

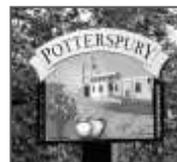
Potterspurty Parish Council

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MINUTES of the meeting of Potterspurty Parish Council held on Wednesday 12 July 2023 at 7:30pm in Potterspurty Village Hall.

Councillors present: Dr S Parkin (Chair), Mr G Lucas, Mr S Norris, Mrs B Silvester, Mr I Garbutt, Mrs Z Peasland, Mr S Peasland, Mrs J Blunden, Mr N Neubersch.

Parish Clerk: Mrs J Spence.

Apologies: Cllr Millidge (meeting), Cllr Dring (medical), Cllr Capps (work).

Also present: WNC Ward Cllrs Barter, Pritchard and McCord.

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

6357	APOLOGIES: <i>It was resolved to approve the apologies for absence from Cllrs Millidge, Dring and Capps.</i>	
6358	MINUTES: (i) <i>It was resolved to approve as a true record the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Potterspurty Recreation Ground Charity held on 14 June 2023, which were duly signed by the Chair.</i> (ii) <i>It was resolved to approve as a true record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 June 2023, which were duly signed by the Chair.</i>	
6359	MATTERS ARISING: None.	
6360	DECLARATION OF INTEREST UNDER COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT: None.	
6361	MINUTES ACTION REPORT: Noted.	
6362	PAYMENTS VERIFICATION: Cllr Z Peasland checked invoices and payments list prior to approval.	
6363	PUBLIC FORUM: No members of the public attended.	
6364	NHW COORDINATOR & POLICE LIAISON REP: Mr Craig Coppin submitted a report by email. Crime figures: May – SN 286 (Potterspurty 13). Another fire this time in Meadow View play area on 7/7/23 – PSSC reported to Police and PC. Next Beat Bus due in Potterspurty 19/7/23 – 11:30am to 12:30pm. Policing in Your Area on the Northants Police website – www.northants.police.uk – includes details of local Neighbourhood Policing Team and local events. Report all crimes to Police, no matter how small. Scam, texts, phone calls and emails continue. As from 3/7/23 Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert will have a new name – Northamptonshire Talking.	
6365	WNC WARD COUNCILLORS: Cllr William Barter: Buses: A minimal service 89 is running – to MK but not back. Consultants report on bus service imminent – Bus Service Improvement Working Group meeting next week. Planning: From November 2023 applications must show a 10% improvement in biodiversity using DEFRA standard to measure. Cllr Ken Pritchard: WNC Annual Report 2022/23 issued – copy received. Less than 1% overspend. Extra £20m budget allocated to children's services next year.	

