

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 13 February 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, Mr J Marchant, Mr P Plummer, Mr P Rezon & Mrs L Ward

Also present was Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC), PC Mike Wallace, CPSO Jenny Harrison (Northants Police) and 3 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr B Curryer (agreed leave of absence - work), Mrs S Harris (away), Mr D MacDonald (unwell) & Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC)(meeting)

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

None

3. Minutes of the Meeting held 9 January 2007

Were signed as a correct record

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

(a) Highway Issues Minute 5(b) & 12(c)

Update given after further NCC/Atkins inspection re Bridge Stores, issues Cosgrove Road, ATS & Towcester Road

(b) CEMEX Fund Minute 5(i)

Deferred for scheme proposals (see 4(f) and 5)

(c) Best value – London Road Minute 12(a)

Acknowledgement by Chief Exec NCC to complaint only (Cllr Walker spoke on the response)

(d) Play Area improvements Minute 14(a)

Full Costing awaits. Update on the transfer of external lighting costs negotiations

* Proposals agreed in principle – the clerk to make further enquiries

5. To Consider Further Refurbishment Quote for Memorial Hall

Deferred to the end of the meeting

6. Public Speaking Time

The meeting was closed for this item

7. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Walker (NCC) spoke on NCCs support for the 3 tier system. (White Paper on Local Government). Increases SNC = 4.9% / NCC 3.95% (RPI = 4.2%). Also advised was a letter drop prior to hedge cutting Passenham Lane - Maintenance issues and traffic discussed

* The clerk was asked to contact Debbie Strong (NCC)

Cllr Walker then gave apologies and left the meeting

8. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2007/0098/P Single storey rear extension and loft conversion. 3 Deanshanger Road

* No objections

Interim response for next Agenda

S/2007/0142/P Replace existing dormer flat roofs with pitched tiled roofs. 15 Wharf Lane

* Supported as it would improve the appearance of the dwelling given the recent side extension

(b) Permission Granted / Refused

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

(d) Press Notices

None

9. Report on POS AW Phase II stalemate (verbal report by the clerk at the meeting)

The clerk also read letters from the developers Consultants about the issues raised which appeared outside the remit and control of the PC. The Chairman spoke on the item and after discussion;

* Unanimously **RESOLVED** that the PC should decline to accept adoption of the POS given the acoustic fencing (erected as a planning condition adjacent to the A5T), which was a liability with such a risk that could not be accepted by the PC. Also, further boundary issues and the unacceptable lighting scheme (approved by SNC only) it was agreed that the original plan for a Management Co., was therefore the only option. SNC to be informed – response to Consultant as applicable

10. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) Local Government Information Unit**

Good practice seminar (London SW1) Influencing Town Planning: Collaborative Working between Principle, Parish and Town Councils. Booklet circulated

* Attended by Chairman on 8 Feb who spoke on the item including Village Design Statements and Village plans > Next Agenda. *Members to decide whether individual copies were also applicable*

(b) EMRAF (Ease Midlands Rural Affairs Forum)

Rural Affairs News – Launch of EM Rural Action Plan > circulated for info

*** (c) Communities & Local Government**

Revised Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members – response discussed and agreed before next meeting > clerk to respond direct to NALC (given previous concerns)(see also (e))

(d) Audit Commission

No change of External Auditors > noted for file

(e) NALC National

Review of the Quality Town & Parish Council Scheme (as a result of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill which includes aspects of ‘Strong & Prosperous Communities’) is delayed. The above bill will amend certain criteria required for QCS > noted

*** (f) NCC Head of Planning Policy**

Northamptonshire Waste Local Plan 2003-2016 & Minerals Local Plan 2003-2016

* For file info only

*** (g) NCC/Atkins Highways**

Reps Review and minutes circulated – next local meeting 6pm Wed 28 March @ Whittlebury VH

* Cllr Plummer attends

(h) MKC Corporate Director Environment

Notification of Waste Development Plan 2007-2026 submission to SoS > noted for file

(i) Allianz/Cornhill Insurance

Renewal portfolio received (within budget) > for payment next meeting for 1 April

(j) SNC Head of Corporate Support

OSPC number of seats confirmed at 11. Report circulated for purpose of 2011 review

11. The Post Office Network Consultation – Briefing note circulated with Agenda

* Discussed – the clerk to respond positively about the retention of OS PO

12. Finance

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

* **RESOLVED** to approve

(b) Current State of Finance (Excluding Commuted Sums and Nationwide a/c's)

Treasurer's a/c: £111.48
Business Call a/c: £43,243.04 (incl: NCC Mowing Grant)
Earmarked Reserves: £18,000.44 (includes MH income)
Available Capital = £25,354.44

(c) Approved payment of outstanding accounts listed below

Paid 11/1

001293	SLCC:	£55.00 (Min:5(j) Jan - 50% CosPC)
001294	LGIU:	£117.50 (Fees see Min:10(a))

001295	Clerks Stipend:	£450.00
001296	Petty Cash:	£37.20
001297	Cleaner:	£65.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001298	AH Contracts:	£56.40 (POS Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)
001299	ACS Cleaning:	£10.00 (MH Windows)
001300	Spoilt	
001301	Powergen:	£476.86 (PL energy)
001302	Canon UK:	£179.53 (Equip hire)

13. Street Lighting

(a) O/S 37 Dickens Drive Hazard warning ooo

(b) PL6 Deanshanger Road ooo & PL4 Wharf Lane ooo

14. Highways

(a) Carillion-URS early advice on A5T closure between A5 OS RAB & Stacy Bushes RAB – 16/17 April NB / 18/19 April SB from 2000–0600 (replace River Great Ouse viaduct expansion joints) Traffic diversion is through OS London Road / Towcester Road > newspaper notice?

(b) Revised location for Puffin Crossing Towcester Road is confirmed – notices posted

(c) O/S 28 Dickens Drive bollard uprooted by Dust cart > knowledge? Cone left

(d) Vegetation cleared Deanshanger Road opp Home Farm - litter (SNC litter pick?)
(Members discussed contract > for AOM to consider)

15. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

- (a) What service can Northants Police provide for OS given previous statements
- (b) Review/update of Parish Plan for next agenda & AOM (Cllr Ward interested in assisting)
- (c) AOM 17th April – Annual Newsletter articles required before the end of March (i.e.asap)

16. Date of Next Meeting

13th March 2007 commencing at 7.30pm

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting by the reason of its confidential nature.

5. To Consider Further Refurbishment Quote for Memorial Hall

* Costs discussed and agreed in principal (it was agreed to request breakdown of costs)

RESOLVED that the budget surplus, previously agreed at Precept considerations > ER would be diverted to MH funds if required

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.34pm