

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 11th September 2007 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mrs S Harris (in the chair), Mrs P Bowdidge, Mr B Clayton, Mr J Marchant, Mr P Plummer, Mr T Searle (Minute 2) & Dr L Ward;

Also present were 4 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (away), Mr A Farrow (Illness – advised), Mr D MacDonald & Mr P Rezon (work delayed), Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC)(indisposed as advised), Mr A Walker (NCC)(Full Governors meeting)

2. Casual Vacancy – to be filled by Co-option (CV circulated)

Mr T Searle proposed by Cllr Plummer seconded by Cllr Ward was co-opted onto the council

3. Declaration of Acceptance

Declaration of Acceptance & Financial Declaration signed as required. Copies of SO's, Financial Regs, Code of Conduct supplied along with Councillor Guide and other relevant corres

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

None

5. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 7th August 2007

Were signed as a correct record

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

(a) NCC / Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) Minute 4(a)

Latest corres from NCC read > deferred until results of speed surveys

(b) Passenham Minute 4(b)

Temporary Road closure (1st -5th October 2007) for proposed remedial work - Discussed and supported

(c) Allotments Minute 4(c) & 8(j)(i)

Clerk advised on 2nd site and read letter exchange with Cemex (see (e)) Both sites to be considered for CPO via SNC > Next Agenda

(d) Recreation Ground / Playing Field Minute 4(f)

The clerk advised on transfer previously agreed (= £1,800 from capital reserves) with transfer back to be considered at the end of the financial year > Action approved

* After last meeting Q by MOP 'did shelter comply with new smoking regs' > A Yes / details read

(e) COMMA Fund Minute 8(j)

WP had agreed fund application (meeting Cllrs AF, DMc, SH & RW) but later amended due to CEMEX refusal to allotment proposals (via Chairman) (see 6(c) above)

7. Parish Website proposals

Cllr Clayton spoke on proposals and options. After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that a Old Stratford Parish Council.org.uk (and generic alternatives) be agreed > costing for next Agenda

8. Parish Plan (Report Circulated)

Cllr Ward spoke on the item.

* **RESOLVED** unanimously to proceed > item for next newsletter (see 15(a))

9. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

10. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mobaraki (SNC) Not present

(b) Cllr Walker (NCC) Not present

11. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2007/1114/P Demolition of existing bungalow, construction of five houses (3 detached and 1 pair of semi-detached) 39 Manorfields Road

* **OBJECTION** The proposed development is contrary to policies GS5 & H3 of the County Structure Plan and policy G3 of the Local Plan which seeks to guide development to appropriate sites within the village confines. In this instance the proposal would constitute a cramped subdivision of the existing plot to the detriment of the area (and it's predominantly bungalow setting). Furthermore, the development fails to provide adequate space around the semi detached dwellings in a prominent position on the corner where vision will be restricted and with parking spaces (that whilst meeting the criteria of 1½ spaces per dwelling) does not meet the safety criteria of a minimum of 24½ metres from the junction on a road that is a maximum of 16 feet wide. Access parking of the other dwellings is also questioned as reversing out into the road appears the only option and is contrary to current guide lines for new developments. Neither the existing post box nor parish council street lamp is indicated (resiting of the street lamp should not be an option). The proposals are therefore considered as an over development of the site and its design is not in keeping with the bungalow setting and the provision and position of car parking is a road safety hazard on a narrow estate road close to the Deanshanger Road and the pinch point just north of the junction. A previous application S/2005/0434/P is more in keeping although the Parish Council objected on similar grounds before the application was withdrawn

(b) Permission Granted / Refused

Permit – Single storey rear extension and loft conversion. 3 Deanshanger Road

Permit – Two storey detached dwelling/ Land bet 6 & 8 Deanshanger Road

Refused – First floor extension over existing garage. 11 Water Close

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Appeal – A2006/0858/PO Erection of a detached bungalow - Outline. Land @ 76 Mounthill Ave (This is now by way of Informal Hearing on Wed 12 Sep 10am @ SNC) > NFA

(d) Press Notices

None

12. Correspondence (list at meeting)

(a) NCC Leader

Report to the People – on achievements > circulated for info / Survey on priorities by Cllr > NFA

(b) Powergen

Electricity Renewal agreement for MH > for file

(c) Panel Secretary - East Midlands Draft Regional Plan

Examination in Public report expected late October 2007 > for file

(d) NALC Principal Officer

Executive Summary on Quality Parish & Town Council Scheme > circulated for info

*** (e) Deanshanger Day Centre**

Corres referring to letter dated 7th November 2006

* Donation for 2006/7 already paid. 2007/8 > Next Agenda to consider s137 donation

