

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 9th December 2008 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mrs B Bucknell, Mr B Clayton, Mrs S Harris, Mr D MacDonald, Mr A Pateman, Mr G Rogers (Min:3), Mr T Searle, Mrs P Stevenson & Dr L Ward; Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllr Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC) and 29 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs S Tomlinson (prior engagement) & Mr A Walker (NCC)(Unwell)

2. Casual Vacancy by Co-option

Mr George Rogers was co-opted unanimously onto the council and welcomed

3. Declaration of Acceptance

Cllr Rogers duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance

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

Cllr MacDonald declared a personal non prejudicial interest in S/2008/0707/PO as a resident of Deanshanger Road

5. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 11th November 2008

Minutes of the meeting held 11th November 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record subject to the addition of Cllr Clayton & Bucknell to Min:19 WP

* **Chairman's Declaration** Due to the interest in two planning matters namely the Outline Plan for 35 dwellings on land east of Deanshanger and the erection of 4 houses at 5 Cosgrove Road - Minutes 8 & 10 will now be heard

8. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

10. Planning

(a) Applications

S/2008/0707/PO Residential development for 35 dwellings (outline) Land east of Deanshanger Rd (SNC Site meeting held Tuesday 2 December attended by the clerk)(see (b) below)

S/2008/1541/PO Erection of four terrace dwellings (outline) 5 Cosgrove Road

(Access report and objection letters circulated with the minutes)

* **OBJECTION** Contrary to various policies. A cramped sub-division on an already restricted site. There is no provision for on site parking and the access statement is unacceptable. Any development must be set back from the highway to allow for the presentation of waste bins for collection as the footway is less than a meter wide and forms part of the walking bus route to school. There is said to be an ancient lights issue with both adjacent properties and the important row of terraced houses opposite (which have front gardens). On street parking is a serious consideration along with the sewer and flooding issues that are of long standing. For information this required the development at the end of Cosgrove Road to install a new main sewer.

S/2008/1586/P Change of use of existing Unit A and its subdivision to provide 3 Units to include A1 extended to D1 use, A1 use A3 & A5 use (Retail proposals circulated with Agenda) Old Stratford Local Centre Falcon Drive

* No objection

Interim

S/2008/1620/P Proposed retention of aggregate materials to consolidate an established parking area for angler's cars, on land at Passenham, opposite Mill Cottages, Passenham Lane

* **OBJECTION** This should be an application for change of use NOT the proposed retention of aggregate materials. This was an engineering operation to import gravel for the car park which was previously on unmade up ground

(b) Permission Granted / Refused / Recommendations to Committee

Permit – Conservatory rear Furtho House, 20 Towcester Road

Permit – Retention of all weather surfaces for horses (5 years under ref S/2001/1428/P) Land opp The Dovecote, Passenham

Recommendation for Approval S/2008/0707/PO > SNC Committee 11/12 The clerk and Chairman attend to enforce previous **OBJECTION** (9 supported objection)

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

None

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

(a) Parking Towcester Road Minute 4(a)

NCC response circulated to Towcester Road residents (2 residents had responded)

* Deferred to Min:7

(b) Arboreal Work re Hall Close boundary Minute 6(b)

Further site inspection with SNC Arboreal Officer / Cllr Pateman and clerk

* Report given (the clerk to meet residents on site if required) action agreed

(c) Communities & Local Government – A Consultation Minute 12(b)

Proposed Codes of Conduct for both Members and Employees > Report from Cllr Pateman - NFA

(d) EM Regional Plan: Partial Revue Minute 12(d)

Cllr Ward dealt and spoke on the issues

(di) SNVB (SN Volunteer) Forum Minute 12(h)

SNC Thursday 20th November 2 – 4 > attended by Cllr Pateman & Bucknell > report for circulation next meeting (see Min:12(n))

(e) Chapmans Drive play area extension Minute 12(l)

General Purpose WP (+ Cllr Pateman & Tomlinson) to examine scheme.(clerk advised on fence costs) > Clerk to arrange meeting

(f) Deanshanger PC letter re Burial Ground Minute 12(r)

Support sought re OSPCs concern lack of burial spaces for residents > copy to SNCl

(fi) Community Safety Panel Update

Cllr Pateman gave a report – copy to be attached to the minutes

7. Working Party Report on Towcester Road (Circulated along with resident letters and clerks report on costing and parking enforcement)

* Cllr Harris spoke on proposals - it was unanimously agreed to proceed with the preferred option circulated

9. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mobaraki (SNC)

Environment SNC success in recycling making a major leap up the recycling league table. Figures from DEFRA confirm SNC ahead of strict recycling targets and composting 48% of household rubbish (SNC 29th of 393 councils – 49th last year) and is best performer in Northants. (2007/8 more than 11,000tonnes for composting and 7.300 tonnes recycled)

Planning Government have blocked proposed new laws to stop ‘garden grabbing’ and spoke on the 2000 rules where gardens no longer classed as ‘green’ spaces where development is damaging the biodiversity and sustainability of the local environment

Other and Case Work highlighted – Full report attached to the minutes

(b) Cllr A Walker (NCC)

Not present

11. Press Notices

None

12. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) Northamptonshire ACRE**

Invitation to renew annual subs £34 (Budget s137) > **RESOLVED** to approve

(b) SNC Electoral Services

Register of Electors > for file (Electoral Roll has increased 1452 > 1483 noted for budget)

*** (c) Victim Support**

Update and Appeal for funds > for next Agenda

*** (d) Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance**

Appeal for funding > for next Agenda

(e) Information Commissioners Office

Reminder that the new model publication scheme is to be approved by 31st December > Min:14

(f) AH Contractors

Dog Bin contractors Public Liability Insurance received > for file

Fees increase by 5% from Apr 09 > Budget considerations

*** (g) Northamptonshire ACRE**

Info on NOW Project aimed to assist 16-25 year olds in accessing education. Article in next newsletter agreed

(h) Deanshanger Daycentre

Donation ack with thanks. Copy of accounts, list of OS attendees > for Budget consideration

(i) N/CALC Update

Circulated for info – deferred to Budget consideration > to note increases in s137 limits and Clerks Salary increase > Budget consideration

*** (j) HM Revenue & Customs**

Less than 50 employees > PAYE on line soon to be required - PAYE / NIC electronically

* > Budget meeting and file

(k) SNC Animal Welfare Officer

Info on new Dog Control Orders under s55 Clean Neighbourhoods and Environmental Act 2005 > for file

(l) OS Preschool Playgroup

Financial Position as at 26th October 2008 > Budget considerations

(m) Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association

Annual Report circulated for info

*** (n) SN Forum**

Next meeting Thursday 29th January 2009 @ SNC 2 – 4pm > NFA recommended - Carried

13. Finance

(a) The Budgetary Controls to date (Attached to the Agenda)

Proposed by Cllr Pateman seconded Cllr Whittaker that the following be approved - unanimous

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

Treasurer's a/c:	£90.69
Business Call a/c:	£28,915.58 (Incl: Vat repayment)
Earmarked Reserves:	£16,127.36 (includes MH income)
Available Capital	= £12,878.91

(c) The Payment of outstanding accounts listed below

001544	Clerks Stipend:	£622.00
001545	HM Revenue & Customs:	£197.04 (Income Tax + NIC)
001546	Petty Cash:	£32.91
001547	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001548	NJ Blackwell:	£397.15 (Mowing)
001549	ACS:	£10.00 (MH Windows)
001550	Canon (UK):	£39.23 (Copy costs)
001551	Anglian Water:	£52.01 (MH Water rates)
001552	N/ACRE:	£34.00 (Annual subs Min:12(a))
001553	AH Contracts:	£65.61 (Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)

14. To Approve New Model Publication Scheme & Guidance (circulated with Agenda)

RESOLVED to approve

15. Street Lighting

No reports

16. Highways

(a) E-mail from SSTC read re Boundary Bridge traffic and HGVs > the clerk to chase negotiations between NCC / MKC (Cllr Walker already advised)

(b) Drainage issues 13 Towcester Road Min:8 > the clerk to deal direct with complainant

(c) Position of SIDs previously agreed (Grant application delayed) > for Budget & next meeting

- (d) Flooding issues and HGVs issues raised at Min:8 > the clerk to liaise with complainant
- (e) Outstanding ponding issue Rivercrest Road > Cllr Harris to complain direct to MGWSP

17 Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) The clerk to complete list of outstanding / longstanding issues as part of the Minutes
Cllr Ward agreed to list

(b) Litter issues > next Agenda

(c) Dog Fouling > next Agenda

18. Date of Next Meeting

Finance WP meeting > Wed 17th December

Tuesday 13th January 2009 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the Chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year and closed the meeting at 9.45pm