

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 14th April 2009 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 P Philbrick, Mr G Rogers, Mrs P Stevenson, Mrs S Tomlinson & Dr L Ward;

Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllr Mrs L Mobaraki and 24 members of the public (22 left after Min: 10(c))

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mr A Walker (SNC)(unwell)

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

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 10th March 2009

Minutes of the meeting held 10th March 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) Chapmans Drive Play Area extension Minute 6(a)

Further safety issue raised and clerks action on hedge removal

* Letter drop before further any further action

(b) Highway Issues & Puffin Crossing Minute 6(b)

Separate letter to CE NCC - N/R Awaits new safety audit at revised location. No response either on joint PC/NCC/MGWSP (Response promised after Easter)

* The clerk to chase all outstanding Highways items and report next meeting. Add to outstanding items

(c) New Bus Time-table route 14 Minute 12(a)

Wrong time-table sent – latest caters for previous concern and is just sustainable > circulated

(d) Capital Grants Minute 12(m)

Cllr Ward investigates > deferred to the end of the meeting

5. Outstanding Activities (circulated with the Agenda)

Discussed and updated Cllr Ward to resubmit list to the clerk as some action discussed

* Finance issues deferred

6. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the AOM Meeting dated 7th April 2009

Minutes of the AOM meeting held 7th April 2009 were deferred to next meeting

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes and those Actioned

(a) OS County Primary School Minute 4

The clerk had looked at LDF Draft (affected by the JPU review). Exchange of E-mails copied to members

* WP Cllrs Tomlinson (c), Stevenson, Ward and Whittaker > Deferred to Agenda item next meeting

8. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item and at Min:10(c) taken before Min:5

9. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mobaraki (SNC)

Her response to possible SNC funding Towcester Road was discussed and on a long standing paperwork issue - She would liaise with the clerk about litter bins and possible dog bins by SNC (after the Litter Survey) - Spoke on the Noise and Dust complaints at the Quarry and stated that SNC Environmental diaries had not been returned (this was disputed) and requested evidence Cllr Mobaraki was also advised that as she was unable to attend AOM it was agreed that any report could be appended to the minutes

(b) Cllr A Walker (NCC)

Not present

10. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2009/0155/PO Pair of semi-detached houses (outline) Land at 5 Cosgrove Road

* Interim report last meeting **OBJECTION** Whilst the site is acceptable for development the application continues to appear contrary to various policies and remains an unacceptable cramped sub-division with little provision for outside living space despite changes in planning policies. Any development should be set back from the existing narrow footpath due to vision splays and on road safety grounds.

* Further amended plan received which complied with OSPC request about frontage and vehicle egress. For approval before this meeting (see (b))

Interim Rural Housing Policy

Draft Approved by SNC Cabinet commencing 18 April + 6 weeks (reply by 30 May) – also Draft Supplementary Planning Document: Affordable Housing (West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit)

* Copy to members Cllr Tomlinson to arrange WP to respond asap as at Min:7(a)

(b) Permission Granted / Refused / Recommendations to Committee

Permit Attached garage to side at 14 Willow Grove

Permit Unit A2 & A3 to include D1 use (amends S/2008/1586/P) OS Local Centre Falcon Drive

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Appeal APP/Z2830/A/09/2098045/NWF Site land east of Deanshanger Road. (S/2008/0707/PO) against refusal for 34 dwellings (Outline)

Meeting closed for public discussion taken before Min:5 to allow MOPs to speak

* Clerk to draw up additional response highlighting the un-sustainability of the village - v - services and the overcapacity of the village school (to be E-mailed to members for approval before 30th April)

11. Press Notices

None

12. Correspondence (list at meeting)

(a) NCC Head of Planning

Acknowledgment of OSPCs Minerals & Waste Framework submission

(b) SNC Finance Division

Non Domestic rateable value > Zero rating claimed for Playing Field and Memorial Hall > for file

(c) AH Contracts

Dog Bin Contractor – Risk Management & Certificate of Registration under the Control of Pollution (Amendment) Act 1989 > for file

(d) SNC Environmental Protection Officer

New Dog Control Orders came into force 1 April 2009 > for file and NB

*** (e) NCC Traffic Engineer**

Amenity Weight Restrictions (7.5t) – Countrywide Awareness Campaign > PCs responsible for notice erection for discussion > NFA and await the proposals outlined after last Gravel Meeting

*** (f) CPRE Northamptonshire**

Planning Road Show – info on 2008 Planning Act and wind turbines @ Great Houghton Tuesday 21 April from 6pm > Not an issue for OS - NFA

*** (g) EM Regional Assembly Director of Housing, Planning & Transportation**

East Midlands Regional Plan Partial Review focusing on the post 2021 period in relation to new housing provision > circulated for info