6366	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>(i) Planning Applications:</p> <p>(a) 2023/5467/LDP (For information) Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed development for the demolition of existing side extension to be re-built with 3m wide side extension. 2 Poundfield Road. Deadline 6/7/23. Noted.</p> <p>(b) Additional item received 10/7/23 & 11/7/23 deadline 1/8/2023 – 2023/5711/PIP Permission in principle for development of 8-9 custom/self-build dwellings. Land Poundfield Road. Cllr Parkin reported that the Site History on WNC website for this application is not easy to locate or accurate. It does not show the correct planning history - already an approved PIP on this site WNS/2022/0148/PIP for 5-6 dwellings on 0.49ha. The site now extended southwards (away from Poundfield Road) and covers 0.73ha. Effectively the same application as before with minor changes to accommodate more land and houses. As previously, neighbours have not been informed and should be. Cllr McCord offered advice. It was resolved to submit a response of objection to Planning. It was resolved to make residents aware via Facebook, noticeboard and PC website.</p> <p>(ii) Planning Decisions:</p> <p>(a) 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. Approval 5/6/23. Noted.</p> <p>(b) WNS/2022/2186/LBC Renovate or replace existing traditional box sash windows and traditional casement windows. Using like for like windows that incorporate a heritage double glazed unit and a draught proof system. The Old Vicarage, 8 Church End. Approval 7/6/23. Noted.</p> <p>(c) WNS/2023/0081/FUL Removal of existing conservatory. Construction of side extension & rear extension. 1 The Cottage, Poundfield Road. Approval 15/6/23. Noted.</p> <p>(d) WNS/2023/0486/FUL Change of use from retail/shop premises to a Tattoo Studio. Unit 4 & 5 Wakefield Country Courtyard. Approval 22/6/23. Noted.</p> <p>(iii) Other Planning Matters:</p> <p>WNS/2022/1741/EIA Application for full planning permission for the 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 an Environmental Statement. Furtho Pits, Old Cosgrove Road, Old Stratford. Miscellaneous Documents dated 02/06/23.</p> <p>The PC submitted an objection to Planning on 11/7/23 as follows.</p> <p>Potterspurty Parish Council are once again writing to object to this application because it appears that West Northamptonshire Council is not taking due account of public opinion in the parishes surrounding this application. This application appears to be at odds with Secretary of State's wishes concerning re-empowering local communities as witnessed by the vociferous opposition to this application.</p> <p>TRAFFIC</p> <p>National Highways have already agreed that the Old Stratford Roundabout is over capacity. To reach the M1 from this site, HGVs will travel along the A508 to Junction 15. When this junction is not functioning properly, which, happens frequently, they will either divert along the A5 through our village, Potterspurty, or go through Milton Keynes using the Old Stratford Roundabout. HGVs heading for the M40 will also travel the direct route along the A422 to Buckingham causing problems at the roundabout. None of the villages in our area can take more heavy goods traffic 24 hours a day. We understand that the traffic sample for the modelling used in the application was taken in a week when the holiday park at Cosgrove was closed and it is not a realistic model. We have expressed our concerns about increased traffic before and all subsequent information we have seen has simply reaffirmed our view that significant increased traffic will result, and this will seriously impact on our village which is suffering from the increased traffic coming from the new developments at Towcester.</p> <p>FLOODING</p> <p>The site is on a flood zone. The river Great Ouse flows adjacent to the site and is known to</p>	SP RC JM
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	<p>regularly flood, Old Stratford, Stony Stratford, and Newport Pagnell. Indeed, the unnamed brook that flows through our village which has been known to flood is the main feeder for Dogs Mouth Brook which flows into the area of the site. Losing a significant soak away will exacerbate the problem. The Environment Agency is concerned about the flood risk, as well as leaching of pollutants into the Great Ouse and they have not approved the plans so far. We are seriously concerned about this lack of approval.</p> <p>EMPLOYMENT The developer claims creation of 900 jobs when the site is up and running, and more than 350 during the construction phase. This appears entirely speculative and the jobs created will be mainly low skilled, low paid manual jobs that are already being replaced by automation. Across the country warehouse jobs are unfilled. The original concept of this site as being for employment appears to be a pipe dream.</p> <p>POLLUTION The development will have 96 HGV loading bays operating for 24 hours a day. There are also 847 car parking spaces. Air pollution around the site and local roads will be significant as will light pollution, particularly since the site will be visible from Potterspurpy.</p> <p>WILDLIFE The area is rich in wildlife including deer, badgers, foxes, bats, otters, and a myriad of birds and insects. The local plan stipulates that any development in this area should conserve the tranquillity of the natural and build environment in South Northamptonshire. We are at a loss to understand how WNC allowed the application to proceed contrary to its own requirements.</p> <p>CONCLUSION We urge members to recognise the overwhelming opposition to this development from villages across the area and refuse to grant planning permission. End.</p> <p>It was noted that the Environment Agency has submitted a further response to Planning, raising issues, including flood risks.</p> <p>Cllr Pritchard wished it Minuted that as he sits on the Strategic Planning Committee, he can offer advice but not pre-empt planning decisions.</p>	
<p>6367</p>	<p>PLAY AREAS:</p> <p>(i) Inspection Reports June-July:</p> <p>(a) Meadow View: Cllr Lucas gave a verbal report. Play area gate post leans away from latch – post needs straightening. Wicksteed swings – check nuts tightened sufficiently.</p> <p>(b) Mays Way, Blackwell End & Village Hall: Cllr Silvester submitted a report by email.</p> <p>(c) Skatepark: Cllr Garbutt has submitted weekly inspection reports by email.</p> <p>(d) Items requiring attention will be referred to Handyman.</p> <p>(ii) Inspection Rota July-August:</p> <p>(a) Meadow View: Cllr Millidge.</p> <p>(b) Mays Way, Blackwell End, Village Hall: Cllr Silvester.</p> <p>(c) Skatepark Weekly: Cllr Garbutt.</p> <p>(iii) Inspection Rota August-September:</p> <p>(a) Meadow View: Cllr Blunden.</p> <p>(b) Mays Way, Blackwell End, Village Hall: Cllr Neubersch.</p> <p>(c) Skatepark Weekly: Cllr Garbutt.</p> <p>(iv) Village Hall Mowing: Cllr Dring advised Clerk he will check if his tractor and flail will fit through the gate.</p> <p>(v) Chipman Slide – Mays Way: Due to birds in overhead tree unable to keep slide clean. The slide needs to be in a different location within the play area but is too old to move. <i>It was resolved to obtain quotes for a new 1.5m slide.</i></p> <p>(vi) Exposed Concrete Surfaces: Cllr Silvester provided photos and suggested relaying the matting under the equipment and cover with soil.</p> <p>(v) External Inspections Review: Quotes were obtained for quarterly and annual inspections from 4 companies. The existing companies used remain the most competitively priced.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>SD</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>
<p>6368</p>	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>(i) Budget Report: <i>It was resolved to approve the Budget Report.</i></p> <p>(ii) Bank Balances: TOTAL £64,435.47 (30/6/23).</p> <p>(a) Lloyds Current: £8,117.82 (30/6/23).</p> <p>(b) Lloyds Deposit: £46,317.65 + £10,000 in transit to current (30/6/23).</p> <p>(c) Bank Reconciliation: Documents circulated to all Councillors 5/7/23.</p>	

