

# Old Stratford Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

### Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mr I Baxter, Mr B Clayton, Mr K Jelley, Mr D Medadowcroft (Min:2), Mr A Pateman, Mr P Philbrick, Mr G Rogers, Mrs P Stevenson & Mrs S Tomlinson  
Also present was Mr D Everett (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

### 1. Apologies for Absence

None

### 2. Casual Vacancy to be filled by Co-option

David Meadowcroft CV circulated. Co-opted by unanimous approval and welcomed onto the PC

### 3. Declaration of Acceptance

Cllr Meadowcroft signed the Declaration of Acceptance & Finance Declaration

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

Cllr Stevenson personal non prejudicial interest re Minutes 8 & 9 (resident of Oxfield Park Drive)

### 5. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Minutes of the meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

#### (a) Passenham PCC (St Guthlac's) Minute 6(a)

Agreed work already completed awaits quote on major works (Central Networks standing by)  
CA tree policy agreed (PCC approved replacement tree for one cut down)

#### (b) SN Bus Co Ltd Minute 13(d)

The Bus an SNC/Towcester Partnership initiative for young people > circulated - NFA

#### (c) Economic Development Strategy 'State of the District's Economy 2009' Minute 13(a)

Previously circulated Questionnaire before 11 Jan

#### (d) N/CALC Minute 13(h)

Milestone report (Local Training & Development Programme) + NALC Update > circulated for info, action and implementation > training principle agreed

#### (e) NCC Highways Manager Minute 16(a) & (b)

Deanshanger Road / Other Highway issues > HH apologises but attends January meeting (clerk requested traffic count re 'No Entry' Deanshanger Road /A422 > Jan Meeting

### 7. Outstanding Activities (circulated with the Agenda)

Discussed no update required. SIDs use and siting discussed - the Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Pateman (unanimously endorsed) for his involvement

### 8. Oxfield Park land management advice (Circulated for consideration)

The clerk / Cllr Pateman meets with contractor re grass cut area 9.30am Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

\* General Purpose WP to consider report > Costing deferred to Finance Meeting

## **9. Allotment Gardens – Progress the way forward to be agreed**

Mow area as Min:8 + AW costing for water? and effective plan of land management > Budget

## **10. Public Speaking Time**

Meeting closed for this item

## **11. District & County Councillor Reports**

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

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

Neither present – no reports

## **12. Planning**

(a) **Applications Received**

**S/2006/0116/P (Amendment for Info Only)** Revised landscaping Cedar Close after approval for detached dwelling (S/2009/0790/FUL) rear of 44 Towcester Road

\* Comment made on poor plan X shrubs on original. New proposals not superimposed > complaint Without s106 or Commuted sums who is responsible for landscaping maintenance

### **Interim**

**S/2009/1186/FUL** Installation of French doors & balcony to first storey bedroom 24 The Meadows

\* No objections

**Note:** Circulated is a report to the Development Control Committee SNC re ‘Greater Flexibility for Planning Permissions’ > report to be noted

(b) **Decision notices**

**LB Consent** – Demolition of lean-to extension attached to outbuilding and repair to roof structure 15 London Road

**Recommended for Approval** – Horse Walker in rear garden The Dovecot, Passenham

SNC Thurs 10/12 > the clerk to attend (Report inconsistencies > SNC)

(c) **Enforcement / Appeals**

NCC have finally enforced the removal of fencing on highway land o/s 25 Deanshanger Road

## **13. Press Notices**

None

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

\* (a) **NCC / MGWSP Environment Technician**

Grass Mowing 2010 s136 to be agreed for signature > **RESOLVED** Clerk to sign agreement

\* (b) **NCC Head of Corporate Governance**

Adoption Certificates for London Road Phase 1 & 2 (Oxfield Park Drive) received

\* > Budget consideration re PL Insurance and Energy costs

\* (c) **Brown & Barden**

Request to quote for grass cutting etc. > current contractors Best Value in 2007 when last reviewed

\* Invitation to quote in the New Year

(d) **Rural Services Network**

Further survey questionnaire > completed by the clerk

**\* (e) Victims Support**

Appeal for funding > Annual Review April 08 – March 09 circulated for info

\* Deferred to Finance meeting

**\* (f) CPRE Northamptonshire**

Stop the Drop Campaign (Friday April 9 – Sunday 18 April) > Funding For Parish Litter Wardens?

