

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 12th February 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 P Plummer, Mr T Searle, Mr T Stretton & Dr L Ward; Also present were 4 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs P Bowdidge (SMB Meeting), Mr D MacDonald (work) & Mr A Walker (NCC) (Kingsbrook SGM)

2. Casual Vacancy – to be filled by co-option

3. Declaration of Acceptance

Deferred

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

None

5. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 8th January 2008

Minutes of the meeting held 8th January 2008 were signed as a correct record

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

(a) The Mill, Passenham Minute 6(a)

Latest E-mails – update given. Remedial work to commence June? Contradictory reports advised Resurfacing only > awaits report

(b) Post Office Closure Minute 6(b)

Cllr Plummer spoke on the item – deferred for Cllr Mobaraki

(c) NCC Grant > OSPC website

Grant received > Cllrs Clayton and Searle spoke on the item

(d) Deanshanger Road – street lighting upgrade Minute 12(c)

Options and quotes discussed > Proposed by Cllr Harris seconded by Cllr Bucknell that a single PL opposite 4 & 5 be agreed. Unanimously carried

(e) Highway Issues Minute 13(a)

E-mail sent requesting action on 3 outstanding issues and discussed.

(f) Falcon Drive s38 Agreement Minute 6(d) Dec

Further exchange of E-mails to Developer (to advise on standards required by NCC/Atkins consultants) and NCC (for legal definition of Road -v- Footway lamps) despite unclassified road
* Matter now resolved – NCC has agreed to accept all responsibility. (NCC also restated previous advice that whilst OSPC will accept estate footway lamps - it will not include bollard lighting)

7. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

8. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) **Cllr Mobaraki (SNC)**

(b) **Cllr Walker (NCC)**

Neither present

10. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2007/0319/P 2 Storey extension to rear and single storey to side 19 Oxfield Park Drive

(Change of rear fenestration (roof slope))

* Changes noted

S/2007/1307/PO Residential development (outline) Land off The Meadows rear of Deanshanger Rd

(SNC / Developer request for details w/o prejudice despite OSPCs objection)(Clerk to report verbally) (see below)

* Discussed - Unanimously agreed not to respond to SNC as application is withdrawn

S2007/1638/P Part conversion of garage to domestic accommodation (retrospective)

41 Dickens Drive

* Noted

(b) Permission Granted / Refused

Permit – Partial garage conversion (retrospective) 41 Dickens Drive

Permit – Change of use to house + 3 flats (retrospective) Knotwood Farm, Towcester Road

Permit – Variation of expiry date (Wind turbine) 51 Deanshanger Road

Withdrawn – Outline residential development land off The Meadows rear of Deanshanger Road

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

(d) Press Notices

None

11. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) C/NALC**

Update – (including Cllr training Wed 14 May (7 – 9 TBC) > Cllrs BB, TSe & TSt to attend NALC Financial Update > for file and action by RFO

(b) SNC Housing Transfer Project Leader

Housing Transfer Project and transfer > SNH (SN Homes) + registered open spaces (req'd to consult etc. – none OS) > for info NFA

*** (c) Northamptonshire ACRE**

Invitation to the launch of new Green Space Toolkit for communities Wed 16 April 6.30 – 8.30pm

E-mail re registration > completed

*** (d) NCC Emergency Planning Officer**

Parish Emergency Planning Conference 'Good Neighbourliness: The Emergency Planning Perspective' - Tues 11 March commencing 6.30pm > Cllr Ward attends

(e) SNC Chairman

Invitation to Annual Civic Dinner @ Whittlebury Hall Hotel Fri 11 April 7.30pm for 8 > circulated

(f) SNC Development Control Manager

Local Requirements' for planning applications – consultation on "local list" > deferred for details

*** (g) Tim Boswell MP Surgeries**

Held at SNC (dates provided) 5 – 7pm each consultation = 10' > poster nb (deferred next meeting)

(h) Audit Commission

AC advise that external auditor remains unchanged > for file

*** (i) CPRE (Northants Branch)**

Planning Roadshow (Planning and Landscapes) > 6 – 9pm Tue 15 April @ Cranford Hall, Kettering

* Chairman attends

*** (j) NCC Chief Fire Officer**

Proposed Standards of Operational Response 2007 > review and opinions > Cllr Clayton deals

(k) Northants Touring Arts

Interested in Touring Music, Dance or Drama? > circulated for info and comment

*** (l) NCC (LAA Office)**

Sustainable Communities Strategies for Northamptonshire 2008/2031 > circulated for info (as the Northamptonshire Growth Area (Towcester as a Rural Service Centre – concerns/consultation does not extend to OS area))

(m) Deanshanger Day Centre

Copy of Accounts 2006/7 and letter re rising costs - 2008/9 Donation already agreed for Oct 08

(n) SLCC

Now a Northamptonshire Branch > Joining to be agreed by DD Approved

(o) N J Blackwell

Mowing quotes received for file

12. Finance

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

* **RESOLVED** to approve.

(b) To Approve Current State of Finance

Treasurer's a/c:	£67.57
Business Call a/c:	£29,174.62 (Incl:Vat repayment/NCC Mowing/WS grant)
Earmarked Reserves:	£10,570.12 (includes < - £290.67 MH income)*
Available Capital =	£18,672.07

* Note: RFO report that if at year end MH/ER was still minus figure < Capital Reserves - Approved

(c) Approved payment of outstanding accounts listed below

Paid 15/01/08

001428	Tree Profiles Ltd:	£675.63 (Willow crowning)
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001429	Clerks Stipend:	£450.00 *
001430	Petty Cash:	£68.77 (Incl: Tipping Charge)
001431	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001432	AH Contracts:	£80.37 (POS Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)
001433	ACS:	£10.00 (MH windows)
001434	E.ON:	£114.16 (MH Energy)
001435	Canon UK:	£179.53 (Equipment Hire)

001436 N/CALC: £104.00 (Cllr Training Fees May 07 Late Invoice?)

* Note: The clerk advised that from 1st April 2008 he will now draw full salary entitlement (NI obligation > OSPC)

13. Street Lighting

(a) PL2 Dickens Drive still ooo

14. Highways

(a) Speed data London Rd / Towcester Rd & Passenham chased

(b) Passenham Lane causeway > barbed wire?

(c) After recent Gravel Liaison meeting Fencing Passenham Lane by Overbridge & Travellers site issues were again raised > NCC (Comments made by Cllr Mobaraki were challenged)

(d) Cold Calling sign Mounthill Ave missing (to be extended?)

15. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) Website

(b) Post Office closure - the way forward

(c) Village Newsletter for AOM (articles by end of March at latest)

16. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 11th March 2008 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.27pm