<p>(iii) (iv) (a) (b) (iv)</p>	<p>Receipts: Lloyds Deposit: June interest £85.33. PSSC: Rent 1/6/23-30/11/23 £250.00. HMRC: VAT repayment 1/2/23-31/5/23 £1,980.43. CPRE Direct Debit: The Clerk reported that CPRE wrongly collected £60 direct debit on 21/6/23 instead of the agreed £36. They will arrange a refund of £24.</p>																																																																																																					
<p>(v)</p>	<p>Payments: It was resolved to approve payments as listed below, checked by Cllr Z Peasland. To be authorised online by Cllr Parkin and Cllr Z Peasland.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="261 344 1401 1077"> <thead> <tr> <th>TR no</th> <th>PAYEE</th> <th>Net £</th> <th>VAT £</th> <th>Total £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>21.6.23 CPRE: Annual Subscription to 20/6/24</td> <td>60.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>Tesco Mobile £15.00 credit</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>378</td> <td>J Spence: Clerk June salary £848.67, mileage £16.65, office £16.50.</td> <td>881.82</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>881.82</td> </tr> <tr> <td>379</td> <td>HMRC: Clerk PAYE £212.20, Employer NI £41.80 June</td> <td>254.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>254.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>380</td> <td>B Osborne: Payroll services April-June</td> <td>69.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>69.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>381</td> <td>A Stockton: Litter picking June</td> <td>100.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>382</td> <td>DNH Contracts: Dog bins June</td> <td>135.00</td> <td>27.00</td> <td>162.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>383</td> <td>RTM Landscapes Ltd: Grounds maintenance June</td> <td>1418.00</td> <td>283.60</td> <td>1701.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>383</td> <td>RTM Landscapes Ltd: Mays Way tree works - Rowan</td> <td>180.00</td> <td>36.00</td> <td>216.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>383</td> <td>RTM Landscapes Ltd: Remove stream clearance debris</td> <td>150.00</td> <td>30.00</td> <td>180.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>384</td> <td>NPOWER: Streetlight electricity June</td> <td>145.29</td> <td>7.26</td> <td>152.55</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>TOTAL 12.7.23</td> <td>3333.11</td> <td>383.86</td> <td>3716.97</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>385</td> <td>9.8.23 J Spence: Clerk July salary £848.67, mileage £16.65, office £16.50.</td> <td>881.82</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>881.82</td> </tr> <tr> <td>386</td> <td>9.8.23 HMRC: Clerk PAYE £212.20, Employer NI £41.80 July</td> <td>254.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>254.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>TOTAL 9.8.23</td> <td>1135.82</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>1135.82</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>NPOWER: Streetlight electricity July – awaiting invoice.</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	TR no	PAYEE	Net £	VAT £	Total £	DD	21.6.23 CPRE: Annual Subscription to 20/6/24	60.00	0.00	60.00	DD	Tesco Mobile £15.00 credit				378	J Spence: Clerk June salary £848.67, mileage £16.65, office £16.50.	881.82	0.00	881.82	379	HMRC: Clerk PAYE £212.20, Employer NI £41.80 June	254.00	0.00	254.00	380	B Osborne: Payroll services April-June	69.00	0.00	69.00	381	A Stockton: Litter picking June	100.00	0.00	100.00	382	DNH Contracts: Dog bins June	135.00	27.00	162.00	383	RTM Landscapes Ltd: Grounds maintenance June	1418.00	283.60	1701.60	383	RTM Landscapes Ltd: Mays Way tree works - Rowan	180.00	36.00	216.00	383	RTM Landscapes Ltd: Remove stream clearance debris	150.00	30.00	180.00	384	NPOWER: Streetlight electricity June	145.29	7.26	152.55		TOTAL 12.7.23	3333.11	383.86	3716.97						385	9.8.23 J Spence: Clerk July salary £848.67, mileage £16.65, office £16.50.	881.82	0.00	881.82	386	9.8.23 HMRC: Clerk PAYE £212.20, Employer NI £41.80 July	254.00	0.00	254.00		TOTAL 9.8.23	1135.82	0.00	1135.82							NPOWER: Streetlight electricity July – awaiting invoice.									
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<p>6369 (i) (ii) (iii)</p>	<p>PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS: Mill Pond Meadow: Cllr Lucas report – rank grass after heavy rainfall. More Yellow Rattle seed will be needed. Bank area near pond doing well. Cllr Dring and Mr Tim Dring will cut and flail the meadow end of August / beginning September. Safety Plans: Nothing to report. Cllr Toni-Marie Holland: Cllr Holland submitted her resignation on 26/6/23. She is expecting her second child. The Chair expressed thanks for her contributions to the PC. The process to co-opt a new Councillor has started.</p>																																																																																																					
<p>6370 (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (a) (b) (v) (vi)</p>	<p>VILLAGE MATTERS Defibrillator Monthly Check: Cllr Parkin reported in working order. CCTV/ANPR Monthly Check: Cllr Parkin reported in working order. Meadow View Playing Field Stream – Fallen Tree: Contact with Landowner’s Agent: Cllr Dring emailed an update on 12/7/23 – Berrys Towcester looking into and have contacted Mr Allen (landowner). John Hellins Primary School: (a) Cllr Z Peasland has been monitoring parking and it has improved recently. (b) PCSO Matthew Taylor emailed the PC on 16/6/23 to advise that he had spoken to the Head about parking and was assured that the letter from the Neighbourhood Team had been circulated to parents/carers. Mobile bollards were discussed and there may be possible funding from PFCC via Road Safety Fund. Transport Coordinator Report: Rachael Kingston has contacted Grand Union Housing about the bus service and GUH has requested information on the bus issues. Clerk will provide details to Ms Kingston. A survey of residents on bus use and potential users is being considered which the PC will support. New Dog Bin: Locations were considered and the pole on the footpath sign to Grafton Way in Church End between to The Old Vicarage and the adjacent house was considered a good location for dog walkers. Clerk to contact residents for agreement.</p>	<p>JS JS JS BS</p>																																																																																																				

