

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mr B Clayton, Mrs S Harris, Mr D MacDonald, Mr P Plummer, Mr T Searle, Mr T Stretton (Min:3) & Dr L Ward;

Also present were Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC) and 5 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs P Bowdidge (Heavy cold) & Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC)(Tenants meeting)

2. Casual Vacancy – to be filled by co-option (after the resignation of Cllr Farrow & Rezon)

Mr Terry Stretton & Mrs Allison Gallop

3. Declaration of Acceptance

Both signed the Declaration of Acceptance (although Mrs Gallop later declined the position)

4. Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda)

None

5. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 9th October 2007

Minutes of the meeting held 9th October 2007 were signed as a correct record

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

(a) Comments about PAP Funding Minute 9(a)

The minutes to show the following for the purpose of clarity and for the information of new members (who may have been alarmed by Cllr Mobaraki (SNC) comments:

‘OSPC did not receive a grant of £3,000 as alleged, but was awarded a grant of £2,537.00 to be paid in 2 halves. The preliminary work for the PAP commenced in 2002 as part of OSPC’s contribution (< min 20% of cost). £1,268.50 allocated Feb 2003 was spent as follows:

CDROM and starter pack = £75. Hall hire costs and professional advice = £210. Questionnaire costs = £430. Collation = £250, Publication Notes = £19.68 & Follow-up Reports (Draft publications) = £45.87. Along with volunteer hours all money was properly spent, minuted and audited’.

The remaining 50% was unclaimed as the project stalled because of the PCs failure to get assurances from SNC & NCC (despite meetings) on a number of issues raised by the questionnaires. However, many of the issues raised were actioned and paid from Capital Reserves. £432.11 remains in ER - is an assessment of volunteer man hour costs and an adjustment for paper as the PC received a donation of 120 reams during that time

(b) N/ACRE Meeting (Sports field & Play Areas) Minute 5(a)

Attended by Cllr Searle report circulated > deferred to Min: 7

(c) Towcester Area Action Plans Minute 12(s)

Stakeholder Consultation Event - Cllr Clayton unable to attend > report for file awaits

(d) Northamptonshire YMCA Minute 11(e)

Contract to review and develop voluntary youth sector that could benefit community

* NFA

(e) The Mill, Passenham Minute 11(h)

Latest E-mail from NCC read after complaints of inactivity > noted

(f) COMMA Application Minute 6(e) September

Formal notification that application was unsuccessful – strong application (run out of money)

* Discussed – NFA at this time

(g) Passenham – CEMEX MKC Operating Centre outstanding

Traffic Commissioners decisions to permit – but vehicles when not in use to NCC side > NCC

7. To consider report on Sports Fields and Play Areas (Cllr Searle) circulated with Agenda
Report discussed > awaits Northampton Playing Fields initiative

8. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

9. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mobaraki (SNC) not present (Min:1)

(b) Cllr Walker (NCC) spoke on the Major Reorganisation (SNC) and Restructuring (NCC), Silverstone Raceway Development (and issues), Local Area Agreements (Partnership) and his own budget (Cllr Clayton to contact re website costing)

10. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2007/1307/PO Residential development (outline) Land east of Deanshanger Road (off The Meadows) (preliminary Objection by Planning WP sent 10 Oct)

* **OBJECTION** to the application as it contrary to policy PPS 3: Housing (as this is not previously developed land); Policy G2 of the SN Local Plan (which indicates that new development will be limited in the villages and severely restrained in the open countryside)

In the supporting statement submitted by DLP Planning Ltd at 4.1 it misleadingly refers to the redevelopment of the vacant site when has always been an agricultural field. They also premise that in the absence of adopted Local Core Strategy, or to wait for the adoption of the West Northamptonshire Rural Areas DPD that no housing to cater for local needs would be delivered. MK/SM Northamptonshire Policy 1: outlines the spatial framework to accommodate growth and that in rural hinterlands the emphasis of development should be on meeting local needs. Old Stratford has no such housing need and the supporting statement does not show any such evidence. Having grown from 436 to 843 dwellings since 1997 a period of calm is required. The undue haste inferred in the supporting statement would unacceptably harm Old Stratford and its environs and should be refused on policy grounds. We have also been led to believe that SNC Policy would require any major development to have a Full Detailed Planning Application

S/2006/0116/P 40 / Part 44 Towcester Road development of 10 dwellings (Amended Plans)

(Details relating to condition 10 – access road, junction and drainage details)(For information only)

* No outstanding issues

Draft Silverstone Circuit Consultation – Masterplan Development Brief

* Circulated (noted that 24 days out of 31 has motor sport) (Therefore is the extent of development proposed outside of the race track justified for 1 weekend a year?)

(b) Permission Granted / Refused

Permit – Extension to existing showroom and workshop etc. Autorama, Watling Street, OS

Refused – Demolition of existing bungalow, construction of five houses, three detached and one pair of semi-detached at 39 Manorfields Road

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

(d) Press Notices

None

11. Correspondence (list at meeting)

(a) SNC Strategic Housing Officer

Landlord News and Views > circulated for info

*** (b) SNC Chairman**

Invitation to attend reception Wed 14 Nov @ Greens Norton CC starting at 7.30pm > NFA

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

Northamptonshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework: Preferred Options for consideration

* Chairman deals

*** (d) NCC Highways / BTP – Hyder (For Grantmaster) Falcon Drive S38 Agreement**

To be deferred to the end of the meeting due to confidential nature

*** (e) SNC Head of Planning**

Parish & Town Council's Planning Forum 8 Nov - Cllr Plummer & clerk attended > Report given

(f) NCC / Atkins Highways

Winter Service Leaflets 2007 / 2008 > circulated and PO

(g) Old Stratford Youth Club Leader

Temporary closure (having run its course?) due to loss of leaders and falling numbers (max 8).

Awaits OSYC letter to parents about keeping OSYC alive provided more help forthcoming

(h) Carillion – URS

HA (Area 8) Customer Care Survey > completed by the clerk

(i) NCC Head of Sustainable Communities

Strategic Funding Programme 2008-09 > Open 1st Nov (Application attached)

* Not applicable to PCs who can precept > Community Hall

*** (j) Cosgrove Road resident**

Complaint about traffic and turning traffic

*** (k) NCC / Atkins Highways**

Urban Highway Grass Mowing 2008 - S136 Contract (£736.83 + inflation!) > to be agreed

(l) AH Contracts (Dog Bins)

Environment Agencies changing policy – Waste producer (OSPC) declaration required

* Completed 1/11 > For file

(m) ICO (Information Commissioner's Office)

Data Controller - Confirmation of Renewal under Data Protection Act 1998 > DD @£35

(n) SNC Principle Housing Officer

SNCs response to Housing & Homelessness Strategies > Poster to nb / circulated

(o) SNC Strategic Housing Officer

As part of the Parish Council focus group on homelessness survey for completion > by the clerk

*** (p) OSRG**

Request for financial assistance with £10 membership fee > MKHA and £20 for hosting web pages
For 2007 / 8 (from 1 Oct 2007) = £30

*** RESOLVED:** That the Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interest of the area and its inhabitants namely donations of £30 to OSRG

(q) NCC Public Participation & Information Manager

Info on Direct Payments & Protecting Vulnerable Adults > For info nb / circulated

(r) NCC Pocket Parks

Info + copy of Pocketeer > circulated for info

(s) Postmaster letter to Chairman

Letter contents discussed at Min:8 > Cllr Plummer to deal Press Notice if closure is indicated

12. Finance

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

*** RESOLVED** to approve

(b) To Approve Current State of Finance

Treasurer's a/c:	£68.56
Business Call a/c:	£29,810.99
Earmarked Reserves:	£9,385.55 (includes < - £510.44 MH income)
Available Capital =	£20,495.00

(c) Approved payment of outstanding accounts listed below

001395	Clerks Stipend:	£450.00
001396	Petty Cash:	£46.79
001397	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001398	AH Contracts:	£64.30 (POS Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)
001399	NJ Blackwell:	£494.85 (Mowing)
001400	ACS:	£10.00 (MH Windows)
001401	M Davies:	£345.93 (Disabled Toilet repairs)
001402	Viking Direct:	£94.18 (MH Toiletry supplies)
001403	Canon UK;	£179.53 (Equipment Hire)
001404	Shaw & Sons:	£63.20 (New R&P Book)
001405	SNC:	£79.10 (Commercial Waste disposal)
001406	Chubb Fire Ltd:	£68.27 (MH Annual inspection)
001407	Powergen:	£66.51 (MH Energy)
001408	Powergen:	£492.37 (PL Energy)
001409	OSRG:	£30.00 (S137 donation Min:11(p))
Direct Debit	ICO:	£35.00 (Data Controller renewal)

(Additional Signatories dealt with)

13. Street Lighting

No reports

14. Highways

- (a) Cllr Plummer spoke on the NCC/Atkins Reps meeting at Towcester TH – Limbo before next Highways contract is agreed
- (b) Cllr Plummer also spoke on Beat 43 arranged for Wed 8 Jan > letter to Police to confirm Cllr Walker spoke on the item of local policing
- (c) Cllr Searle asked about the SID siting in Towcester Road and results in speed analysis
- (d) Members raised outstanding issues about the boundary bridge (the clerk gave history and agreed to chase issues again for the benefit of new members to see if anything new materialised)

15. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

- (a) Passenham Gravel meeting – provisionally now Fri 14th December (not Tues 4th Dec) or after New Year > TBA

16. Date of Next Meeting

11th December 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.

11 (d) NCC Highways / BTP – Hyder (For Grantmaster) Falcon Drive S38 Agreement

Notice from NCC & BTP (for Grantmaster) advising OSPC that a S38 Agreement was for adoption (This is the spine road – for the Commercial Development - the clerk requested latest plans? And advise the Chairman). The clerk had voiced concern to NCC that the S38 lighting standard's, were not for residential development. Falcon Drive maintenance has been placed on NCC Highway Schedule for Oct 2008 and they would look to the PC to take over responsibility within 12 months as the local lighting authority.

* Plans confirm 3 x 10M lamps Towcester Road > NCC, + 8M (not 5 or 6M) installed Falcon Drive to fulfil commercial standards by Highways Authority (Atkins for NCC) to meet the industrial development. OSPC have had no input in the spine road lighting other than a request to approve the indicative plan – which was not an approval to adopt street lighting now requested. **Footway lighting** (which maybe adopted by the lighting authority (i.e. the PC)) is described (S270(1) & S274 HA 1980) as not more the 20feet high (6M) + set distance between columns. **Road lighting** is defined as over 6M. Therefore 8M (= 26.24') high lamps should therefore be adopted by the Highways Authority as in Towcester Road (or the Developer)

RESOLVED that OSPC would not adopt these street lamps as they were not footway lamps and the cost on the parish precept (and the public purse) could not in any event be justified

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.46pm
(Cllr Walker gave early notice of unavailability for AOM April)