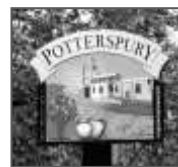


# Potterspurty Parish Council

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## MINUTES of the meeting of Potterspurty Parish Council held on Wednesday 13 October 2021 at 7:30pm in Potterspurty Village Hall.

**Councillors present:** Mrs J Millidge (Acting Chair), Mr G Lucas, Mr R Capps, Mrs B Silvester, Mrs Z Peasland, Mr F Giblin, Mr S Norris, Mrs A Ruck, Mrs J Blunden.

**Parish Clerk:** Mrs J Spence.

**Apologies:** Cllr S Parkin (away), Cllr S Dring (conflict of interest), Cllr T Holland (maternity leave).

**Also present:** WNC Cllr K Pritchard, Mr P Keogh and Mr N Lindsay (Solar2), 12 members of the public.

Apologies received from Mr C Coppin - NHW Co-ordinator & Police Liaison Rep.

6033	<b>APOLOGIES:</b> <i>It was resolved to approve the apologies for absence from Cllrs Parkin, Dring and Holland.</i>	
6034	<b>MINUTES:</b> (i) <i>It was resolved to approve as a true record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 September 2021, which were duly signed by the Chair.</i> (ii) <i>It was resolved to approve as a true record the Minutes of Special Meeting of the Parish Council held on 27 September 2021, which were duly signed by the Chair.</i>	
6035	<b>MATTERS ARISING:</b> None.	
6036	<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST UNDER THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT:</b> Cllr Norris, Treasurer of The Old Mail – Minute 6042(vii).	
6036	<b>MINUTES ACTION REPORT:</b> Noted.	
6037	<b>PUBLIC FORUM:</b> <b>Mr Coppin, NHW Coordinator and Police Liaison Rep provided an email report:</b> Crime figures: June 2021 – SN 260 (Potterspurty 9); July 2021 – SN 282 (Potterspurty 10); August 2021 – SN 251 (Potterspurty 7). Following a public survey – Road Safety, Drugs and Acquisitive Crime were established as Police priorities from 01/10/21 to 01/01/22. Local crimes: Mays Way garage break-in 4/10/21 – nothing stolen and Mansion Gardens 11/9/21 theft of 2 bikes from garage. New Police 'Beat Bus' will be visiting communities. Text and email scams still ongoing to obtain bank account details or access to phones or computers by clicking on links. NHW: Northants Fire Service is offering a Home Fire Safety Visit service.	
6038	<b>REPORT FROM WNC COUNCILLOR: Cllr Ken Pritchard</b> On 11/10/21 WNC launched the West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan – Spatial Options Consultation – deadline 11:59pm Monday 06/12/21. Planning consultations will be ongoing for 2/3 years and cover the period up to 2050. The Deanshanger Ward Councillors, Cllr Pritchard, Cllr Barter and Cllr McCord are concerned about various items: potential 6,000 houses near Furtho Manor / Old Stratford roundabout, further potential developments of 2,000+ houses – a total of 10,000 houses in Deanshanger Ward with Towcester Racecourse identified as a potential development area. Nine industrial units, including major distribution unit, indicated near Old Stratford roundabout. Parish Councils and residents are urged to respond to the online consultation. <i>See also Minute 6044(i).</i> Bus services: an improvement plan was put forward to Cabinet to return the service to pre-cuts levels. Community Grants: WNC is reviewing the policy for allocation of funds. New Police Neighbourhood Team made up of a Sergeant, Police Officer and two PCSOs cover Potterspurty and 31 other villages. Answers to questions on MK2050: MKC has no authority on planning in WNC and no planning permission has been granted on local land alleged to have been sold for this purpose. Nothing will happen until the WNC Strategy has been finalised.	

6039	<p><b>SOLAR2 – PROPOSED LOCAL SOLAR PANEL FARM:</b>  Patrick Keogh, Project Manager and Neil Lindsay, Land and Development Director, attended the meeting and provided handouts of the presentation. Mr Keogh addressed the meeting. At present is only a feasibility project and holding talks with Potterspurty and Yardley Gobion via PC meetings. No contact yet with WNC Planning. 50-60MW capacity on identified 63-hectare area, currently tenanted agricultural land owned by Oxford College between Potterspurty and YG – majority on Potterspurty land. Flat land surrounded by natural hedge screening. Scope to modify layout where close to YG properties. Impact studies to ensure no negative environmental impact, including, wildlife, archeological finds, potential flooding - aware of medieval village, YG allotments. At end of 40 years the site will be decommissioned and restored to current state – a bond of money will be held to cover this cost. Some disturbance during construction phase – intensive deliveries for 2 weeks to bring all equipment on site then moved by tractors – no lorries through the villages. Six-month build. Public footpaths will remain open during construction. Panels approx. 3m high surrounded by screened 6’ fence but allowing open corridors for wildlife. Minimal noise – small humming sound from converter box. Public footpaths can be re-designed and widened. Will be maintained as farmland – sheep grazing or wildflower meadows. As compensation a community fund (index linked) of up to £30,000pa split between the villages, which should go direct to the PC’s and not WNC. Two public exhibitions planned for January 2022, prior to submission of planning application to WNC. Project has no links with MK2050. All residents will be contacted in writing. Solar2 to work with Working Group comprising Councillors from both PC’s to oversee the project.</p>	
6040 (i) (ii) (iii)	<p><b>PLANNING:</b>  <b>Planning Applications: None.</b>  <b>Planning Decisions: None.</b>  <b>Other Planning Matters: E/WNS/2021/0159</b> Potential breach of planning control. Large two-storey rear extension built without planning permission or the benefit of archaeological survey. 4 Church End.</p>	
6041 (i) (a) (b)  (ii) (a) (b)	<p><b>PLAY AREAS:</b>  <b>Inspection Reports September-October:</b>  (a) <b>Meadow View</b> – Cllr Peasland submitted an inspection report by email.  (b) <b>Mays Way, Blackwell End &amp; Village Hall</b> – Cllr Peasland submitted an inspection report by email.  <i><b>It was resolved that items requiring attention will be added to Handyman job sheet.</b></i>  <b>Inspection Rota October-November:</b>  (a) Meadow View: Cllr Silvester (instead of Cllr Ruck).  (b) Mays Way, Blackwell End, Village Hall: Cllr Capps.</p>	JS
6042 (i) (ii) (a) (b) (iii) (a) (b) (iv) (v) (vi) (vii)	<p><b>FINANCE</b>  (i) <b>Budget Report: It was resolved to approve the Budget Report.</b>  (ii) <b>Bank Balances: TOTAL £80,578.20 (30/09/21).</b>  (a) <b>Lloyds Current: £39,720.81 (30/09/21).</b>  (b) <b>Lloyds Deposit: £10,857.39 (30/09/21) plus £30,000</b> being transferred (28/09/21) from deposit to current account – matures 01/11/21 (32 days).  (iii) <b>Receipts:</b>  (a) Lloyds Deposit – September interest: £0.90.  (b) WNC Precept (2) 29/09/21: £23,044.35.  (iv) <b>Clerk’s additional hours: It was resolved to approve payment of 28 additional hours worked since January 2021.</b>  (v) <b>Churchyard Wall:</b> An order has been raised to Underwood &amp; Weston to rebuild. Their payment terms are 14 days from invoice. <b>It was resolved to delegate authority to the Clerk to process payment for authorisation if payment is required between PC meetings. Councillors will be notified by email.</b>  (vi) <b>Potterspurty Recreation Ground Allotment Renewals:</b> The Clerk reported that two were unpaid and reminders had been issued.  (vii) <b>Grants: It was resolved to approve grant donations to TADD (Towcester Area Door to Door) £100 and The Old Mail £650.</b></p>	JS

