

# Old Stratford Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

### **Present:**

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mr B Clayton, Mr A Farrow, Mr D MacDonald, Mr P Plummer, Mr P Rezon & Mrs L Ward

Also present was PC Mike Wallace (SCT Northants Police) and 2 members of the public

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Mrs P Bowdidge (away), Mr B Curryer (away), Mrs S Harris (unable), Mr J Marchant (PCC) Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC)(illness) & Mr A Walker (NCC)(holiday?)

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

None

### **3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 8<sup>th</sup> May 2007**

Were signed as a correct record

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

#### **(a) NCC / Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) Minute 10(a)**

Deferred to Minute 14

#### **(b) Play Area improvements Minute 10(b)**

WP(GP) agreed > date to be arranged

#### **(c) Passenham Minute 11(b)**

Update on repairs and signage discussed > awaits survey – clerk to chase

#### **(d) Allotments Minute 11(c)**

Deferred to the end of the meeting

#### **(e) Policing Old Stratford Minute 11(f)**

Dispersal Orders (said by some as ideal for dealing rear of the Community Hall) to be considered – deferred to Minute 5 for advice

#### **(f) NCC / Northamptonshire Police Minute 15(c)**

Parish Council Conference Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> May @ Police HQ, Wooton Hall, attended by Cllr Plummer who spoke on the item (Cllr Curryer did not attend)

#### **(g) NCC / Atkins Highways Minute 15(g)**

Partnership Day Sat 30<sup>th</sup> June @ Brixworth Depot 11-3pm > Cllr Plummer attends

### **5. Public Speaking Time**

*Meeting closed for this item*

### **6. District and County Councillor Reports**

Neither present

## **7. Planning**

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

#### ***Provisional response due to time limit***

**S/2007/0710/P** Extension to side of existing showroom and workshop and staff parking to rear, new 2m high Heras bow top fencing to SE boundary. MK Autorama, Towcester Road (Watling Street)

\* No objections (amendments to approval S/2005/0641/P noted)

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

**Permit A** single storey rear extension. 8 Hall Close

**Permit B** Two storey rear and single storey side extensions. 19 Oxfield Park Drive

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

**Appeal A/2006/1147/PO** Garden centre with formation of new access to A508, bus stops, parking and landscaping. Furtho Pit junction A508/A5, Old Stratford > to Public Inquiry

\* OSPC to lodge statement of case when Inquiry date is known

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

None

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

### **\* (a) NCC Chief Planning Officer**

Passenham Local Liaison Group meeting Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June @ 4.30pm at the quarry offices

\* Chairman, Cllr Plummer and clerk to attend

### **\* (b) NCC Development Manager**

Transport Strategy for Growth Consultation > Workshop @ SNC 19<sup>th</sup> June. The clerk advised on his discussion with NCC Officer due to OSs location between MK and WNDC development plans

\* Cllr Plummer and clerk (+ Chairman?) attends

### **(c) SNC Waste Management Officer**

Leaflet > nb & corres circulated

### **(d) The Standards Board for England**

Re the new Code of Conduct required to be adopted. (OSPC having adopted the revised Code of Conduct at its Annual Meeting at the beginning of the May 'including para 12(2)' i.e. the non mandatory clause that gives Cllrs with Prejudicial Interests, the same rights as members of the public (by addressing Council) but must then leave the meeting)(as previously adopted by OSPC as a voluntary C of C)

\* A copy of the adapted version of the Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils > members

### **\* (e) NALC Newsletter**

**(i)** NALC advised on the required adoption of the Code of Conduct (as 8(b)) > already actioned

**(ii)** 2007/2008 Salary Scales for Clerks > deferred on the clerks advice

**(iii)** Strengthening the Role of Rural Councillors – Call for Evidence > circulated

**(iv)** Next 'New Councillors' Course > NFA all have attended

### **(f) Northamptonshire Waste Partnership**

Draft Strategy for Managing Waste in Northants to OSPC/Cllrs in the summer > circulated for info

### **\* (g) Woodland Trust**

Survey to be completed > Cllr Rezon

**(h) NJ Blackwell**

Copy of Public Liability > for file

**9. Finance**

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

\* **RESOLVED** to approve

**(b) To Approve and Adopt Statement of Accounts for Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007**

Annual Return for the Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 signed, completed and adopted along with the Receipts & Payments Book and Account notes for Audit

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

Treasurer's a/c: £34.52  
Business Call a/c: £52,810.89  
Earmarked Reserves: £31,101.76 (includes MH income)  
**Available Capital = £21,743.65**

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

001334	Clerks Stipend:	£450.00
001335	Petty Cash:	£102.49 (Incl: Norton Upgrade + mileage)
001336	Cleaner:	£65.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001337	AH Contracts:	£80.37 (POS Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)
001338	ACS Cleaning:	£10.00 (MH Windows)
001339	NJ Blackwell:	£457.96 (Mowing)
001340	Rampchild Ltd:	£998.75 (SBR Repair after vandalism)(Ins claim)
001341	Anglian Water:	£62.36 (MH Charges)
001342	British Gas:	£82.85 (MH Gas)
001343	ABB Ltd:	£450.07 (PL Energy)

**10. Parish Plan – The Way Forward (Report enclosed)**

Cllr ward spoke on report which was adopted – provisional meeting to be agreed

\* Chairman to draft report for next Newsletter inviting village group leaders to be involved as this was a requirement for QCS now that OSPC had a 'qualified' clerk + electoral conditions

**11. Council Surgeries – to agree format and frequencies**

Chairman put forward idea for more open governance – despite Public Speaking time at meetings

\* Canvass interest at next newsletter agreed

**12. Parish Website (Cllr Claytons report circulated last meeting)**

Cllr Clayton spoke on proposals which were adopted in principal

\* To be a budget consideration after costing was finalised (the clerk to manage site after set up)

Cllr Rezon agreed to liaise with Cllr Clayton in the initial stages. Adopted as the 'Way Forward'

**13. Street Lighting**

No reports

**14. Highways**

**(a)** RS3 resurfacing update by the clerk

**(b)** 29 Deanshanger Road – Obstruct Highway / despite corres from NCC re enforcement!  
Occupier has removed a vertical slat only (obstruction to PL remains) > awaits NCC action

(c) 30 mph WP chaired by Cllr Ward had met – report given on the vision’ after update by the clerk on NCCs commitment to speed surveys x 2 summer and autumn  
\* Agreed vision for the future to be progressed – survey siting also to be agreed. The clerk to continue chasing ATS timing modification for ‘Watling Street’ 2200 - 0600

(d) Cllr Farrow spoke on NCC budget cuts (now reinstated) that had left some paths impassable  
\* Letter on OSPC disapproval agreed

(e) Storm water at both Oxfield and Dickens Drive developments had been stated as to storm water sewers and not soak-away

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

(a) MH refurbishment commences Wed 8<sup>th</sup> August for 3 – 4 weeks. It was agreed to re-schedule August meeting to 7<sup>th</sup> August > newsletter

(b) Cllr MacDonald questioned whether QCS was appropriate for OS > next Agenda

#### **16. Date of Next Meeting**

10<sup>th</sup> July 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

#### **4(e) Allotments Minute 11(c)**

The clerk advised on the requirements prior to any CPO consideration. Developer aspirations remain for the proposed site. The clerk advised on the housing allocations for the SN District 2005 – 2011 after the MK/EM Spatial Strategy numbers had now been agreed. Developer pressure however remains for all villages outside proposed growth areas

\* Alternative site = 100 acre field off Deanshanger Road discussed

With no other business the meeting closed at 10.06 pm