

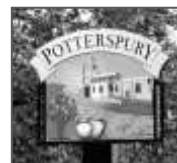
Potterspurry Parish Council

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Clerk: Mrs Jane Spence

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MINUTES of the meeting of Potterspurry Parish Council held on Wednesday 12 October 2022 at 7:00pm in Potterspurry Village Hall.

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

Parish Clerk: Mrs J Spence.

Apologies: Cllr Holland (Covid contact), Cllr Millidge (other meeting).

Also present: WNC Cllr W Barter and four members of the public.

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

6196	APOLOGIES: <i>It was resolved to approve the apologies for absence from Cllrs Holland and Millidge.</i>	
6197	MINUTES: <i>It was resolved to approve as a true record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 July 2022, which were duly signed by the Chair.</i>	
6198	STATEMENT ON DEATH OF HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II: On 16 September 2022 the PC submitted the following online condolences to www.royal.uk "May it please Your Majesty. On behalf of the residents of Potterspurry, Potterspurry Parish Council offer our sincere condolences to you and your family on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her Majesty was loved and respected throughout her long reign. Her service and dedication to her people and country was unflinching and she will be sorely missed. Dr Steve Parkin, Chairman, Potterspurry Parish Council, Northamptonshire."	
6199	STATEMENT ON CANCELLATION OF MEETING 14 SEPTEMBER 2022: On 9 September 2022, the decision was made by the Chair and Clerk to cancel the meeting as a mark of respect following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II and to comply with Local Government Act 1972, s243 (notice of meetings excludes days appointed for public mourning from the calculation of the three clear days' notice of a council meeting). Cancellation notices placed on PC Noticeboard and PC website.	
6200	MATTERS ARISING: None.	
6201	DECLARATION OF INTEREST UNDER COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT: None.	
6202	MINUTES ACTION REPORT: Noted.	
6203 (i)	PUBLIC FORUM: Mr Craig Coppin, NHW Coordinator & Police Liaison Rep sent a report by email: Crime figures: June – SN 316 (Potterspurry 7), July – SN 356 (Potterspurry 8), August - SN 305 (Potterspurry 12). Local crime: theft of Land Rover and various anti-social behaviour by group of young people with reports to Police. Youth event on 28/7/22 poorly attended. Advice from Police is to report all crime, no matter how small. Scam texts and email purporting to be from legitimate companies, including, energy rebates/discounts – never click on or give personal information. For advice on how to stay secure online – www.cyberaware.gov.uk Warning for residents to be vigilant at home now nights are darker earlier.	
6204	REPORT FROM WNC COUNCILLORS: Cllr William Barter: WN Strategic Plan Spatial Options Consultations – results of numbers who responded on WNC website – consultation on revision in around 6 months. Employment Allocations SPD Consultation – revised guidance to be submitted to Planning Policy Committee this month. WNC overspend forecast several £million. Cuts to bus service 89 – looking into possibility of Cllr Larratt mediating between MKC and Britannia Bus.	

<p>6205</p> <p>(i)</p> <p>(a)</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>(c)</p> <p>(ii)</p> <p>(iii)</p>	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>Planning Applications:</p> <p>WNS/2022/1447/TPO: Application submitted by GUHG - 5 Lime Trees to be reduced back to previous pollarding points at request of Potterspurty PC who advise that the trees are overgrown and causing footpath obstruction. 35-45 High Street. Consultation received 20/7/22 with response deadline of 10/8/22. <i>(Under delegated authority and after consultation a response of support was submitted to WNC Planning on 25/7/22).</i> Noted.</p> <p>WNS/2022/1803/FUL Proposed new 4-bedroom dwelling. 24 Blackwell End. <i>It was resolved to submit a response of objection to WNC Planning on the following grounds: The dwelling is not in keeping with the neighbouring properties, it represents an overdevelopment of the site, and the street scene will be adversely affected.</i></p> <p>WNS/2022/1741/EIA (Full application and Environment Impact Assessment) 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 and Environmental Statement. Furtho Pits, Old Cosgrove Road, Old Stratford. Deadline extended to 2/12/22. <i>It was resolved that Cllrs Parkin, Millidge and Capps will prepare a response for the next PC meeting.</i></p> <p>Planning Decisions:</p> <p>WNS/2022/1120/FUL: Single storey rear extension. Havelock House, 12 High Street. Approved 16/8/22. Noted.</p> <p>Other Planning Matters:</p> <p>For information only – Appeal Decision 5/8/22 – Allowed – Appeal Ref: APP/Z2830/W/20/3260590 Land east of Northampton Road, Yardley Gobion, NN12 7UE – Change of use to create a 4 pitch Gypsy/traveller site in accordance with application S/2020/0836/FUL. Noted.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>JM SP RC</p>
<p>6206</p> <p>(i)</p> <p>(a)</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>(ii)</p> <p>(a)</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>(iii)</p> <p>(iv)</p> <p>(a)</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>(v)</p> <p>(vi)</p> <p>(a)</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>(vii)</p> <p>(viii)</p>	<p>PLAY AREAS:</p> <p>Inspection Reports July-August:</p> <p>Meadow View – Cllr Millidge submitted a report.</p> <p>Mays Way, Blackwell End & Village Hall – Cllr Z Peasland submitted a report</p> <p>Inspection Reports August-September:</p> <p>Meadow View – Cllr Blunden submitted a report.</p> <p>Mays Way, Blackwell End & Village Hall – Cllr Holland submitted a report</p> <p>Clerk confirmed items requiring attention were referred to Handyman.</p> <p>Inspection Reports September-October:</p> <p>Meadow View – Cllr S Peasland submitted verbal report – written report to follow. Ongoing and regular problems in/near skatepark – litter, graffiti, being used as urinal, cars gathering at night – evidence of alcohol and drug use. Requires deep clean. <i>It was resolved to report issues raised to Police.</i></p> <p>Mays Way, Blackwell End & Village Hall – Cllr Z Peasland submitted a report.</p> <p>Items requiring attention will be referred to Handyman as necessary.</p> <p>Inspection Rota October-November:</p> <p>(a) Meadow View: Cllr Silvester.</p> <p>(b) Mays Way, Blackwell End, Village Hall: Cllr Capps.</p> <p>CPM Playgrounds Ltd: Report dated 12/8/22: Noted. Clerk confirmed items requiring attention were referred to Handyman.</p> <p>Play Area Inspection Co-ordinator: No report received.</p>	<p>ScP</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>
<p>6207</p> <p>(i)</p> <p>(ii)</p> <p>(a)</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>(iii)</p> <p>(a)</p> <p>(b)</p>	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>Budget Report: It was resolved to approve the Budget Report.</p> <p>Bank Balances: TOTAL £51,212.41 (31/7/22).</p> <p>(a) Lloyds Current: £30,344.73 (31/7/22).</p> <p>(b) Lloyds Deposit: £20,867.68 (31/7/22)</p> <p>Bank Balances: TOTAL £50,357.58 (31/8/22).</p> <p>(a) Lloyds Current: £29,486.37 (31/8/22).</p> <p>(b) Lloyds Deposit: £20,871.21 (31/8/22)</p>	

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(b)	Broadband: Clerk has negotiated new 18-month broadband contract – reduced PC contribution £14 per month effective October 2022.	JS																																																																																																				
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(viii)	Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) 2021/22: External audit and certificate approved by PKF Littlejohn LLP with no issues arising.																																																																																																					
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	292	B Osborne: Payroll services July-September	67.50	0.00	67.50	
	293	A Stockton: Litter picking September	100.00	0.00	100.00	
	294	TADD: Grant	100.00	0.00	100.00	
	295	Old Mail: Grant	650.00	0.00	650.00	
	296	Stryker UK Ltd: Defibrillator battery & pads	114.53	22.91	137.44	
	297	DNH Contracts: Dog bins September	121.05	24.21	145.26	
	298	RTM Landscapes: Mowing contract & Mill Pond Meadow annual cut & collect	1728.00	345.60	2073.60	
	299	NPOWER Business Solutions: Streetlight electricity January-August 2022 – 8 months invoices	1358.78	128.15	1486.93	
		TOTAL 12/10/2022	5289.97	874.87	6164.84	
	DD	31/10/22 PWLB: Loan repayment	63.47	0.00	63.47	
			5353.44	874.87	6228.31	
6208	PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS: Civility & Respect Pledge: Potterspurty PC Councillors meet all the criteria of the Code of Conduct and have an attitude of respect and courtesy in dealings with councillors, clerks, members of the public, volunteers and partner organisations and will sign the pledge.					JS
6209	VILLAGE MATTERS					
(i)	Mill Pond Meadow: Update from Cllr Lucas. Interpretation Board installed. Wildflower meadow mown and more seeds sown. Sycamore tree by footbridge – lower branches need removing. Footbridge posts split – Clerk to contact the installers, E M Pell, to inspect.					JS JS
(ii)	Defibrillator Monthly Check: Cllr Parkin reported in working order. New pads and battery received.					
(iii)	CCTV:					
(a)	Monthly Check: Cllr Capps reported live feed is working.					
(b)	Equipment: Cllr Capps to research new equipment costings for next PC meeting.					
(iv)	Streetlights:					RC
(a)	Column 79 – 99 Mays Way: Column reinstalled after removal by Anglian Water, awaiting reconnection by National Grid.					JS
(b)	Column 32 – 28 Mays Way: Cadent paid £600 invoice for cost of removal and reinstallation of column following gas leak.					
(v)	Two Lime trees corner Brownswood Drive/High Street: <i>It was resolved to obtain quote for crown lifting.</i>					JS
(vi)	Hedges:					
(a)	Old Rectory: <i>It was resolved to write again to request hedge be cut back to clear footpath.</i>					JS
(b)	Blackwell End: <i>It was resolved to write to request overgrown vegetation be cut back from Water Lane footpath.</i>					JS
(vii)	23 High Street - roof tiles: Safety barriers on footpath under loose roof tiles causing pedestrians to walk in road past caravan causing further hazard. Initial report to Street Doctor in July. Northants Highways contacted in October - response advised matter in hand but technical issues. <i>It was resolved to contact Northants Highways again to ask how long technical issues which need resolving by Regulations Team will take.</i>					JS
(viii)	Graffiti, Litter & Vandalism: Graffiti in several areas in village but mainly in Skatepark. Complaints received about excessive litter in and near Skatepark. The whole Skatepark area is very dirty due to certain users littering and using as urinal and requires a deep clean. <i>It was resolved to ask Police patrols to visit at night as reports of anti-social behaviour, alcohol and drug use.</i>					JS
(ix)	Public Fireworks: On 31/8/22 application received from Ben Russell to hold a public firework display on Meadow View playing field on 5/11/22 and was an agenda item on 14/9/22 PC meeting which was subsequently cancelled. It was considered that moving to the 12/10/22 agenda would not give applicant sufficient notice of the PC's decision. More information was requested and provided. Under the Clerk's Delegated Authority, Councillors were asked for their vote and views via email. Councillor responses received – 2 yes, 8 no, 3 did not respond. On 26/9/22 the clerk emailed Mr Russell					

	<p>and advised that the PC was not agreeable, giving reasons and details of concerns raised and advising that if he wished a similar event to be considered in November 2023, to apply no later than 31/3/23 to allow sufficient time for all aspects of the application to be fully considered. <i>It was resolved to ratify the decision made in September by email votes.</i></p> <p>Cllr Lucas had not read the emails and questioned lawfulness. Some Councillors changed their views but the original decision to stand as majority against.</p> <p>(x) Buses:</p> <p>(a) Britannia Bus – Service 89: On 14/9/22 Mr Derek Taylor, MD Britannia Bus Ltd, emailed to advise that service 89 will be cancelled effective 30/11/22 following an issue with MKC. A resident telephoned to ask if the PC was aware and if an alternative service could be provided and was advised the PC is sympathetic to the loss of the service but has no powers to influence bus operators.</p> <p>(b) Stagecoach – Service 88: On 5/9/22 Stagecoach advised WN Ward Councillors that the 07:35 from Potterspurty will cease from 30/10/22 as usage is minimal (typically 1 passenger per day). Noted.</p>	
6210	<p>CONSULTATIONS:</p> <p>(i) WN Strategic Plan Spatial Options Consultation: Information on WNC website showing response numbers.</p> <p>(ii) Employment Allocations Supplementary Planning Document: Cllr Barter reported that revised guidance will be submitted to the Planning Policy Committee this month.</p> <p>(iii) Local Government Boundary Commission: Public Consultation – number of WNC ward councillors (proposal reduce from 93 to 77), reduction in number of council wards and changes to ward boundaries – deadline 7/11/22. Noted.</p> <p>(iv) Draft Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) – Responsible Ownership of Dogs and Prohibition of Smoking in Certain Places: Cllr Barter advised Cabinet had approved on 11/10/22. Proposals for responsible dog ownership include - dog owners can be fined £100 if they fail to: pick up their dog’s mess and dispose of it properly; carry the means to pick up after their dog; prevent their dog from entering public places from which dogs are excluded, such as play areas, schools and some leisure facilities; keep their dog on a lead when required to do so, such as in cemeteries, car parks and outside schools on school days; put their dog on a lead when asked to do so by an authorised officer; limiting the number of dogs that can walk at one time to four. Other proposals include prohibiting people from smoking in children’s play areas, skateparks, and certain leisure settings. Further details awaited.</p>	
6211	<p>CORRESPONDENCE:</p> <p>Email 5/10/22: Speeding vehicles in High Street – request to consider traffic calming measures. <i>It was resolved to contact Northants Highways to seek advice on changing High Street to 20mph instead on 30mph and possibly other roads in the village where speeding is an issue.</i></p>	JS
6212	UPDATES (for information only): None.	
6213	Next Parish Council Meeting - 9 November 2022 - 7:30pm - Village Hall.	
	Meeting closed 9:15pm.	
		JES 18/10/2022

Signed _____ Date _____