*** (h) URS Area Engineer (see also (m))**

Notice of A5 repairs to piers and abutments between Stacy Bushes RAB and City Centre RAB 11 May > 31 July between 2000 – 0600 (Some congestion locally?) > noted for file

*** (i) Arnold Thomson Solicitors**

Firs Farm Open Space – Deed of Transfer signed by the Chairman and clerk. Commuted sum + agreed adjustment awaits (Note: Insurance Fidelity cover to be amended when banked)

(j) NCC Pocket Parks

Annual Survey > by the clerk (Pocket Park contact)

(k) ICO (Information Commissioners Office)

Update advice on the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environment Information Regulations > The clerk administers on the PCs behalf and noted for file

(l) HM Revenue & Customs

Employer Pack for 2009/10 > RFO/clerk deals

*** (m) CarillionWSP Projects Engineer (see also (h))**

A5 Trunk Road: Bridge, Carriageway & Drainage Repairs between Stony Stratford and A509/A5 Portway RAB commencing 11 May with some lane closures affecting traffic through OS? > noted for file

(n) SNC / Aylesbury Vale DC

Silverstone Development Brief > see details SNC website

(o) NCC / NHS Welfare Group

Pandemic Flu Workshop on the preparation for a flu pandemic – Emergency Parish Plans

* Review circulated for info

*** (p) Northamptonshire BTCV Project Officer**

Conservation projects

* Cost implication discussed > review the Pocket Park canal project

*** (q) NCC Interim Head of Transport & Highways**

The Way Forward Event / Working Together on Thursday 23 April @ The Park Inn Hotel, Silver Street, Northampton from 17.30 > Cllr Ward and another to be confirmed

(r) East Midlands Development Agency Head of Communications

Agency database update completed by the clerk > for file

13. Finance

(a) The Council to approve End of Year budgetary control (with Agenda)

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

Treasurer's a/c: £53.81
Business Call a/c: £23,049.06 (Incl:Vat repayment)
Earmarked Reserves: £15,067.78 (includes MH income)
Available Capital = £8,035.09

* Bank signatories completed

Proposed by Cllr Whittaker seconded Cllr Stevenson and unanimously carried for approval

(c) The Payment of outstanding accounts listed below

001588	Clerks Stipend:	£622.00
001589	HM Revenue & Customs:	£197.04 (Income Tax + NIC)
001590	NWBS:	£203.00 (Clerks Pension)
001591	Petty Cash:	£30.14
001592	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001593	ACS:	£10.00 (MH Windows)
001594	OS Parish Charity:	£500.00 (Donation CP Lighting C&DA)
001595	MH-P:	£34.50 (Web maintenance)
001596	NJ Blackwell:	£526.93 (First mow includes Oxfield / Chapmans POS)
001597	British Gas:	£196.58 (MH Gas)
001598	E.ON:	£466.52 (Final maintenance charge > new contractor)
001599	E.ON:	£733.94 (PL Energy)
001600	M. Davies:	£3,561.58 (Fire Doors and Disabled Ramp)
001601	M. Davies:	£155.25 (New dog bins + Utility consult)
001602	Viking Direct:	£42.79 (Office Stationary)
001603	N/CALC:	£488.83 (Membership / Internal Audit costs)

* Cllr MacDonald raised the issue of outgoings given capital available – RFO advised that 2009/10 ½ Precept payment due by 21st April

(d) To Adopt Accounts for Year Ending 31st March 2009

RESOLVED to approve - R&P Book and accounts for audit signed

(e) To Consider Memorial Hall Quotation - Floor (with Agenda)

2nd quote receive deferred

14. Street Lighting

PL2 Willow Grove ooo

15. Highways

- (a) Deanshanger Road turning head (A422 end) ASB (raised Min:8)
- (b) Outstanding Highway issues > clerk to chase all (including E-mail responses)

16. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

- (a) Teen Shelter (solar light0 vandalism > NFA at this time
- (b) Cllr Harris requested Agenda item for additional Bus Stop Deanshanger Road/The Meadows

17. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 12th May 2009 Annual PC Meeting commencing at 7.30pm

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting by the reason of its confidential nature.

4(d) Capital Grants Minute 12(m)

Cllr Ward spoke of 35% support only > application to be considered

5 Outstanding Activities (circulated with the Agenda)

* Finance issues discussed and agreed. Cllrs Ward (PAP) and Pateman (SIDs) to look at funding opportunities. The SKB Rebuild was also discussed - Application by the clerk held > next Agenda

13(e) To Consider Memorial Hall Quotation - Floor (with Agenda)

2nd quote agreed (Newport Pagnell Construction Ltd – M Davies current contractor to be advised

With no other business the meeting closed at 10.28pm