

# Old Stratford Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2008 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

### Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mrs P Bowdidge, Mrs B Bucknell, Mrs S Harris, Mr D MacDonald, Mr A Pateman (Minute 4), Mr P Plummer, Mr T Searle & Mr T Stretton; Also present were 13 members of the public

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr B Clayton (away), Dr L Ward (meeting re 11(d) Feb) & Mr A Walker (NCC)(away)

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

CV from Mr Anthony Pateman circulated > Co-option unanimous and welcomed onto the PC

### 3. Declaration of Acceptance

Declaration of Acceptance and Financial Declaration signed

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

None

### 5. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 12<sup>th</sup> February 2008

Minutes of the meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> February 2008 were signed as a correct record

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

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

Latest report given and discussed

#### (b) Post Office Closure Minute 6(b) & 15(b)

Closure confirmed as 27<sup>th</sup> March 2008 (PO Consult figures show OS as affluent (not deprived) + high car ownership (Pop = 3949 / 0-15 = 684 / 16-Ret = 2534 / Ret = 731 (more than Deanshanger))

#### (c) Highway Issues Minute 6(e)

Re Towcester Road meeting with NCC Highway Manager 20<sup>th</sup> Feb (Chairman present / E-mails read – Remaining issues also advised and discussed at length

#### (d) C/NALC Training Minute 11(a)

Update – (including Cllr training Wed 14 May (7 – 9 TBC) > Cllrs BB, TSe, AP & (TSt) to attend NALC Financial Update > for file and action by RFO (see Min:11(d))

#### (e) Tim Boswell MP Surgeries Minute 11(g)

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

#### (f) OS Website Minute 15(a)

New banner approved

### 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

## **9. Planning**

(a) **Applications Received**

(b) **Permission Granted / Refused**

(c) **Enforcement / Appeals**

(d) **Press Notices**

None

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

(a) **N/ACRE**

Monitoring & Good Practice Quality Standard Review 2008 > completed by the clerk

**\* (b) NCC Emergency Planning Officer**

Reception Centre Checklist 2008 (MH) > completed by the clerk and discussed (The clerks duties as Facilities Manager explained > noted)

(c) **SNC Planning Enforcement Team Leader**

Planning Enforcement Policy statement circulated for info

**\* (d) N/ACRE Project Coordinator**

New Green Space Toolkit for communities @ HHC Wed 16 April 6.30 – 8.30 > Cllr Searle

**\* (e) SNC Strategic Housing Officer**

Newsletter – feedback / Update request? > Cllr Plummer

(f) **NCC Pocket Parks Officer**

Annual Diary Sheet / Summary for OS Pocket Park etc > the clerk

**\* (g) Great Houghton Parish Council**

Letter of concern from PC Chairman on ASDA Wind Turbine Planning Application and planning inconsistencies > for info and discussion on apparent implications > Noted - NFA

**\* (h) South Northamptonshire Youth Council**

2008-2009 Youth Opportunity Fund Launch – Application form for 13 – 19yo's > Cllr Plummer

(i) **NCC Committee Manager**

Empowering Councillors and Communities Scheme – confirmation of grant > OSPC Website

(j) **WNDC / Parish Councils Workshop**

Workshop questions submitted at the end of the workshop 24<sup>th</sup> Jan – Formal replies > circulated

(k) **AH Contracts**

Notified 2% increase for Dog Bin emptying from 1 April > noted for file

**\* (l) TDS for George Wimpey South Midlands Homes Ltd**

Chapmans Drive now inspected, numbered and ready for formal adoption > PL1 Wheelwrights Way marked 'no service' > TDS advised (Ins and energy costs are imminent)(see also 10(o))

**\* (m) SNC Senior Technical Officer Public Health**

Is OS ready to take action against climate change? And what plans asks SNC (If Yes = an Expression of Interest (for one community within SNC to champion!) > Cllr Pateman

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

Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Management Framework: Control and Management of Development - A Discussion Paper > Cllr Whittaker

**(o) E.ON**

Unmetered Electrical Supply Certificate expires 15/3/08 (see Min:10(l) - will await ABB's inclusion onto Maintenance Schedule before proceeding) > clerk deals

**11. 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:	£65.74
Business Call a/c:	£28,155.69
Earmarked Reserves:	£10,440.26 (includes < - £420.53 MH income)
<b>Available Capital =</b>	<b>£18,672.07</b>

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

001437	Clerks Stipend:	£450.00
001438	Petty Cash:	£23.19
001439	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001440	AH Contracts:	£64.30 (POS Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)
001441	ACS:	£10.00 (MH windows)
001442	Canon UK:	£42.16 (Copy costs)
001443	NJ Blackwell:	£811.13 (Hedge cutting & Maintenance)
001444	British Gas:	£102.13 (MH Gas)
001445	ABB:	£472.44 (PL Maintenance)

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1 April

001446	Allianz:	£2,691.08 (Insurance Premium)
001447	Nationwide BS:	£170.00 (Clerk Pension Gratuity 2008/9)

**(d) To Approve 'System of Internal Audit' (circulated with Agenda)**

**RESOLVED** to approve

**12. Street Lighting**

**(a)** Complaint of 2 x PL ooo The Meadows (developer informed again > NCC adoptions)

**13. Highways**

**(a)** Speed data London Rd / Towcester Rd & Passenham - still awaits despite assurance

**(b)** The clerk had dealt with flooding London Road (river bridge), Cosgrove Road (new drainage scheme) and fallen tree Deanshanger Road. ATS faults XRoads and OS RAB

**(c)** Cllr Plummer advise that Kingsbrook School had complained to NCC regarding the SRTS for pupils Passenham Lane

- (d) CA Passenham, fencing down + barbed wire still in situ
- (e) Ponding Mounthill Ave o/s 22 due to collapsed/broken gully and subsidence
- (f) Manorfields Road o/s 13/15 ponding due to uneven surface near drain
- (g) Towcester Road issues > the clerk to advise by AOM (and separate surgery if required)

**14. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda**

- (a) Cllr Plummer advises that he is now Chairman of the housing management for SNH.  
\* PC confirmed register of interests

**15. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2008 commencing at 7.30pm (AOM 15<sup>th</sup> April commencing at 7.30pm)

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm