

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 14th October 2008 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

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

Also present were Cllrs Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC), Mr A Walker (NCC) and 8 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs S Harris (on holiday), Mr D MacDonald (unwell), Mr B Clayton (detained in London) & Mr P Plummer (by way of resignation) Casual Vacancy notice posted - Co-option agreed (13(f))

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

Cllr Whittaker declared a personal and prejudicial interest in S/2008/1277/P and S/2008/1315/P as immediate neighbour. He would chair but not vote or comment on either application

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 9th September 2008

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

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

(a) Parking Towcester Road Minute 4(a)

Public Meeting held prior to PC meeting attended by 22 residents and Mr A Leighton (NCC Community Engineer (Parking Liaison)) who outlined the law to residents

* Deferred for NCC response on possible options which would be copied to Towcester Road residents > and further meeting if required

(b) Oxfield Park POS / Chapmans Drive POS Minute 4(c) & (g)

- Oxfield Park is subject to final inspection (reason for delays advised)

* Solicitor confirms that title deeds show no record of Banking Rights being retained by original landowner

- Chapmans Drive Land Registry transfer documents for signature

* Signature by Chairman and Clerk deferred to the end of the meeting and witnessed by MOP

(c) Passenham Gravel – Cemex Goods vehicle consent outstanding

Traffic Commissioners Planning Approval sent to NCC previously with Q re planning consent requirement. Chased after last Liaison Meeting > response read / copy to Passenham resident

* Discussed – clerk to contact NCC re permission to vari site Operators Licence by Traffic Commissioners which should require planning permission amendment

(d) Risk Assessment previous complaint

Cllr Pateman presented his risk assessment on the willow tree (swing) Deanshanger Road / Willow Grove for consideration

* Discussed and formally adopted as policy > for file / attachment to the minutes – copy to parents

5. To consider new litter initiative by SNC (E-mail attached with these Minutes)

V/Chairs comments read / the clerk advised SNCs response. The remainder of the village is of serious concern

* Litter bin request for site of Min: 4(d) to be pursued. NFA SNC initiative

6. To consider Arboreal Report by SNC re tree at Hall Close boundary

SNC Arboreal Officers Report Includes 1 tree line removal and the multi-stem ash Deanshanger Road - January ideal time (Quotes await (Budget surplus for such project))

* **RESOLVED** that the removal be agreed (Playing field budget) – Clerk to canvas residents as not all may wish removal at garden end

7. Towcester Road seat repair or replacement

Verbal Quotes 1) Hard wood (alone) = £300+, 2) Alternative wood stained slats fitted and serviceable = £135, 3) Manufactured Replacement min £365 + vat + installation

* **RESOLVED** that option 2 be accepted

8. Parish Action Plan – Update

Discussed – whilst the process had been restarted the Chairman proposed that it be put on hold > continue towards Quality Council Status and resurrect only if PAP was later required in published format. Unanimously agreed

9. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

10. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mobaraki (SNC)

Cllr Mobaraki firstly apologies for her absence due to illness for the past months and thanked the PC for their good wishes

Planning – The new Policy Team Leader at SNC is Andy D’Arcy

The Regional Spatial Strategy indicates that 330 houses per year should be built in South Northamptonshire over the next 5 years but with the current financial climate Central Governments aspirations may not be fulfilled

Village confines are no longer standard within Local Plans. A consultation letter was sent out Conservation Areas – At the SNC Priority Workshop 4 Oct I proposed a review of all CAs as a Council Priority and was carried. This will take place over the next 2.5 years

Local Development Framework / Local Plan has been restarted – consultation soon

Case Work – including CAs, Noise & Pollution – Passenham, Travellers, Village confines, Village needs following PO closure and Economic Development (Full report attached to the Minutes)

(b) Cllr A Walker (NCC)

Nothing further to report

11. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2008/1277/P Two single storey rear extensions Old Dairy Barnes, Passenham

* The extensions will affect the roadside CA appearance – no further comments

S/2008/1315/P Retention of Manage (Retrospective)(S/2001/1428/P) Land opp The Dovecot. Pass (Resident letter attached)

* **OBJECTION** The site lies within an area of restraint as defined in the SN Local Plan and is contrary to policy EV8 which seeks to give further protection to such sites and the setting of Grade 1 LB’s and the CA. This is the reason a 5 year permission S/2001/1428/P was granted. Any permanency would harm the areas character and appearance

S/2008/1319/P Outbuilding to rear (Retrospective) 33 Mounthill Ave

* No comments - already built

(b) Permission Granted / Refused

Permit – Replace existing conservatory with single storey ext rear of 65 Dickens Drive

Permit – Storage unit, car washbay, fencing etc. (Part retrospective). Autorama, Towcester Road
(Comments by the PC re pollution, interceptors, water courses etc. are conditions)

* A copy of the required Environmental Impact Assessment requested

Refused – Two storey side and single storey rear ext 1 Mounthill Ave (Contrary to policy advice)

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Enforcement issue re Car Park creation, Passenham opposite The Mill (copy letter of complaint)

SNC original response to ‘inappropriate development’ was disappointing

* Indications are that CEMEX are now to apply for the ‘change of use’ due the area of restraint and Local Plan policy EV8 and the affects on the CA setting

12. Press Notices

None

13. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) Northamptonshire ACRE**

Advise on new COMMA Fund 2008 – 2009 > Application agreed - the clerk to deal

*** (b) Friends of St Guthlacs, Passenham**

Friends have instructed contractor to carry out arboreal and other work in Churchyard = £2,500 + Vat - Request for match funding

* Discussed - The clerk to enquire about arboreal consent. What work is left / Insurance and PCC permission. Some funding may be available (the clerk advised on the OSPC ‘closed churchyard’ responsibilities)

Glassed nb request > funding?

* Agreed in principal (budget finance available in ER / signage) > clerk to advise next meeting

(c) Information Commissioners Office

Data Protection Act Registration due (by dd) after 5 November > for file / accounts noted

(d) SNC Director of Service Delivery

SNC re-organisation and contact details > noted / copy to file

(e) Shaw & Sons Ltd

2008/9 list of publications > file

(f) SNC Electoral Services

Casual Vacancy – co-option asap approved > noted (Min:1) > next meeting

*** (g) OS Primary School**

Request to use playing field Tuesday lunchtimes 12noon – 1pm (> Easter 2009) for football coaching after school field has been accidentally damaged by contractors > Approved - copy of risk assessment for file when received

*** (h) NCC / MGSWP Highways**

Rep’s Review July / August circulated > Highway Contacts noted

* Next meeting 6.30pm 29th October @ Brixworth. Clerk to revert to PC Rep and attend. New PC rep required > next meeting.

*** (i) NCC Head of Planning Policy**

Consultations on Northamptonshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework (MWDF) / The Control & Management of Development (CMD) via the Preferred Approach on Control & Management of Development + Core Strategy Proposed Submission

Note: Minerals Safeguarding Area = safeguarding riverine deposits for extraction (i.e. Ouse valley)

* Discussed – the clerk outlined proposals and it was agreed to respond to comment on the CA between Passenham and Stony Stratford

*** (j) Dept for Communities and Local Government**

Consultation on the making and enforcement of byelaws / action to be agreed on Communities in Control (SNC and/or OSPC) - comments by 20 Nov > NFA as SNC lead authority

*** (k) SNC Principal Housing Officer**

Joint SNC / Daventry DC initiative on homelessness services > Directory for file / Cllr Ward

*** (l) OS Pre-School Playgroup**

Letter requesting assistance re vat on fridge replacement – unanimously agreed / awaits quote

*** (m) NCC / Environment Agency**

Flood Fair Wednesday 29th Oct @ The Great Hall (NBC) 9am – 6pm > discussed NFA

*** (n) SNC Head of Corporate Services**

Standards Committee – Appointment of additional Town/Parish Council Representative

* Cllr Whittaker proposed and endorsed > clerk to advise SNC of nomination

14. Finance

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

* **RESOLVED** to approve

Bank Mandate signed for change of name/new signatory and omission for accounting purposes

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

Treasurer's a/c:	£66.19
Business Call a/c:	£34,520.67 (Incl: 2/2 precept + vat)
Earmarked Reserves:	£18,174.30 (includes MH income)
Available Capital	= £16,412.56

(c) Approved payment of outstanding accounts listed below

001519	Clerks Stipend:	£622.00
001520	HM Revenue & Customs:	£197.04 (Income Tax + NIC)
001521	Petty Cash:	£52.71
001522	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001523	AH Contracts:	£65.61 (Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)
001524	NJ Blackwell:	£619.46 (Mowing)
001525	ACS:	£20.00 (MH Windows)
001526	E.ON:	£1,388.86 (Replacement lamps 4/5 Cosgrove Road)
001527	E.ON	£739.67 (PL Energy)
001528	Canon (UK) Ltd:	£179.53 (Equipment Hire)
001529	Chubb Fire Ltd:	£134.65 (MH Annual Maintenance/Inspection)
001530	RBL:	£66.50 (Wreath + £50 agreed donation)
001531	MK Heritage Ass:	£30.00 (OSRG Registration Fee 2008/9)
001532	MH-P:	£1,265.43 (Website costs (grant aid £965.80))
001533	E.ON:	£476.66 (PL Maintenance)

(d) To Consider s137 Donation to Deanshanger Day Centre

RESOLVED: That the Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interest of the area and its inhabitants namely a donation of £750.00

001534 Deanshanger day Centre: £750.00 (s137 Donation)

(e) To Agree Replacement Computer (cost alternatives to be advised)

RESOLVED to approve – further advice to be sought with existing budget

15. Street Lighting

(a) PL11 Deanshanger Road obstructed by trees

16. Highways

(a) Tipping at turning head reported > SNC

(b) Tree line alongside f/p between Deanshanger Road / Passenham Lane damaged by hay baler and trailer over the weekend reported > NCC

(c) E-mail addressed to the clerk from Interim Head of Transport and Highways to meet (with Cllr Walker) along with a request to highlight 10 local priorities (OS & Passenham) by 20 Oct
* Discussed - 10 points agreed

(d) Drainage ditch o/s Old Dairy Barn, Passenham still full of arisings + requires siding out

(e) Previous subsidence Mounthill Ave repaired but lifting / ponding opposite remains

17. To Receive a report on Speedwatch (Cllrs Bucknell & Pateman)

Cllr Pateman spoke on the item and gave a resume of requirements (300 resident signatures req'd)

* Report (circulated to members) attached to the minutes > next Agenda. The clerk advised that Police were looking to install a SID asap Towcester Road

18. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) To discuss the Loss of PO facilities and the PCs position on whether an alterative outlet is required > next Agenda

(b) Community Safety Panel – PC rep required

(c) Passenham Issues – Helen Howard (NCC Highways Liaison Officer) is back in post > write to arrange attendance

19. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 11th November 2008 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm