

# Old Stratford Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 13 March 2007 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

### Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mrs P Bowdidge, Mr A Farrow, Mrs S Harris Mr J Marchant, Mr D MacDonald, Mr P Plummer & Mr P Rezon

Also present was Cllr Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC)

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr B Curryer (agreed leave of absence - work), Mr B Clayton (London), Mrs L Ward (prior engagement) & Mr A Walker (NCC)

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

None

### 3. Minutes of the Meeting held 13 February 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) – awaits response

#### (b) Best value – London Road Minute 4(c)

Letter from Chief Exec NCC citing AWs responsibility > enforcement - now repaired!

#### (c) Play Area improvements Minute 4(d)

Costed – Grant application to be agreed > Deferred

#### (e) MH Refurbishment Minute 5

Breakdown of costs received > deferred to the end of the meeting

#### (f) Passenham Verges Minute 7(a)

Copy letter circulated for info

#### (g) Policing Old Stratford Minute 15(a)

Email response + notice of Safer Community Team – Invitation to Launch Wed 14<sup>th</sup> March 1-2pm Deanshanger Library > Cllr Farrow and Plummer attend

#### (h) POS Falcon Drive

Developer options discussed > awaits formal approach by agent

### 5. Public Speaking Time

*No public present*

### 6. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mobaraki spoke on Audit Meetings overlap some OSPC meetings. Advised on possible restructuring and imposed Unitary status (although not proposed – by HMG?). PAP was challenging > discussed and would continue although community update will be required. Relaunch at AOM?

## **7. Planning**

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

**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

**S/2007/0218/P** Demolition of existing and replace with 4 no.2 storey terraced houses with a detached garage block at the rear. 31 Deanshanger Road

\* **OBJECTION** This is contrary to policies GS5 and H3 of the County Structure Plan and policies G3, H4 and EV1 of the South Northants Local Plan. In this instant it is an overdevelopment of the site, with inadequate off street parking accessed off a new estate road opposite an existing entrance. Frontage is opposite a bus stop which is used to pick up school children.

Experience shows that even with parking at the rear of terraces No's 27 – 27C cars park on the road. As only three terraced dwellings were previously approved as acceptable, this application should be refused.

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

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

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

None

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

### **\* (a) CPRE Northamptonshire**

AGM - 19 April @ Great Houghton > Cllr Plummer attends

### **(b) NCC Pocket Parks Officer**

Official NCC details of the Pocket Park > circulated for info

### **\* (c) SNC Electoral Officer**

Notification of Nomination Papers for local elections 3 May - (advice on omissions from Electoral Register). Notices posted on or before 27<sup>th</sup> March to be completed and returned to SNC before noon Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April > action agreed

### **(d) Environment Agency**

Great Ouse Draft Catchment Flood Management Plan > circulated for info

### **(e) MKC Principle Planning Officer**

MK Waste development Plan 2007 – 2026 Submission > for file

### **\* (f) NALC**

Legal Topic on Local Elections - Legal Briefing on Draft Data Protection (Appropriate limit & Fees) Regs 2007 (Noted) + 2007 Training Programme including New Councillors (Tues 29<sup>th</sup> May or Wed 20<sup>th</sup> June @ 7pm & Surgery Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Oct) > circulated for info and take up

### **(g) NCC Emergency Planning Officer**

Emergency Planning Perspective (Includes Reception Centre Details 2007) > confirmed MH details

\* Apologies sent re workshop (the clerk advised on pandemic scenario > circulated for info)

### **(h) EON Central Networks**

Yearly Unmetered Supply (Street Lamps) Certificate - Completed with amendments > copy for file

### **\* (i) NALC**

Annual subs and Internal Audit fee from 1 April > approved

**\* (j) NCC Head of Planning Policy**

Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste development Framework – Issues and Options Paper (for possible new site – including west of existing Passenheim site (x 3) > to consider response - deferred

**\* (k) UK Celebrations & Commemorations Ltd**

St Georges Day 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2007 > Action or Celebration pack circulated for info and any action

**(l) Draft East Midlands Regional Plan**

Matters and Participants > circulated for info (only NCC, SNC and CPRE participate in part)

**(m) SNC Technical Officer**

Notice of The Health Act 2006 (Smoking Ban) from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007 (Includes MH) > circulated

**(n) British Gas**

Changes to billing / payment > noted for file

**(o) NJ Blackwell**

Season 2007 quotes for OS & Passenheim > for file

**(p) EMRAF**

The East Midlands Rural Action Plan > circulated for info

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

Northamptonshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework - Adoption of the Development & Implementation Principles Supplementary Planning Document > noted for file

**9. To Consider Letter and Draft Response Regarding Outstanding s106 & Oxfield Park Adoption (Confidential Briefing Note attached)**

\* Contents discussed. Some issues disputed > ‘Will respond later’ acknowledgement, due to legal and planning consultants advice

**10. Finance**

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

\* **RESOLVED** to approve - Interim Internal Audit completed report circulated

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

Treasurer's a/c: £42.87  
Business Call a/c: £43,334.56  
Earmarked Reserves: £21,586.86 (includes MH income)  
**Available Capital = £21,790.57**

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

001303	Clerks Stipend:	£450.00
001304	Petty Cash:	£24.39
001305	Cleaner:	£65.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001306	AH Contracts:	£56.40 (POS Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)
001307	ACS Cleaning:	£20.00 (MH Windows inside and out)
001308	Viking Direct:	£61.09 (MH Supplies)
001309	NJ Blackwell:	£92.83 (Hedgerow/Verge Maintenance)
001310	British Gas:	£179.93 (MH Gas)
001311	Cllr Whittaker:	£24.00 (Mileage > 2 NALC Meetings)

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For payment 1 April

001312	Allianz Cornhill:	£2,482.65 (Village insurance)
001313	NALC:	£308.00 (Annual Subs) (Min:8(i))
001314	NALC:	£152.00 (Internal Audit fees) (Min:8(i))

### **11. Street Lighting**

(a) Hazard signs o/s 37 Dickens Drive & Road Narrows Deanshanger Road opposite Manorfields Road ooo

(b) PL2 The Meadows ooo

### **12. Highways**

(a) Towcester Road Planters – awaits NCC installation of Puffin Xing > WP next council

(b) Uprooted bollard o/s 25 Dickens Drive still in hedge

(c) Bridge Passenham Mill damaged - danger

(d) Gas? Dickens Drive (Cllr Mobaraki deals)

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

(a) Verbal request from 4 x 14/15 yo's to use the Memorial Hall Wednesday evenings for band practice as their drum kit is creating noise complaints from neighbours. (Without parental control what guarantees that friends do not attend?)

\* Provisionally agreed provided 8.30pm finish + responsible adult supervisor

(b) Annual Newsletters will be ready for next Agenda

Info on reduction of sewage charges for dwellings with soak-a-ways > Newsletter / SNC / NALC

### **14. Date of Next Meeting**

10<sup>th</sup> April 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) MH Refurbishment Minute 5**

Costing discussed (further quotes required) Specs and quote copy to Cllr MacDonald

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm