

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 13th January 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 G Rogers, Mrs P Stevenson, Mrs S Tomlinson & Dr L Ward; also present Mr D Everett (Clerk) and 4 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mobaraki (SNC)(no babysitter), Cllr Mr T Searle absent – no apologies received, Helen Howard (NCC) (is attending next meeting with another after on site meeting 4/2 @ 9.30am

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

None

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

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

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

(a) Arboreal Work re Hall Close boundary Minute 6(b)

Work commences w/c Feb 9th (Further letter drop agreed re arisings)

(b) Chapmans Drive play area extension Minute 6(e)

General Purpose WP to examine scheme, now that land has been handed over and Commuted Sum has been received > Date of meeting yet to be agreed

(c) Street signage Update

Mounthill Ave has a new name plate next to Willow Grove. Towcester Road opp Falcon Drive and Deanshanger Road o/s Memorial Hall soon

(d) Seat Towcester Road Min:7 (Oct)

Repair complete (see Min:11(c))

5. Outstanding Activities (circulated with the Agenda)

Discussed and updated tbd nb after next meeting

6. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

7. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mobaraki (SNC)

(b) Cllr A Walker (NCC)

Not present - no reports

8. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2008/1620/P Proposed retention of aggregate materials to consolidate an established parking area for anglers Land at Passenham opposite Mill Cottages (Interim response last meeting)

Further **OBJECTION** This is a change of use and the scar of the imported aggregate can be seen from the Beachampton Road affecting the Conservation Area setting in this Restraint Village

S/2008/1651/P Conversion of open barn to annex (amendment to S/2008/0816/P)(Retrospective)

* No observations

(b) Permission Granted / Refused / Recommendations to Committee

Refused – PO for 34 dwellings land east of Deanshanger Road (off The Meadows) contrary to policy despite lack of 5 year land bank (+ Relevant ILEA Report circulated with Agenda)

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

New build Deanshanger Road (Complaint build contrary to plans > SNC Enforcement) (see 10(p))

(d) SNC Development Control Managers Report on the Changes to Householder Permitted Development Rights (Circulated with Agenda for information)

RESOLVED that the report be noted

9. Press Notices

None

10. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) CPRE Northants**

Invitation Wed 14th Jan to attend meeting re EM/MK Area expansion South & West Northants District @ The Chantry House, Chantry Lane, Towcester 7 – 9pm > Cllr Ward attends

(b) Highways Agency

Highway leaflet > for file, distribution and shop

*** (c) South Northants Homes**

Estate Walkabout Wed 14th Jan commencing 10am Mounthill Ave to identify areas for improvement > for information only

(d) CPRE Northants

Road Freight in Northants – County Council Scrutiny Group news > for file (more later)

(e) NCC Business Intelligence & Performance

Draft Council Plan & Budget consultation 2009 – 13 > for file

(www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Democracy/Consultations/register.htm) to take part before 10 Feb

(f) NCC Head of Planning Policy

Northamptonshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework: Core Strategy Submissions
OSPC comments have been noted > Planning Inspectorate mid March 2009

(g) SNC Chief Exec

Update on ‘Meet the Directors’ meeting held Brackley Town Hall > for file

(h) SNC Housing Options Assistant

Housing 4U newsletter circulated (note that are for social housing is directed at West Northampton and Towcester Areas)

*** (i) SNC Environmental Health Officer**

Complaint alleging light nuisance adjacent to 44 Towcester Road from new street lamp Cedar Close
Not considered a statutory nuisance – Approved lighting scheme on unadopted road (screening to be discussed) > Comments noted NFA at this time

(j) SNC Development Control Manager

Team Boundary changes > noted for file1

(k) NCC Chief Planning Officer

Details of 1APP (new standard application form) changes and validation details > for file

*** (l) Communities and Local Government**

Consultation on the 'Code of recommended practice on local authority publication' (see www.communities.gov.uk) members to note

*** (m) NCC / MGWSP**

Parish Satisfaction Questionnaire > completed by Cllr Clayton

(n) NCC / MGWSP Communications Manager

Safer Winter Driving leaflets > Shop / circulated

*** (o) CPRE Northamptonshire**

Letter re national 'Stop the Drop Campaign' proposed local litter picks 20 – 29 March 2009

* Action required > see Min:14

(p) SNC Building Control

New dwelling Deanshanger Road – 6A > for file

11. Finance

(a) The Council to approve budgetary control to date (with Agenda)

Proposed by Cllr Harris seconded Cllr Whittaker and unanimously carried that 11(a) – (c) be approved - Receipts & Payment Book submitted for signature after internal audit

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

Treasurer's a/c:	£85.74
Business Call a/c:	£28,050.93 (Incl: Vat repayment)
Earmarked Reserves:	£16,542.85 (includes MH income)
Available Capital	= £11,593.82

(c) The Payment of outstanding accounts listed below

001554	Clerks Stipend:	£622.00
001555	HM Revenue & Customs:	£197.04 (Income Tax + NIC)
001556	Petty Cash:	£55.23
001557	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001558	AH Contracts:	£64.22 (Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)
001559	E.ON:	£723.94 (PL Energy)
001560	E.ON:	£466.52 (PL Maintenance)
001561	British Gas:	£176.99 (MH Gas)
001562	Viking Direct:	£154.26 (MH Supplies – Hand towels)
001563	Templeman Carpets:	£1,626.10 (£1,414 < OSCH Carpet less Vat)
001564	Canon (UK):	£175.71 (Equip Hire)
001565	D Jones	£150.00 (Seat repair – Towcester Road)(Min:4(d))

(d) To Approve Finance WP Precept proposals (with Agenda)

* Deferred

(e) Request from Victims Support for funds (with Agenda)

(f) Request from Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance for funding (with Agenda)

* (e) (f) Taken together and discussed Majority 7 – 3 that neither be supported. Letters to be sent

12. Street Lighting

No reports

To Note that Chapmans Drive, Water Close and Wheelwrights Way PLs have been adopted

13. Highways

(a) Boundary Bridge issues > NCC (HH) Emergency call out due to flooding / blocked drains

(b) Tipping Passenham Lane reported

(c) Area Falcon Drive > cleared to be maintained by? (the clerk to advise)

(d) Ash Tree by Deanshanger Road Bus Stop to be removed / replacement Winter 2009

(e) Street Doctor report 361742 re long term Rivercrest Road ponding

(f) Mounthill Ave / Towcester Road speed table dangerous in icy weather > meeting 4/2

(g) White lining required village XRoads stop lines (and turn lane > meeting 4/2)

(h) Snow / Ice issues discussed (clerk sought OSPC advice from Cllr Pateman re H&S)

14. Litter issues

Cllr Harris spoke on the item – to consider letter to Kingsbrook School after Cllr Harris and Ward carry out litter survey. The clerk to supply litter and dog bin locations

* The clerk also to deal with further complaints about unacceptable litter outside Bridge Stores

15. Dog Fouling

Action as above - The clerk to site one of the dog bins (held in store) at the end of Cosgrove Road

16 Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

None

17. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 10th February 2009 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

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.

11(d) To Approve Finance WP Precept proposals (with Agenda)

PRECEPT Proposed by Cllr Whittaker seconded by Cllr MacDonald and unanimously carried

RESOLVED: That the precept be issued for the sum of £31,000