

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 10 April 2007 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mrs P Bowdidge, Mr B Clayton, Mr A Farrow, Mrs S Harris
Mr J Marchant, Mr P Plummer & Mrs L Ward

Also present was Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC) and 2 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr B Curryer (agreed leave of absence - work), Mr P Rezon & Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC)

2. Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the Agenda)

None

3. Minutes of the Meeting held 13 March 2007

Were signed as a correct record

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes (for information only)

(a) NCC / Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) Minute 4(a)

Letter sent requesting support (given previous comments) – response read > further action agreed

(b) Play Area improvements Minute 4(c)

Costed – discussed along with a grant application > deferred to new Council WP

(c) MH Refurbishment Minute 4(e)

2 Quotes only (1 declined – too busy) > discussed (Note: Inspection hatches are included)

* **RESOLVED** that the existing builder be used as is the cheapest quote > for July / August

(e) Policing Old Stratford Minute 4(g)

New Neighbourhood Policing Launch Wed 14th March attended by Cllr Farrow and Plummer who spoke on the item (Note: Minutes of Public meeting with Police at Deanshanger 17 Aug 2006 just received > circulated for info)

* Report by member attending discussed > Police attending AOM to be advised

5. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

6. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Walker advised on NCC Core Strategy (Minerals & Waste) and his response on OS's behalf which would form SNCs response on are to the west of Passenham.

7. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2007/0218/P Demolition of existing and replace with 4 no.2 storey terraced houses / detached garage block at the rear. 31 Deanshanger Road (For Info Only amended vision splays)

* **OBJECTION** on 4 no remain as an overdevelopment of the site

S/2007/0319/P 2 Storey extension to rear and single storey to side. 19 Oxfield Park Drive

* Concern expressed about the extent of the side extension that appeared to be outside boundary

Provisional responses due to time limit

S/2007/0379/P Single storey extension at rear. 8 Hall Close

* No observations

(b) Permission Granted / Refused

Permit - 15 Wharf Lane. Replacement dormer flat roofs with pitched tile roofs

Refused – 3 Deanshanger Road. Single storey rear ext and loft conversion

(would harm the character and appearance of the property and area despite the PCs support - inconsistent decision given previous decisions objected to by OSPC)

* It was agreed to formally comment on the inconsistency of the decision when OSPC were better placed to decide on the affect to the building and character of the area

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Action – 25 Deanshanger Road lack of enforcement after lost appeal mid 2006 > E-mail to SNC

(d) Press Notices

None

8. Correspondence (list at meeting)

(a) Internal Drainage Board – Bedford Group

Bedford IDB > for info only (Old Stratford area is under the River Great Ouse Catchments Area)

(b) SNC Strategic Housing Officer

Landlord News and Views > circulated for info

(c) SNC Finance Division

Memorial Hall & Playing Field rating > Nil (Discretionary Charitable relief)

(d) Department for Constitutional Affairs

Memorial Safety Passenham Church > for file (Note: Current approach (closed churchyard) of memorial safety is applauded rather than the action of those attempting to mitigate any liability)

(e) Audit Commission

Notification that External Auditor remains unchanged > for file

*** (f) West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit**

Daventry District, Northampton Borough, SNC working together to prepare single joint core strategy (West Northamptonshire) ‘This Time its Different’ > Invitation to Conference

* OSPC is excluded from the area Strategy – Discussed at length > NFA

(g) Northampton on Wheels (NOW)

Project for providing transport for young people > circulated for info

(h) Northamptonshire ACRE

Report on Rural Renewal Partnership 2006/7 > circulated for info

*** (i) SNVB Rural Reach**

Support for community based organisations > Funding enquiry agreed for Pocket Park

*** (j) NCC Pocket Parks Officer**

Summer sortie 10 – 3.30 Sat 16th June 2007 visiting 5 other PPs in SNC (Brackley, Silverstone and Tiffeld) Booking form enclosed

(k) EMRA

Draft East Midlands Regional Plan - Public Examination (OS area excluded SNC/NCC have input)
Separate Matter 14 MKSM (Review of Housing figures only) > NFA

*** (l) NALC**

New Model Contract of Employment – Revisions

* Clerk to examine and draw up new Contract if required OR attached Revisions list to current contract

*** (m) NCC Traffic Manager**

NCC – Special Parking Area (Amendment to Traffic Regulation Orders) – A consolidation Of Management RTRs (that include yellow lines and other parking area enforcement) > deferred until details are known

*** (n) SNC Assistant Sports Development Officer**

Summer Holiday Activity Programme – ActivityZone at Old Stratford > to agree use of Playing Field on Tuesday 24th July and 14th August between 10.00 – 12.00 (CH re toilets)

*** (o) SNC Head of Corporate Support and Monitoring Officer**

Notice on how the Declaration for new councillors will be dealt with, complicated by a revised National Code of Conduct that does not go before Parliament until 3rd May Local Election Day? (Will affect Declarations of Interest but completion maybe deferred to a date agreed if required)

* Noted for file and action if required

*** (p) SNC Decent Homes Consultation Officer**

Proposed transfer of housing stock to Registered Social Landlord – Newsletter circulated. Invitation to attend PC meeting > NFA at this time

9. Outstanding s106 agreements - Oxfield Park & Falcon Drive (Details at the Meeting)

* Updates discussed

Oxfield Park – Planning advice discussed > amended letter of intent (responding to SNC) agreed

Falcon Drive – Amended scheme agreed > to consultant to avoid area becoming unlit/unkemp

10. Finance

(a) The Council to approve budgetary controls to date (Attached to the Agenda)

* **RESOLVED** to approve

(b) To Approve Current State of Finance Year Ending 31 March 2007 (Excluding Commuted Sums and Nationwide a/c's)

Treasurer's a/c:	£50.23
Business Call a/c:	£43,670.66
Earmarked Reserves:	£21,688.57 (includes MH income)
Available Capital =	£22,032.32

(c) Approved payment of outstanding accounts listed below

001315	Clerks Stipend:	£450.00
001316	Petty Cash:	£50.33
001317	Cleaner:	£65.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001318	AH Contracts:	£70.50 (POS Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)
001319	ACS Cleaning:	£10.00 (MH Windows)
001320	NJ Blackwell:	£357.67 (Mowing)
001321	Powergen:	£470.65 (PL Energy)

001322	ABB:	£428.36 (PL Maintenance)
001323	Powergen	£109.05 (MH Energy)
001324	M. Davies:	£830.84 (MH repairs / footpath rails Hall Close)
001325	Andrew Howard & Part:	£282.00 (MH Survey Fees)

11. Street Lighting

No reports

12. Highways

- (a) Dickens Drive o/s 21/23 pot holes (photo provided)
- (b) Deanshanger Road - marked pot holes not repaired
- (c) Passenham Mill – hand rail still unsafe after RTA
- (d) Viaduct – tipping from A5T

13. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

- (a) 31 Deanshanger Road – environs now unsafe
- (b) Quality Council Status – The Chairman formally congratulated the clerk on his CiLCA pass and qualification in Local Council Administration and spoke about QCS that could now take place. Evidence File for Qualification passed to Cllrs Ward and Clayton for comment
- (c) Dog Waste operative – further complaint > advised ‘neighbour’ must pursue NFA

14. Date of Next Meeting

AOM 17th April 2007 commencing at 7.30pm

Annual Meeting (New Council) 8th May commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm