

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on 11th November 2008 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mrs B Bucknell, , Mrs S Harris, Mr D MacDonald, Mr A Pateman, Mrs P Stevenson, Mrs S Tomlinson & Dr L Ward;

Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllr Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC), and 2 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr B Clayton (home commitment) & Mr A Walker (NCC – NCC meeting)

2. Casual Vacancy by Co-option

3. Declaration of Acceptance

Deferred to next meeting

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

None

5. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 14th October 2008

Minutes of the meeting held 9th September 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record

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:19

(b) Arboreal Work re Hall Close boundary Minute 6

Clerk canvassed residents > Work Costed

* Resident response Q Arboreal Officers proposals. Site visited by Cllr Pateman & clerk further site meeting agreed > Report for next meeting

(c) Highways Rep Minute 18(b)

New rep required (The clerk is acting at present) > to continue until next Annual Meeting

(d) Community Safety Panel Minute 18(b)

Cllrs Pateman & Bucknell to represent the OSPC

(d) Former Youth Club Equipment Outstanding

Whilst the school have taken some equipment, what remains is too big due to lack of storage (+ monitors and electrical) > new Deanshanger Youth Club on loan

* The clerk to deal

7. St Guthlac's, Passenham (Churchyard maintenance / notice board to be agreed)

The clerk reported on enquiries requested and advanced a view on the contract work being carried out and the PCs position on match funding

* Match funding not agreed due to circumstances - More info required for the nb

8. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

9. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mobaraki (SNC)

Community Engagement – Following the recent Officers’ structure change (ODR) SNC is making more effort to engage with local communities and as part of the process an invitation has been sent to all PCs for a ‘Meeting the Directors’ session. (See Min: 12(j))

Planning – MKSM has recently been revised – look out for consultation doc

Other – Prospective SNC Conservative Party Candidate details

Case Work – Current topics in hand affecting OS (CAs; Noise & Pollution, Passenham; Travellers; Village needs following PO closure; Economic development and Anti-social behaviour)

NCC Minerals Plan also raised and efforts to exclude CAs from gravel extraction

(b) Cllr A Walker (NCC)

Not present

10. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2008/1453/P Conservatory Rear (balcony details later omitted) Furtho House, 20 Towcester Road

* No objection – (The clerk to check plans re wall height and appearance not in keeping > SNC)

(b) Permission Granted / Refused

Permit – Two single storey rear extension at Old Dairy Barn, Passenham

Permit – (Retrospective) Outbuilding to rear at 33 Mounthill Ave

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Autorama – Environmental Risk Assessment > the clerk to chase

11. Press Notices

None

12. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) SNC Lead Officer: Planning Policy**

Local Development Framework: Village Confines

* Delegated response re status quo (retention of Village Confines) rather than Criteria Based Policy (considered on merits only) > Chairman consulted (Received and dated 15/10 – response by 17/Oct)

*** (b) Communities & Local Government – A Consultation**

Communities in Control: New proposed Codes of Conduct for both Members and Employees

* Response by 24 December > Cllr Pateman deals – advice next meeting

*** (c) East Midlands Regional Assembly**

EM Regional Plan: Partial Revue > disc enclosed

* Any response by 12 December > Cllr Ward deals – report next meeting

(d) The Royal British Legion

Official Receipt and thanks for Wreath costs and Donation > noted for file

(e) SNC Strategic Housing Officer

Landlord News and Views > circulated for info

(f) Deanshanger Day Centre

Donation receipt + List of members and Accounts requested > Budget consideration

*** (g) SNC Director of Service Delivery**

Invitation to attend Planning Forum 27 Oct (dated 16/10) attended by the Chairman and clerk who spoke on the item. Results and thanks received > Await further consultation to follow

*** (h) SNVB (SN Volunteer)**

Forum on engagement in village communities especially the future of village shops + Community Shop Handbook @ SNC Thursday 20th November 2 – 4 > attendee (clerk u/b)

* Cllr Pateman & Buckley attend

(i) Information Commissioners Office

Confirmation of Annual DD 5/11 of £35 (Registration) > accounts noted

*** (j) SNC Chief Executive**

Meet the Directors – Brackley TH 3rd Dec 7-9 > Chairman and Clerk to attend

(k) Resident Letter

Favourable comments about newsletter as a new resident + complaint about the sitting of Bus Timetable (clerk has dealt - further response noted)

*** (l) Resident Letter (Circulated)**

Chapmans Drive play area – request to extend and enclose for ball games?

* Discussed > General Purpose WP (+ Cllr Pateman & Tomlinson) to examine scheme. Clerk to advise on fence costs

*** (m) NCC Pocket Parks**

Wildlife and Habitat Training Questionnaire > to consider by the Clerk as PPREP

*** (n) Northamptonshire ACRE**

A reminder that The Regulatory Reform (Fire safety) Order 2005 came into force on 1st Oct 2008 replacing or amending 118 pieces of legislation and replaces the responsibility of fire safety on the PC (responsible person = the clerk) > Fire Risk Assessment carried out and copied to users. To be periodically reviewed

* Cllr Pateman to review current assessment

(o) CPRE

Stop the Drop – anti litter campaign > campaign toolkit circulated for info and comment

(p) N/CALC

Meeting of The Northamptonshire Larger Councils Partnership Wed 12th November @ Towcester TH 7 – 9pm to be attended by the Chairman and Clerk

(q) Aylesbury Vale DC

AVDC – LDF Consultation on the direction of housing growth at Aylesbury for info > for file NFA

*** (r) Deanshanger PC (Circulated)**

Shortage of Burial Ground in Deanshanger (History given) > Further info required

13. Finance

Proposed by Cllr MacDonald seconded Cllr Pateman and carried unanimously that the following be approved

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

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

Treasurer's a/c:	£173.07
Business Call a/c:	£28,958.98 (Incl: NCC Mowing Grant)
Earmarked Reserves:	£16,143.24 (includes MH income)
Available Capital	= £12,881.93

(c) The Payment of outstanding accounts listed below

001535	Clerks Stipend:	£622.00
001536	HM Revenue & Customs:	£197.04 (Income Tax + NIC)
001537	Petty Cash:	£116.62 (Itemised incl; Padlock/keys)
001538	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001539	AH Contracts:	£82.02 (Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)
001540	NJ Blackwell:	£566.82 (Mowing)
001541	ACS:	£10.00 (MH Windows)
001542	E.ON:	£80.12 (MH Energy)
001543	Viking Direct:	£47.76 (MH supplies)

(d) 2009/2010 Budget - Date of Finance WP meeting > Wed 17th December

14. To Approve New Model Publication Scheme from the Information Commissioners Office

The clerk recommended adoption without amendment of the new Model Scheme required by ICO

* Copy for members with next agenda

15. To discuss the Loss of PO facilities and the PCs position on whether an alternative outlet is required (see also Min:12(h)) Cllr Mobaraki spoke further on the item and on N/ACREs position

* Discussed at length - poll at Seniors Dinner / school > deferred to next meeting

16. Street Lighting

(a) PL8 Mounthill Ave ooo

17. Highways

(a) Rivercrest Road, Mounthill Ave (recent repair), London Road (bridge – sand after oil spillage), Passenham Lane all flood issues

(b) NCC Website > MGSWP re resurfacing/repair list

(c) Potterspurty Mobility Chair user obstructed by overhanging vegetation A5 > HA

18 To Approve NCC s136 Agreement re Highway Grass Mowing

NCC/OSPC Contract for 2009 - Proposed by Cllr Harris seconded Cllr Bucknell for approval and carried unanimously

19. To consider NCC response to Towcester Road issues (circulated with Agenda) and residents)

* Discussed > WP (Cllrs Ward, Whittaker, Harris, Tomlinson, Clayton & Bucknell + Mobaraki (SNC re funding?)) to report next meeting

20. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) Model Publication Scheme - ICO

(b) Parking Towcester Road recommendations

(c) Chapman Drive play area suggestion

21. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 9th December 2008 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.36pm