

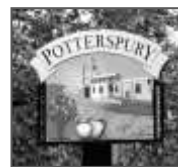
# Potterspurty Parish Council

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## MINUTES of the meeting of Potterspurty Parish Council held on Wednesday 10 November 2021 at 7:30pm in Potterspurty Village Hall.

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

**Parish Clerk:** Mrs J Spence

**Apologies:** Cllr Dring (away), Cllr Holland (maternity leave), Cllr Norris (prior engagement), Cllr Silvester (unwell).

**Also present:** WNC Cllr W Barter, 3 members of the public.

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

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| 6048 | <b>APOLOGIES:</b> <i>It was resolved to approve the apologies for absence from Cllrs Dring, Holland, Norris and Silvester.</i>  |  |
| 6049 | <b>MINUTES:</b> <i>It was resolved to approve as a true record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 October 2021, which were duly signed by the Chair.</i>  |  |
| 6050 | <b>MATTERS ARISING:</b> None.   |  |
| 6051 | <b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST UNDER THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT:</b><br>Cllr Millidge – planning application neighbour – Minute 6055(i)(a).<br>Cllr Lucas – reimbursement of expenditure on behalf of PC – Minute 6057(v) Tr 191.  |  |
| 6052 | <b>MINUTES ACTION REPORT:</b> <b>Noted.</b>   |  |
| 6053 | <b>PUBLIC FORUM:</b><br><b>Mr Coppin, NHW Coordinator and Police Liaison Rep provided an email report:</b><br>Crime figures: September 2021 – SN 236 (Potterspurty 4)<br>Police Beat Bus visited village today. Warnings regarding drink spiking. Email and Text scams still a problem.   |  |
| 6054 | <b>REPORT FROM WNC COUNCILLOR: Cllr William Barter</b><br>Cllr Barter encouraged all PCs and residents in the area to respond to the WNC Strategic Plan Spatial Options Consultation especially with regard to the proposed 6,000 houses in Old Stratford and 4,000 in Towcester. Closing date 06/12/21.<br>WNC has submitted a bus service improvement plan with funding from Central Government in order to restore some of the services from before the NCC cuts.<br>Community Grants starting again for volunteer groups, not Parish Councils.<br>All WNC Councillors each have a £2,500 discretionary grant budget.<br>The new £42 charge for emptying green bins is to harmonise charges throughout the County.   |  |
| 6055 | <b>PLANNING:</b><br>(i) <b>Planning Applications:</b><br>(a) <b>WNS/2021/1652/FUL</b> Parking area and dropped kerb on land in front of 28 Church End. <i>It was resolved to submit a response to WNC Planning of objection on the following grounds: It will result in the loss of valuable on-street parking and no consultation with neighbours.</i><br><br>(b) <b>WNS/2021/1661/PIP</b> Application for permission in principle for development of 5-7 custom/self-build dwellings. Land east of allotments Poundfield Road.<br><i>It was resolved to submit a response to WNC Planning of objection on the following grounds:</i><br><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>The land is outside the village framework and is in open countryside.</i></li><li><i>The maps in the proposal show 7 plots with an access road and a layout that clearly allows for further development. This would appear to facilitate piece-meal and unstructured developments towards the south.</i></li><li><i>It is unclear how local need for affordable housing could be improved by this proposed type of development (self-build).</i></li></ol> |  |

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|      | <p>4. <b><i>This land formed part of an application that was dismissed on appeal in February 2015 (APP/Z2830/A/14/2224285). In his decision letter the inspector noted that this area is a gateway to the village and that developments here could “erode the rural setting of the village”. We consider that this development would be another step in that direction.</i></b></p> <p>5. <b><i>Poundfield Road is a rat-run between the A508 and A5 for those seeking to avoid congestion at the Old Stratford roundabout. Any access to this site would require vision splays, particularly given the location of the proposed private allotments.</i></b></p> <p>6. <b><i>If permission in principle is given to this proposal, then any dwelling on the site would need to match the style adopted at nearby Mansion Gardens.</i></b></p> <p>7. <b><i>Neighbours have not been consulted.</i></b></p> <p>(c) <b>WNS/2021/1666/FUL</b> Parking area and access road to facilitate use of land as private allotments. Poundfield Equestrian, Poundfield Road.<br/><b><i>It was resolved to submit a response to WNC Planning of objection on the following grounds:</i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b><i>We consider that the road shown is not required to facilitate the size and location of the allotments.</i></b></li> <li>2. <b><i>This road appears to only serve potential housing development which is subject to another application – WNS/2021/1661/PIP.</i></b></li> <li>3. <b><i>This proposal would make an unnecessary road access.</i></b></li> <li>4. <b><i>Neighbours not consulted.</i></b></li> </ol> <p>(d) <b>WNS/2021/1732/FUL</b> Variation of condition 2 to S/2020/0868/FUL (Removal of modern casement windows to front and rear rood elevations, removal of plastic rainwater goods. Replacement with timber casements and painted metal rainwater goods.) To allow alterations to window details. Grafton House, 11 Church End.<br/><b><i>It was resolved to submit a response of no objection to WNC Planning.</i></b></p> <p>(e) <b>WNS/2021/1733/LBC</b> (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) as above. Grafton House, 11 Church End.<br/><b><i>It was resolved to submit a response of no objection to WNC Planning.</i></b></p> <p>(ii) <b>PLANNING DECISIONS:</b></p> <p>(a) <b>WNS/2021/1264/FUL</b> 3 Bedroom Dwelling. Land between 3 and 7 Church End. Approved 11/10/21. <b><i>Noted.</i></b></p> <p>(b) <b>WNS/2021/1344/FUL</b> Single storey side extension. 98 High Street. Approved 19/10/21. <b><i>Noted.</i></b></p> <p>(iii) <b>OTHER PLANNING MATTERS:</b></p> <p>(a) <b>E/WNS/2021/0159</b> Potential breach of planning control 4 Church End. Decision 15/10/21 Development constitutes permitted development as defined by the Town and Country (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended 2015). <b><i>Noted.</i></b></p> <p>(b) <b>WNS/2021/0908/MAF</b> Change of use from agricultural to mixed use children’s and young people outdoor activities (retrospective). Pinchgut Farm, Watling Street. On 03/11/21 WNC Planning responded to an email from PC and advised the application remains ongoing at present.</p> <p>(c) <b>WNS/2021/1628/SCR Land at the former Furtho Pit, Old Stratford/Cosgrove:</b> Screening opinion for 9 no. logistic units comprising 70,743 sq m / 761,471 sq ft (GIA) of floor space within Class B2 or B8 uses of the Town and Country Planning Use Classes Order 1987, with ancillary E(g)(i) offices and Class E(g)(ii) for research and development of products and processes, together with a Country Park, ground re-profiling in the Country Park, new vehicular access from the A508 and associated site infrastructure including lorry parking. (Information sent by WNC Cllr McCord). <b><i>Noted.</i></b></p> |  |
| 6056 | <p><b>PLAY AREAS:</b></p> <p>(i) <b>Inspection Reports October-November:</b></p> <p>(a) <b>Meadow View</b> – Cllr Silvester submitted a report by email.</p> <p>(b) <b>Mays Way, Blackwell End &amp; Village Hall</b> – Cllr Capps submitted a report by email.</p>  |  |

| (ii) <b>It was resolved that items requiring attention will be added to Handyman job sheet.</b><br>(a) <b>Inspection Rota November:</b><br>(b) Meadow View: Cllr Ruck (instead of Cllr Silvester).<br>Mays Way, Blackwell End, Village Hall: Cllr Blunden. |   | JS<br>JS       |               |                |       |         |     |  |         |       |         |     |  |        |      |        |     |  |       |       |       |     |   |        |      |        |     |                                 |       |       |        |     |  |        |        |        |     |  |       |       |        |     |  |        |      |        |     |  |        |      |        |     |  |        |      |        |  |  |                |               |                |  |
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| 6057   | <b>FINANCE</b><br>(i) <b>Budget Report: It was resolved to approve the Budget Report.</b><br>(ii) <b>Bank Balances: TOTAL £76,781.32 (31/10/21).</b><br>(a) <b>Lloyds Current:</b> £35,923.64 (31/10/21).<br>(b) <b>Lloyds Deposit:</b> £10,857.68 (31/10/21) plus £30,000 being transferred (28/09/21) from deposit to current account – matures 01/11/21 (32 days).<br>(iii) <b>Receipts:</b><br>(a) Lloyds Deposit – October interest: £0.29.<br>(b) Potterspur FC- football pitch rent: £160.00<br>(c) Towcester Town FC – junior football pitch rent: £100.00.<br>(iv) <b>Draft Budget 2022/23:</b><br>The FWG proposed to full Council that funds be used from reserves for the rebuilding of the Churchyard wall and replenished over 2 years through the Precept on the Council Tax. Further financial information is required – the FWG will meet again and report to the full council meeting on 08/12/21.<br>(v) <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> <table border="1" data-bbox="261 855 1401 1339"> <thead> <tr> <th>TR no</th> <th>PAYEE</th> <th>Net £</th> <th>VAT £</th> <th>Total £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>185</td> <td>J Spence: Clerk salary &amp; overtime £1072.99, mileage £15.75, office expenses £122.89.</td> <td>1193.72</td> <td>17.81</td> <td>1211.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>186</td> <td>HMRC: Clerk PAYE £268.20, Employer NI £83.38</td> <td>351.58</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>351.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>187</td> <td>GeoXsphere Ltd: Parish Online subscription 21/22</td> <td>60.00</td> <td>12.00</td> <td>72.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>188</td> <td>E.ON: Streetlight electricity September</td> <td>174.19</td> <td>8.71</td> <td>182.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>189</td> <td>DNH Contracts: Dog bins October</td> <td>96.84</td> <td>19.37</td> <td>116.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>190</td> <td>RTM Landscapes Ltd: Grounds mowing October</td> <td>570.00</td> <td>114.00</td> <td>684.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>191</td> <td>Conservation Area expenses: Charles Head Ltd £36, Huws &amp; Gray £44.46, B&amp;Q £2.13, Brewers £27.41 – (Cllr G Lucas)</td> <td>91.66</td> <td>18.34</td> <td>110.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>192</td> <td>A Stockton: Litter picking September &amp; October</td> <td>200.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>193</td> <td>Old Mail: Adverts £42, Grant Donation £650</td> <td>692.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>692.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>194</td> <td>Towcester Area Door to Door (TADD): Grant Donation</td> <td>100.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td><b>3529.99</b></td> <td><b>190.23</b></td> <td><b>3720.32</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | TR no          | PAYEE         | Net £          | VAT £ | Total £ | 185 | J Spence: Clerk salary & overtime £1072.99, mileage £15.75, office expenses £122.89. | 1193.72 | 17.81 | 1211.63 | 186 | HMRC: Clerk PAYE £268.20, Employer NI £83.38 | 351.58 | 0.00 | 351.58 | 187 | GeoXsphere Ltd: Parish Online subscription 21/22 | 60.00 | 12.00 | 72.00 | 188 | E.ON: Streetlight electricity September | 174.19 | 8.71 | 182.90 | 189 | DNH Contracts: Dog bins October | 96.84 | 19.37 | 116.21 | 190 | RTM Landscapes Ltd: Grounds mowing October | 570.00 | 114.00 | 684.00 | 191 | Conservation Area expenses: Charles Head Ltd £36, Huws & Gray £44.46, B&Q £2.13, Brewers £27.41 – (Cllr G Lucas) | 91.66 | 18.34 | 110.00 | 192 | A Stockton: Litter picking September & October | 200.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 | 193 | Old Mail: Adverts £42, Grant Donation £650 | 692.00 | 0.00 | 692.00 | 194 | Towcester Area Door to Door (TADD): Grant Donation | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |  |  | <b>3529.99</b> | <b>190.23</b> | <b>3720.32</b> |  |
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| 6058   | <b>PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS:</b><br>(i) <b>High Street Churchyard Wall:</b> Underwood & Weston have advised work will commence this month.<br>(ii) <b>Parish Plan Review:</b> Cllr Millidge circulated reminders to PPWG to complete tasks.<br>(iii) <b>Ground Maintenance Contract 2022:</b> Three tenders received will be evaluated by FWG and reported to full Council at 08/12/21 meeting.   | PPWG<br>FWG    |               |                |       |         |     |  |         |       |         |     |  |        |      |        |     |  |       |       |       |     |   |        |      |        |     |                                 |       |       |        |     |  |        |        |        |     |  |       |       |        |     |  |        |      |        |     |  |        |      |        |     |  |        |      |        |  |  |                |               |                |  |
| 6059   | <b>VILLAGE MATTERS</b><br>(i) <b>Mill Pond Conservation Area Update:</b><br>(a) Millstone will be installed this week. Very good response to nettle weeding.<br>(b) Four dead ash trees: <b>It was resolved to accept quote of £135 from RTM Landscapes and raise order.</b><br>(ii) <b>Defibrillator Monthly Check:</b> Cllr Parkin advised in working order.<br>(iii) <b>CCTV Monthly Check:</b> Cllr Capps advised in working order and cameras cleaned.<br>(iv) <b>Sponsored Memorial Bench in Meadow View playing field:</b> No response yet.<br>(v) <b>Streetlight Maintenance Contract:</b> Aylesbury Mains Ltd has ceased trading. Forde & McHugh Ltd, Newport Pagnell have agreed to take over the contract on the same terms. <b>It was resolved to use the services of Forde &amp; McHugh under these terms.</b><br>(vi) <b>RBL Remembrance Wreaths: It was resolved to contribute £80.95 to new wreaths.</b> Awaiting invoice from PCC.<br>(vii) <b>Meadow View Play Area:</b> The 1m high picket fence wood is rotten and cannot be  | JS<br>JS<br>JS |               |                |       |         |     |  |         |       |         |     |  |        |      |        |     |  |       |       |       |     |   |        |      |        |     |                                 |       |       |        |     |  |        |        |        |     |  |       |       |        |     |  |        |      |        |     |  |        |      |        |     |  |        |      |        |  |  |                |               |                |  |

