

# Old Stratford Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 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 D MacDonald, Mr P Rezon & 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 (by way of resignation)(notice posted > SNC), Mr J Marchant (PCC/Synod), Mr P Plummer (unable) & Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC)(indisposed)

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

None

### 3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 12<sup>th</sup> June 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)

Speed survey (VAS) installed / Mobile SID next 4 weeks (clerk advised on complaint made)

#### (b) Passenham Minute 4(c)

Update on repairs and signage discussed > awaits survey details (Cllr Walker spoke on the item)

\* Discussed at length > clerk to apply for 3tonnes amenity weight limit for the mill bridge

#### (c) Allotments Minute 4(d)

Update – letters read. Alternative 100 acre location security discussed along with possible Community Grant

\* The clerk to pursue both and question Black Horse Field valuation

#### (d) NCC / Atkins Highways Minute 4(e)

NCC Partnership Day Sat 30<sup>th</sup> June attended by Cllr Plummer who spoke on the item

#### (e) Passenham Local Liaison Group meeting Minute 8(a)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June @ 4.30pm at the quarry offices attended by the Chairman, Cllr Plummer and clerk who spoke on the item

#### (f) Transport Strategy for Growth Consultation Minute 8(b)

Chairman, Cllr Plummer and the clerk attended Workshop @ SNC 19<sup>th</sup> June

\* Cllr Walker spoke on current SNC / NCC discussions where WNDC have realised that peripheral rural community studies are required and highlighted areas of concerns including the A5 / A508 / A422 > OS

### 5. Public Speaking Time

*Meeting closed for this item*

### 6. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) No DCllr reports

**(b)** Cllr Walker (NCC) advised that NCC had a new CE (Katherine Kerswell). £22M from previous administration budget had been clawed back (with and intended 3 – 3.5% proposed increase next year – within inflation. He also spoke on the effects of the Smoking and Drinking bans. Passenham issues also discussed with an exchange of views on the way forward

## **7. Planning**

### **(a) Applications Received**

**S/2007/0710/P** Extension to existing showroom and workshop + staff parking to rear, new Heras fencing to SE boundary. MK Autorama, Towcester Road (Watling Street)

\* Previous meeting ‘No objections – amendment to previous permission noted’

**S/2007/0722/PT** 25% crown reduction on 2no. Aesculus Hippocastanum (Horse Chestnut) at Treetops 18 Towcester Road

\* Application support as trees were diseased

**S/2007/0821/P** Two storey detached dwelling land between 6 & 8 Deanshanger Road

\* No objection, although a similar design was refused (S/2004/0874/P) that resulted in a single storey dwelling permitted (S/2005/0866/P)

### **(b) Permission Granted / Refused**

**Permit** – Single storey side extension and front porch. 39 Deanshanger Road

### **(c) Enforcement / Appeals**

**A/2007/0305/EN** Erection of 1.8m high close-boarded timber fence. 39 Manorfields Road

### **(d) Press Notices**

None

## **8. Correspondence (list at meeting)**

### **(a) OBI National Co-ordinator (Outdoor basketball Initiative)**

Notice that the original grant aided basketball post (20/01/99) has fulfilled the Conditions of Participation and are now fully owned by OSPC. No insurance implications > for file

### **\* (b) MKC Chief Development Control Planner (To Note for info)**

Notice of appeal - Demolition of a single dwelling and replace by eight dwellings rear of Blenheim Ave, Stony Stratford refused on grounds of adverse impact on the road network.

\* If appeal is lost then OSPC will challenge MKCs statement that 4,000 houses south of SS will have little impact on OS due to feeder routes (which becomes minor village road in Northants)

### **(c) MKC Senior Planning Officer**

Adopted MK Statement of Community Involvement > for file and reference

### **\* (d) N/ACRE**

Annual Subs @ £33.00 agreed

### **\* (e) CPRE**

Annual Subs @ £27.00 agreed

### **(f) SNC Decent Homes Team**

Proposed stock transfer to South Northants Homes > circulated (Stage 2 proposals to householders)

\* nb for file

**\* (g) Northants Police**

ComPaSS Website to be used to store Community Contact Info > Declaration under the Data Protection Act for clerk details

\* PC endorsed clerks proposal to decline access (due to access by other groups)

**\* (h) SNC Planning Policy Officer**

Implementation on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2007 by NCC (decriminalized parking including SNC and Special Parking Area application including parts of Cosgrove / Deanshanger Road and London Road between Oxfield Park Drive and the county boundary > MK.

\* Next newsletter – plan to nb

**(i) NALC Chief Executive**

Report on the Local Government Bill > circulated for info (includes QCS)

**(j) SNC Head of Corporate Support & Monitoring Officer**

Notice that Revised Code of Conduct requires adopting before 1 Oct 2007 (OSPC Adoption at Annual May meeting) including para 12.2) (see Min8:8(d) last meeting)

\* SNC already advised that OSPC had adopted the revised code

**(k) MKC Development Plans Officer**

Local Development Framework > OSPC (registration) as consultee submitted

**(l) MKC Waste Development Plan Officer**

Submitted to SoS > OSPC registered as a consultee for file

**\* (m) SNC Head of Planning & Leisure**

Parish & Town Council's Planning Forum Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July (5.45 for 6pm)

\* Cllr Clayton & (Cllr Plummer?) to attend (This will include Heritage and LDF (+ joint WNDC))

**\* (n) Arnold Thomson (Solicitors for OSPC)**

To note - Exchange of corres at Solicitor level in an attempt to finalise outstanding issues

**(o) EON**

Unmetered supply agreement signed on behalf of OSPC

**9. Finance**

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

\* **RESOLVED** to approve – Receipts & Payment Book submitted for signature (3/12 trial balance)

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

Treasurer's a/c:	£34.67
Business Call a/c:	£50,531.75
Earmarked Reserves:	£31,185.49 (includes MH income)
<b>Available Capital =</b>	<b>£19,380.93</b>

**(c) Approved payment of outstanding accounts listed below**

001344	Clerks Stipend:	£450.00
001345	Petty Cash:	£36.06
001346	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick + canal)
001347	AH Contracts:	£80.37 (POS Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)
001348	ACS Cleaning:	£20.00 (MH Windows)
001349	NJ Blackwell:	£326.65 (Mowing)

001350	Powergen:	£481.88 (PL Energy)
001351	N/ACRE:	£33.00 (Annual Subs Min: 8(d))
001352	CPRE:	£27.00 (Annual Subs Min: 8(e))

## **10. Recreation Ground / Playing Field**

### **(a) To consider quote for skate board ramp refurbishment (enclosed)**

**RESOLVED** to approve (£2,850.00 + vat)

### **(b) To agree cost and siting of teen shelter**

**RESOLVED** to agree 'rekk' design submitted. ER Fund = £5,300 after cost of above (+ Capital Reserves if agreed by GP WP) > site meeting directly after PC meeting

### **(c) To consider cost of recreation and play area maintenance**

**RESOLVED** that cost of litter picking (recreation ground) be increase by £20 pm

## **11. Quality Council Status – Kite Mark for good practice**

Statement read supporting QCS highlighting 'benefits' and good practice - discussed at length with an exchange of views. QCS Folder to be circulated to all members

**RESOLVED** That this council agrees in principle to becoming a quality council' voting unanimous

## **12. Street Lighting**

**(a)** PL3 Hall Close lost light cover due to strong wind > replaced and tapped

**(b)** The clerk updated the NCC / Wimpey impasse for Chapmans Drive area and requested that Cllr Walker assist in resolving issue as NCC appeared to made an error in adopting highway with seeking PC approval for street lighting (that had defects, and did not have a fit for purpose certificate)

## **13. Highways**

**(a)** 29 Deanshanger Road – Obstruct Highway / despite corres from NCC re enforcement! Occupier has removed a second vertical slat (obstruction to PL remains?) > awaits NCC action after 27 July (Enforcement date)

**(b)** Cllr Farrow (FPW) gave his annual inspection report and spoke on recent maintenance including his work on the cycle track (outside his remit) > Passenham  
\* Cllr Farrow was formally thanked by council for his work

**(c)** Cllr Clayton had been approached by users of the POS play area Cosgrove Road  
\* Issues to resolve agreed

## **14. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda**

None

## **15. Date of Next Meeting**

7<sup>th</sup> August 2007 commencing at 7.30pm (Revised date due to Memorial Hall refurbishment)

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.24pm