(vii)	D-Day 80 – 6 June 2024: NCALC has contacted PCs to consider commemorations next year. Cllr Silvester will discuss with Village Hall Committee.	BS
(viii)	Village Roads – High Street: Sink hole and split in tarmac near Bus Shelter reported to FixMyStreet. Northants Highways, Anglian Water, Gigaclear and Comex 2000 attended site meeting and camera inspection on 29/6/23. It was determined that Anglian Water asset 'storm drain' has been damaged at location of the Gigaclear carriageway crossing point. Comex not yet accepted liability. Unable to determine yet if sink hole connected.	
(ix)	Safety Barriers – footpath Homestead Way to Mays Way: Reported to FixMyStreet but as no safety concerns will not replace. <i>It was resolved to ask Handyman to treat rust and paint.</i>	JS
(x)	Meadow View Football Pitch:	
(a)	Potterspury FC: Not playing this coming season but hope to have a team for the next season. It was noted that PFC own and maintain the goal posts, nets and line marking equipment and volunteers did the line marking. They may consider an arrangement for other teams to use the equipment if the PC gives permission for the pitch to be used.	
(b)	Men For Mind FC: <i>It was resolved to approve the application to use the football pitch for Sunday morning league football games – charge per season £150.</i>	JS
(c)	Towcester Town FC Junior Teams: <i>It was resolved to approve the application to use the small football pitch for two teams on Saturday mornings – charge per season for two teams £240.</i>	JS
6371	CONSULTATIONS:	
(i)	Draft Street Trading Policy Consultation: Noted.	
(ii)	Community Governance Review (Local Government Boundary Commission). Noted.	JS
6372	CORRESPONDENCE:	
(i)	Letter 20/6/23 (hand delivered to Cllr Millidge): Complaint overgrown footpath behind 24 Mansion Gardens area. Clerk will contact Guinness Partnership.	
(ii)	Email 26/6/23: Furtho Development Opposition Group – STOP 3000 TRUCKS request for support. The PC has supported by submitting another objection to Planning.	JS
(iii)	Email 4/7/23: Supporting information on planning application submitted to WNC: Resident advised PC will consider application when notification received from WNC Planning.	
6373	UPDATES (for information only):	
(i)	Overgrown RV4 footpath (Water Lane): Vegetation growing over discarded garage door on boundary of Watling Street property – causing potential hazard. Letter sent to owner of property 27/6/23 requesting they cut back overhanging vegetation and move the garage door away from footpath. Also reported to FixMyStreet on 27/6/23 who attended on 3/7/23 and cleared vegetation from footpath.	
(ii)	Vandalism – Fire Meadow View play area: At approximately 5pm on Friday 7/7/23 a fire was lit on dumped pallets and plastic behind the wooden fence adjacent to the play area. Several children/youths captured on CCTV running away from the area. Fire extinguished by members of PSSC and resident of property adjacent to fire. PSSC reported to Police.	
(iii)	Vandalism – Bus Shelter: Another window was found broken on 8/7/23.	
6374	Next Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 13 September 2023 – 7:30pm - Village Hall.	
	Meeting closed 9:55pm	
		JES 16/08/2023

Signed _____ Date _____