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| (viii) | repaired. <b><i>It was resolved to obtain quotes for plastic fencing to match play area.</i></b>  | JS                    |
| (ix)   | <b>Bus Shelter:</b> A glass pane was vandalised and broken and replaced by the Handyman and immediately after another pane was broken. <b><i>It was resolved to ask the Handyman to obtain prices for replacing with Perspex or Polycarbonate.</i></b>  | JS                    |
|        | <b>Streetlight Column 28, Mays Way:</b> Awaiting response to letter sent to resident on 02/11/21 requesting removal of tree to allow lamp to be reinstated.   | JS<br>SP              |
| 6060   | <b>CONSULTATIONS:</b>   |                       |
| (i)    | <b>Solar2 – Proposed Solar Panel Farm:</b><br>On 21/10/21 the PC emailed Solar2 requesting a site visit to a similar installation. Reply received 09/11/21 - they are looking into and will contact shortly.  |                       |
| (ii)   | <b>West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan:</b><br>Representatives from Potterspurty, Deanshanger and Yardley Gobion PCs and Cllr Ian McCord met by Zoom on 08/11/21 to share information on the proposed 6,000 houses at Old Stratford and 4,000 houses on Towcester Racecourse. Meetings have been arranged and leaflets circulated. More information will be circulated via Facebook. The A5 Parish Alliance has been formed, consisting of Potterspurty, Yardley Gobion, Deanshanger, Old Stratford and Cosgrove. A joint email has been sent to National Highways regarding the strategic highway network pinch point implications at Old Stratford roundabout. Cllr Millidge will circulate information on Facebook. Cllr Blunden will include another report in The Old Mail.<br><b><i>It was resolved that Cllr Parkin and Cllr Millidge will prepare the response to the online consultation on behalf of the PC.</i></b> | JM<br>JB<br>SP/<br>JM |
| (iii)  | <b>MK Futures 2050:</b> Nothing to report.  |                       |
| (iv)   | <b>Oxford-Cambridge Arc:</b> Nothing to report.   |                       |
| (v)    | <b>Department for Transport Road Investment Strategies (RIS3) 2025-2030:</b><br><b><i>It was resolved to submit the response prepared by Cllr Norris to the online consultation.</i></b>  | JS                    |
| 6061   | <b>CORRESPONDENCE:</b>  |                       |
| (i)    | <b>Email 14/10/21:</b> Request for shield on streetlight opposite 52 Blackwell End shining into Meadow View. <b><i>It was resolved to refuse the request as it is not considered feasible or workable and the priority is to light the surrounding area for the safety of residents.</i></b>  | JS                    |
| 6062   | <b>UPDATES (for information only):</b>  |                       |
| (i)    | Old Vicarage – overgrown hedge Church End. Contact resident   | JS                    |
| 6063   | <b>Next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 8 December 2021 – 7:30pm – Potterspurty Village Hall.</b><br><br>Meeting closed 9:20pm.  |                       |
|        |   | JES 30/11/2021        |

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