	Aylesbury Mains Ltd: Streetlight repairs nos. 80 & 96 [19688]	94.60	18.92	113.52	
	3090	DNH Contracts: Dog bins January [1400]	80.70	16.14	96.84	
	3091	R Phillips: Village Handyman labour and materials	105.32	4.95	110.27	
	3092	RTM Landscapes Ltd: Grounds contract annual tree works	1800.00	360.00	2160.00	
	3093	E.ON: Streetlight electricity January	152.55	7.63	160.18	
			<b>3880.72</b>	<b>516.16</b>	<b>4396.88</b>	
5744	<b>PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS</b>					
(i)	<b>Parish Councillor Elections – Thursday 7 May 2020:</b>					
(a)	<b>New Councillor Recruitment:</b> Cllr Millidge submitted a draft poster and information sheet for village noticeboards and PC website. <b><i>It was resolved to use the material.</i></b>					JM
(b)	<b>May Meetings - Annual &amp; PC:</b> The PC Election count will not take place until Monday 11/05/2020. <b><i>It was resolved to change the date of the May meetings from 13/05/2020 to 20/05/2020.</i></b>					JS JM
(ii)	<b>VE Day 75 Commemorations – Friday 8 May 2020 (Bank Holiday):</b>					
(a)	<b>St Nicholas Church plans include:</b> Morning Service and Act of Remembrance at 11:00 am by the War Memorial; a song written for the occasion; the Last Post; afternoon teas; decorations and bell ringing at 7:00pm (if enough bell ringers are available).					DW SN
(b)	<b><i>It was resolved to submit information to The Old Mail and to liaise with the Landlords of The Cock and The Old Talbot on their commemoration plans.</i></b>					SN
(iii)	<b>2020 Northants Conservation Churchyard Award Scheme:</b> <b><i>It was resolved that Cllr Rev Whittaker will approach the Churchyard volunteers to see if they wish to take part in this scheme – entry deadline 28/02/2020. The PC will pay the £5 entry fee.</i></b>					DW
5745	<b>VILLAGE MATTERS</b>					
(i)	<b>Mill Pond Conservation Area:</b>					
(a)	<b>Conservation Area Report February 2020.</b> Cllr Lucas circulated an updated report which will be considered at the March meeting.					JS
(b)	<b>Tree works and pond excavation:</b> The planned works were not able to be done due to access problems following prolonged rain. <b><i>As additional tree works are required, and the work must be done by the end of February, it was resolved to obtain quotations from RTM Landscapes Ltd – to liaise with Cllr Lucas.</i></b>					JS GL
(c)	<b>Memorial Trees &amp; Benches Policy:</b> <b><i>It was resolved to approve the policy.</i></b> Cllr Lucas submitted an application for a bench which will be considered at the March meeting.					JS
(d)	<b>Pond fencing and gate quotation:</b> Will be considered when pond excavation done.					
(ii)	<b>Defibrillator Monthly Check:</b> Cllr Parkin advised in working order.					
(iii)	<b>CCTV Monthly Check:</b> Cllr Capps reported a recording failure in the Hard Disc on 21/01/2020 but on further inspection it was working.					
(iv)	<b>Potterspurty Parish Plan Review:</b> Nothing to report.					

<p>(v) (a)  (b) i. ii.  (vi)  (vii)</p>	<p><b>Tree Works:</b>  <b>Meadow View Riverbank: It was resolved to accept the quotation from RTM Landscapes Ltd: felling 6no willows along riverbank £2,250 + VAT and fell fallen willow across stream £500 + VAT along with additional stump killing and raise an order.</b>  <b>Trees damaged by Storm Ciara 08/02/2020 and 09/02/2020:</b>  <b>Crack willows Meadow View riverbank: It was resolved to obtain quotation from RTM Landscapes Ltd – liaise with Cllr Lucas.</b>  <b>Ash tree fallen into Meadow View playing field from neighbouring farmer’s land. It was resolved to contact the tenant of the land to arrange removal of tree.</b>  <b>Meadow View Playing Field:</b>  <b>It was resolved to approve the PSSC using the playing field for the Summer Fair on 04/07/2020.</b>  <b>Village Inspections:</b>  An inspection of part of the village was carried out on 04/02/2020. Reports will be considered when inspections of the whole village have been completed.</p>	<p>JS  JS  JS  JS</p>
<p>5746 (i)  (ii)  (iii)  (iv) (a)  (b)</p>	<p><b>HIGHWAYS</b>  <b>Watling Street footpath at Blackwell End junction:</b>  Following the resolution made on 08/01/2020, Minute 5732(ii), to paint a warning sign onto the footpath, expert advice was obtained on 16/01/2020 from Northants Highways who advised that the paint could be a slip hazard and that it would be unwise to take any action on this ‘designated crossing point’. <b>It was resolved that, based on advice from Northants Highways, no action will be taken.</b>  <b>Streetlight Column no. 79 in Mays Way:</b>  Anglian Water has advised that excavation works which will require the removal of this column is planned to commence 16/03/2020. The column will be removed the week before and reinstated after the completion of work.  <b>A5 Culverts Flooding Risk Investigations by Highways England:</b>  <b>It was resolved that the PC wish to be involved in any stakeholders’ meetings.</b>  <b>Parking on village footpaths:</b>  (a) Following a complaint about the users of Meadow View playing field parking across footpaths in Meadow View, on 23/01/2020 the Clerk wrote to Chairman of Towcester Junior Football Teams to ask that the parents/guardians of the teams’ park more responsibly and considerately. The Chairman responded that she would speak to them.  (b) Parking on footpaths in the village is an issue which causes inconvenience and danger to pedestrians with prams and users of mobility scooters, etc., when they are forced to walk/travel on the road when there is no room to pass on the footpath. <b>It was resolved to draft a standard letter to request drivers to park more considerately.</b></p>	<p>JS</p>
<p>5747 (i)  (ii)  (iii)</p>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE:</b>  <b>Email 11/01/2020</b> Complaint about dog fouling on Church Lane footpath: Following receipt of the complaint, posters were put up in the Lane. If culprits are identified they should be reported to SNC and can be subject to a fine of £50-£1000. <b>It was resolved to monitor the situation.</b>  <b>Email 16/01/2020</b> Suggestion to close ally between High Street and Sanders Lane: <b>It was resolved that this is not possible, and the PC does not intend to consider further.</b>  <b>Email 20/01/2020</b> Comments regarding community group funded speed monitoring equipment in Dallington. <b>It was resolved that the PC would be interest to learn of a similar well-organised village group who wished to proceed with raising funds for a similar project in Potterspurty, if it was considered to be of public value.</b></p>	<p>JS  JS  JS</p>