*** (f) N/ACRE Village Halls / Charity Adviser**

Sports Fields & Play Areas in Northamptonshire - A look to the future > Invitation to 'special event' evening Wednesday 10th Oct 7 – 9pm

* Cllr Searle attends

(g) NCC Emergency Planning Officer

Guide details of Community Self Help Plan / Emergency Response Plan as part of the Parish Plan

* > Cllr Ward for info and action advice re Parish Plan

(h) John Drake & Co

Home Farm, OS – Deposit Statement Plan and Statutory Declaration to NCC re land owned with Public ROW for file (stile installed alongside access gate The Meadows/Meadow Field) > for file

(i) NCC Chief Planning Officer

Passenham Liaison Group – last Meetings Minutes > next meeting Tuesday 4th December 4.30pm @ MH

* Attending - Cllrs Whittaker, Harris & Plummer

*** (j) Northampton NHS Teaching PCT**

First AGM Wed 26th September @ Saints RFC Northampton > Attendee - NFA

(k) Environment Agency

Floodline' Info > circulated for info

*** (l) Northants Police**

(i) Invitation to form Community Panels (Towcester Rural Safer Community Team) and presentation @ Police HQ Thursday 20th September from 1900 – 2100

* Cllr Plummer attends

(ii) Stakeholders Newsletter for circulation + Survey > completed by the clerk

*** (m) West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit**

Joint Core Strategy – Issues and Options Consultation – Summary Leaflet (Exhibition @ CH day of notification (dated 31 August) Apologies from Planning Unit for late delivery > SNC Leader info'd

* Members to note (Exhibitions expand booklets circulated) – Workshop attendance?

(n) WS Atkins / NCC Highways

Northamptonshire Engineering Contract – Annual Parish Questionnaire > completed by the clerk

*** (o) Laurence Rae Associates Ltd**

Lighting scheme for 40/44 Towcester Road for approval

* Approved (to be numbered and prior to acceptance Cert of Conformity)

(p) SNC Property Services Manager

Re District Wide Flooding June/July 2007 > request for info (Requested new plan as pre expansion)

* To be completed by the clerk

*** (r) Residents letter re Towcester Road**

Complaint on Parish Newsletter articles and on issues beyond householders control (with photographs) (invitation to meeting declined > clerk had advised OSPCs position and intentions)

* Endorsed current PC action > comments noted

*** (s) SNC Principle Policy Officer**

Towcester & Brackley Area Action Plans - Stakeholder Consultation Event Fri 12 Oct 9.30am – 4.30pm @ Brackley Town Hall (Morning focus on Towcester / Afternoon on Brackley)

* Cllr Clayton attends

(t) SNC Benefits Team Leader (Verification & Fraud)

Targeting Fraud Campaign > Poster to nb

(u) Aylesbury Vale District Council

Affordable Housing Draft Supplement (Adjoining Authority) > for file

(v) SNC Housing Transfer Project Leader

Ballot produced Yes vote for transfer to Housing Association > Time table for file

13. Finance

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

* **RESOLVED** to approve

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

Treasurer's a/c:	£87.59
Business Call a/c:	£44,674.69
Earmarked Reserves:	£27,457.73 (includes MH income)
Available Capital =	£17,304.55

(c) Approved payment of outstanding accounts listed below

001366	Clerks Stipend:	£450.00
001367	Petty Cash:	£80.39 (Incl: Sundries/stores/COMMA Application)
001368	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001369	AH Contracts:	£80.37 (POS Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)
001370	NJ Blackwell:	£409.08 (Mowing)
001371	British Gas:	£1.42 (MH Gas)
001372	M Davies:	£5,287.50 (2 nd payment MH Refurbishment + vat)
001373	Cllr Whittaker	£9.60 (Mileage NALC meeting)
001374	Viking Direct:	£48.34 (Office Supplies)
001375	Canon UK Ltd:	£179.53 (Equipment Hire)
001376	Rekk Ltd:	£9,161.48 (Teenage Shelter)
001377	Allianz Ins PLC:	£64.07 (Insurance supplement re Shelter)
001378	SNC:	£137.29 (PC Election – Admin costs)
001379	ABB:	£450.07 (PL Maintenance)
001380	Rampchild Ltd:	£3,348.75 (SBR Refurbishment)
001381	Kimbolton Fireworks:	£623.05 (Fireworks > vat reclaim)

13. Street Lighting

No reports

14. Highways

- (a) Delayed Puffin Crossing installation chased (affected action highlighted at Min:12(r))

15. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

- (a) Date of Annual Open meeting 2008 > 15 April agreed + next newsletter (Input asap)
- (b) Formal request for slide to be added to Chapmans Drive Play Area > Budget
- (c) Mounthill Ave / Willow Grove request for additional Dog bins > next Agenda

16. Date of Next Meeting

9th October 2007 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.12pm