

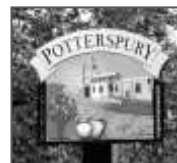
Potterspurry Parish Council

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MINUTES of the meeting of Potterspurry Parish Council held on Wednesday 8 March 2023 at 7:30pm in Potterspurry Village Hall.

Councillors present: Dr S Parkin (Chair), Mrs J Millidge, Mr G Lucas, Mr S Dring, Mrs J Blunden, Mr R Capps, Mr S Norris, Mrs B Silvester.

Parish Clerk: Mrs J Spence.

Apologies: Cllr Holland (childcare), Cllr Zara Peasland (family emergency), Cllr Scott Peasland (family emergency).

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

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

6282	APOLOGIES: <i>It was resolved to approve the apologies for absence from Cllrs Holland, Z Peasland and S Peasland.</i>	
6283	MINUTES: <i>It was resolved to approve as a true record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 February 2023, which were duly signed by the Chair.</i>	
6284	MATTERS ARISING: None.	
6285	DECLARATION OF INTEREST UNDER COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT: None.	
6286	MINUTES ACTION REPORT: Noted.	
6287	PAYMENTS VERIFICATION: Cllr Silvester checked invoices and payments list prior to approval.	
6288	PUBLIC FORUM: A horse rider from a local livery stable asked if the PC would support local riders and the British Horse Society (BHS) to approach National Highways to reduce the A5 speed limit through Potterspurry to provide safer crossing to enable riders and ramblers to use bridleways and footpaths on the other side of the A5 and to provide road signs warning of horses crossing. See Minute 6298(i).	
6289	POTTERS PURRY COMMUNITY SHIELD AWARD 2022: Following consideration of nominations and a vote at the 8 February 2023 meeting, Emily Kent was voted the 2022 winner. Emily was awarded the engraved shield and a bouquet of flowers by the Chair. Cllr Parkin thanked Emily for her many contributions and positive impact in the village. Particularly noted was her valuable work as Admin for Potterspurry News Facebook Group – updating police reports, traffic conditions and other information relevant to residents, her excellent judgement in monitoring posts by members dealing with unsuitable comments, disputes and abuse in a diplomatic way. Other nominees and their proposers will be contacted individually.	JS
6290	NHW COORDINATOR & POLICE LIAISON REP: Mr Craig Coppin submitted a report by email. Crime figures: January – SN 199 (Potterspurry 10). Local crime: (i) reports of persons knocking on doors around the village; (ii) catalytic converter stolen from a car in the canal car park, Cosgrove; (iii) Police conducted warrant at an address in Potterspurry Misuse of Drugs Act. Recovered stolen property can be returned to owner if registered on immobilise.com – more information on The National Property Register, for Phones, Gadgets, Bicycles & more. Text, phone and email scams continue – never give out personal or bank details. Information on Distraction burglars who pretend to	

	be someone they are not to gain entry to homes. Northants Police has a dedicated Rural Crime Team who work closely with neighbouring forces. PCSO Matt Taylor appointed Rural Point of Contact for SN Neighbourhood Team																																														
6291	WNC WARD COUNCILLORS: Cllr William Barter: The Local Government Boundary Commission consultation has started – deadline 15/05/23. PC's and public encouraged to respond to consultation.																																														
6292	PLANNING (i) Planning Applications: (a) WNS/2023/0081/FUL Removal of existing conservatory and two storey side and rear extensions including first floor balcony. 1 The Cottage, Poundfield Road. <i>It was resolved to submit a response to WNC Planning of Objection – PC have concerns about the close proximity of the new wing to the Churchyard Extension wall and trees and their roots, namely 3 Lime trees (with TPO's) and one Cedar tree, The same applies to adjacent properties. It was also noted that the short description on the notification letter was incomplete and only referred to removal.</i> (b) WNS/2023/0229/FUL Variation of condition 2 (plans) of WNS/2021/1264/FUL (3 Bedroom Dwelling) higher roof ridge to allow additional storage within roof space and minor adjustments to window locations. Land between 3 and 7 Church End. <i>It was resolved to submit a response to WNC Planning of no comment.</i> (ii) Planning Decisions: E/WNS/2023/0019 The Old Talbot 77 Watling Street. Enquiry potential breach of planning control Listed Building – change of exterior hanging sign. Decision: No breach of planning control 27/02/23. <i>Noted.</i>																																														
6293	PLAY AREAS: (i) Inspection Reports January-February: (a) Meadow View – Cllr Capps submitted a report by email. (b) Mays Way, Blackwell End & Village Hall – Cllr Blunden submitted a report by email. (ii) Inspection Rota March-April: (a) Meadow View: Cllr Holland. (b) Mays Way, Blackwell End, Village Hall: Cllr Millidge. (iii) CPM Playgrounds: Operational inspection report 27/02/23. <i>Noted.</i> (iv) Items requiring attention will be referred to Handyman. (iii) Play Area Inspection Co-ordinator: No report.	JS JS																																													
6294	FINANCE (i) Budget Report: <i>It was resolved to approve the Budget Report.</i> (ii) Bank Balances: TOTAL £53,271.35 (28/2/23). (a) Lloyds Current: £17,224.28 (28/2/23). (b) Lloyds Deposit: £36,047.07 (28/2/23). (iii) Receipts: (a) Lloyds Deposit: February interest £46.11. (b) HMRC: VAT Repayment 1/10/22-31/1/23 £1,386.83. (iv) WNC Churchyard Bins: <i>It was resolved to approve payment of Compost Collection 2023/24 renewal invoice when received - £110.</i> (v) Payments: <i>It was resolved to approve payments as listed below, checked by Cllr Silvester. To be authorised online by Cllr Millidge and Cllr Norris.</i>	JS																																													
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	part of the detritus is originating from a fallen tree on Mr Brian Allen's land. Cllr Dring will contact Mr Allen's Land Agent, Berrys of Towcester, to ask for the fallen tree to be moved away from the stream.	SD
6297	CONSULTATIONS: None.	
6298	CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Email 18/02/23: Request for support for safer access across A5 and A508 for horse riders and ramblers to utilize bridleways and footpaths. The sender attended the meeting – see Minute 6288 Public Forum. The Chair advised unable to help with A508 as not in our Parish – referred to YGPC. The PC has been requesting a speed limit of 40mph along the Potterspury stretch of the A5 since 2017 and has been refused by National Highways (NH) and no support from Northants Police. The horse riders, supported by British Horse Society, (BHS) would like a reduced speed limit and horse warning signs to allow them to more safely cross the A5. Traffic has increased significantly since the house building on Towcester Grange. It was noted that there have been two fatalities in recent months. It was resolved that the PC will support this request and commence preparation of correspondence to NH. (ii) Email 28/2/23: Complaint about inconsiderate parking near John Hellins School High Street gate, especially at school leaving time. Cars parked in front of the High Street gate are a danger to children leaving the school and stepping between the parked cars. Mr Coppin, PLR, forwarded an email to the PC from PCSO Matt Taylor advising a letter had been sent to all schools in the area in relation to schools parking. It was resolved to write to the school and request they stop using this gate for the safety of the children.	JS JS
6299	UPDATES (for information only): (i) Resident contact about Potterspury House stone wall – fallen stones and suggesting cordon. PC contacted owner and he is in the process of finding a builder to do the work. The PC does not agree that a cordon is a safe option as it could result in pedestrians walking into the busy road. (ii) Clerk has contacted NPOWER repeatedly since 9/1/23 to obtain correct invoices for streetlight electricity and to stop recovery action. All requests have been ignored. Clerk will contact CEO.	JS
6300	COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION: The public were asked to leave the meeting. Mr Ian Garbutt submitted an application letter and CV which was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Mr Garbutt addressed the Council and then withdrew from the meeting room whilst the PC considered. Cllr Parkin proposed Mr Garbutt be Co-opted, seconded by Cllr Blunden – vote by show of hands unanimous. The Chair declared Mr Garbutt duly elected and Co-opted to the Council. Mr Garbutt returned to the meeting and was informed he had been Co-opted to the Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office (Co-opted Member), witnessed by Clerk.	JS
6301	Next Meetings – 12 April 2023 – will be held in St NICHOLAS CHURCH. Annual Parish Assembly – 7:00pm. Parish Council Meeting – 7:30pm Meeting closed 10:00pm.	
		JES 05/04/2023

Signed _____ Date _____