\* Cllr Philbrick to report

**(g) E.ON Existing Customers Manager**

Updated Terms and Conditions noted – Contract unaffected

**\* (h) SNC Leader**

SN Local Strategic Partnership Workshop 10<sup>th</sup> December (10-3pm @ Seawell Valley, Towcester  
'A Sustainable Rural Economy?' emailed > NFA

\* The Economic Development Strategy 2010 – 2014 circulated for info

**\* (i) SNC Leader**

PC Reception @ 7.30pm Wed 16 December at SNC - 2 members RSVP > Cllr Baxter

**(j) Northants/CALC**

S137 limit raised to £6.15 per elector from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 > *Noted for Precept consideration*

**\* (k) NCC Pocket Parks**

Info on YOT (Youth Offending Teams) and Youth Offending Service Community Payback Scheme

\* Report by the clerk > Probation Service for assistance?

**\* (l) NCC Head of Communications & Marketing**

Spotlight – Report to the people 2009 > circulated for info and questionnaire completion

**(m) CPRE**

Voice magazine circulated for info

**15. Finance**

**(a) The Council to approve Running Balance budgetary control (with Agenda)**

\* **RESOLVED** to approve by unanimous decision.

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

Treasurer's a/c:	£105.29
Business Call a/c:	£18,962.28 (+ NCC Grass Mowing Grant)
Earmarked Reserves:	£12,102.42 (includes MH income)
<b>Available Capital</b>	<b>= £6,965.15</b>

Proposed by Cllr Whittaker seconded Cllr Pateman - unanimously carried for approval

**(c) The Payment of outstanding accounts listed below**

001702	Clerks Stipend:	£637.26
001703	Petty Cash:	£23.93
001704.	HMRC:	£200.24 (I/Tax + Employer NIC)
001705	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001706	AH Contracts:	£109.66 (Dog Bin contract + new rate > 16/11) *
001707	NJ Blackwell:	£523.37 (Mowing/maintenance)
001708	ACS:	£10.00 (MH Windows)
001709	Aylesbury Mains Ltd:	£120.62 (Repairs PL2, 3 & 6 Chapmans)

001710 Mh-p: £17.25 (Website updates)  
001711 Anglian Water: £32.27 (MH Water Rates)  
001712 R Whittaker: £13.60 (Mileage N/CALC meeting)  
\*Note: AH Contract > Contract at new negotiated rates > 31/03/2012 for signature

**(d) To consider Internal Audit report**

The clerk outlined a failed audit trail for the MH hire that had been found - now rectified with a new practice in place. (Internal Auditors report not yet received > deferred)

Note: The clerk advised on ER addition for Project Fund to avoid inflated/misleading income totals which also fulfils VAT Notice 749:11.2 (details explained) including VAT 126 claims (s33 & VAT 749:11.1)

**16. Street Lighting**

No reports

**17. Highways**

(a) Manorfields Rd / Rivercrest Rd reversing dust cart damaging kerbstones due to parked car.

\* Clerk requested to deal

(b) Mounthill Ave ponding > Disabled Safety Audit to be requested

(c) London Road river bridge – danger due to leaves etc. > sweeping required

(d) London Road from Trinity Close > River Garage siding out required

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

(a) Reminder Finance WP meets > 16<sup>th</sup> December @ 7.30pm

(Cllrs Whittaker, MacDonald, Stevenson, (Tomlinson) & Pateman)

(b) Tree Tops, 18 Towcester Road > Duty of Care issues raised after previous advice

(c) Complaint about unlit area Mounthill Ave opposite School cul-de-sac

\* To be inspected by General Purpose WP (Manorfields Rd decision to be reviewed)

**19. Date of Next Meetings**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010 commencing at 7.30pm

Before closing the Chairman (as OSPCs representative member on the Charity Board of Trustees) spoke on the Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner recently held and asked the clerk (who is also Chair of the Management Committee) to pass on the PCs thanks to all those assisting, especially the volunteers for a job well done. With the school involved with carols at the start it was well supported and fully justified the PCs support for the senior members of the village

With no other business the Chairman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Healthy Prosperous New Year and closed the meeting at 8.50pm