(viii)	<b>Payments: It was resolved to approve payments as listed, checked by IFCC Cllr Giblin, to be authorised online by Cllr Millidge and Cllr Capps.</b>				
	<b>TR no</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>Net £</b>	<b>VAT £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
	174	J Spence: September Clerk salary £764.15, mileage £15.75, office £24.99	803.39	1.50	804.89
	175	HMRC: September PAYE £191.20, Employer NI £30.13	221.33	0.00	221.33
	176	DNH Contracts: September dog bins	121.05	24.21	145.26
	177	RTM Landscapes Ltd: September mowing contract	1140.00	228.00	1368.00
	178	E.ON: August streetlight electricity	179.99	9.00	188.99
	179	Oypla.com: Wire edging fencing Churchyard (R Kilvert)	28.32	5.66	33.98
	180	Watling Reclamation: Millstone Conservation Area	370.00	74.00	444.00
	181	B Osborne: Payroll services July-September 2021	67.50	0.00	67.50
	182	Northants CALC Ltd: Councillor training	44.00	0.00	44.00
	183	PSSC: Refuse bin contribution £357.40, CCTV electricity £20, Broadband contribution for CCTV £140	517.50	0.00	517.50
	184	R Phillips: Handyman labour £167.90 and materials £53.82	212.75	8.97	221.72
			<b>3705.83</b>	<b>351.34</b>	<b>4057.17</b>
6043	<p><b>PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS:</b></p> <p>(i) <b>High Street Churchyard Wall:</b> Work is expected to commence in November.</p> <p>(ii) <b>Parish Plan Review:</b> Cllr Millidge will email WG to remind to finish work.</p> <p>(iii) <b>Ground Maintenance Contract 2022:</b></p> <p>(a) <b>Tender packs</b> despatched with return deadline of 10/11/21 also advertised on PC noticeboard, PC website and Old Mail. It was noted that the Conservation Area mowing will be an add-on item and will be added to the budget.</p> <p>(b) <b>It was resolved to adopt the Grounds Maintenance Specification 2022.</b></p> <p>(iv) <b>Councillor Vacancy:</b> WNC Electoral Services confirmed the vacancy may be filled by co-option. Being advertised on PC noticeboard, PC website and Old Mail. Deadline for applications 22/11/21.</p>				JM  FWG JS
6044	<p><b>VILLAGE MATTERS</b></p> <p>(i) <b>Mill Pond Conservation Area Update:</b> Millstone to be delivered next week. Urgent working party needed to pull up nettles. <b>It was resolved to meet at 10:00am on Saturday 23/10/2021 and bring own gloves.</b> Four ash trees with ash die back. <b>It was resolved to obtain quote for removal from RTM Landscapes.</b></p> <p>(ii) <b>Defibrillator Monthly Check:</b> Not yet done as Cllr Parkin away.</p> <p>(iii) <b>CCTV Monthly Check:</b> Cllr Capps advised in working order, but cameras need cleaning. <b>It was resolved to add to Handyman jobsheet.</b></p> <p>(iv) <b>Memorial Bench:</b> <b>It was resolved to accept the offer from Mr Paul Wills of a fully funded memorial bench in memory of his parents, Barry and Gill Wills, to be placed in Meadow View playing field.</b> Bench to be either recycled plastic or metal, at discretion of PC, concreted in place.</p> <p>(v) <b>Ability Bus:</b> It was noted that a new Thursday morning bus route was launched on 30/09/21 providing transport to Towcester and Northampton. Timetables have been placed on noticeboards and bus shelter.</p> <p>(vi) <b>WNC STRATEGIC PLAN UP TO 2050 - CONSULTATION:</b> On 11/10/21 WNC launched a consultation seeking views on a proposed vision, spatial objectives, housing and economic needs and potential options for development. Online public events via Teams may be booked and public drop-in sessions (subject to Covid-19 restrictions). Further information strategicplan@westnorthants.gov.uk or 0300 126 1900. Consultation closes 06/12/21. This will have a significant impact on Potterspury and the local area – potentially 6,000 houses near Old Stratford roundabout - see also Minute 6038. <b>It was resolved that all Councillors will read in detail and return to on the November agenda. It was resolved that Cllr Millidge will forward the WNC Press</b></p>				JS  JS  JS  ALL JM

	<b>Release to The Old Mail for publication.</b>	
(vii)	<b>MK Futures 2050:</b> Nothing new to report.	
(viii)	<b>Oxford-Cambridge Arc:</b> Cllr Millidge submitted a response to the online consultation. It was noted that it was a very limited and poor-quality consultation.	
(ix)	<b>Dept for Transport Road Investment Strategies (RIS3) 2025-2030:</b> National Highways online consultation on congestions and safety concerns, better facilities deadline 30/11/21 (from Andrea Leadsom MP). <b><i>It was resolved that Cllr Norris will look into preparing response in regard to A5 through Potterspur.</i></b>	SN
6045	<b>CORRESPONDENCE:</b>	
(i)	<b>20/09/21 Email: Proposal for pedestrian crossing outside school gates on High Street.</b> Cllr Peasland contacted the school who plan to retain one-way system, started due to Covid-19 restrictions. No funding available for “school crossing patrol person”. <b><i>It was resolved to inform the resident, that if the school consider a crossing appropriate, they should lead on it and submit an application to WNC Highways.</i></b> It was noted that a pedestrian crossing would impinge on High Street residents and further reduce street parking availability.	JS
(ii)	<b>27/09/21 Email: Question on possibility of neighbouring PC’s – Yardley Gobion (YG) - to liaise on matters of mutual interest and distribute to residents.</b> Meeting agendas and minutes are displayed on the PC noticeboard and website for residents to read. Both PC’s submit regular reports to The Old Mail on matters of interest. Currently the PC is liaising with YGPC on the proposed Solar Panel Farm on land between Potterspur and YG. It was noted that SNC Planning usually contacted both parishes on planning matters which were close to joint parish boundaries. WNC Cllr Pritchard will ask WNC Planning if this is something they could resume.	JS  KP
6046	<b>UPDATES (for information only):</b>	
(i)	1 Church Lane – hedge overhanging High Street.	JS
(ii)	Rubbish fly-tipped in brook – Cllr Millidge and Cllr Norris will look into clearing from brook.	JM, SN
6047	<b>Next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 10 November 2021 – 7:30pm – Potterspur Village Hall.</b>	
	Meeting closed 9:30pm.	
		JES 01/11/2021

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