

# Old Stratford Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

### Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mrs B Bucknell, Mr A Pateman, Mr P Philbrick (from Min:3), Mr G Rogers, Mrs S Tomlinson & Dr L Ward;

Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllr Mr A Walker (SNC) and 3 members of the public

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr B Clayton (Work away), Mrs S Harris & Mr D MacDonald (unwell), Mrs P Stevenson (away) & Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC)(away)

### 2. Casual Vacancy by Co-option

Mr Chris Bates & Mr Peter Philbrick had expressed interest in joining the PC. Neither had submitted a CV and were invited to address council. In the interest of fairness both were asked to submit a CV asap for circulation so that the full council could make the selection. Mr Bates withdrew and left the meeting. Mr Philbrick was now the only candidate and was co-opted

### 3. Declaration of Acceptance

Cllr Philbrick duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance, took copy of SOs, Code of Conduct and other docs and would complete the Financial Declaration before the next meeting

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

None

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

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

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

#### (a) Chapmans Drive Play Area extension Minute 4(b)

GP WP met 13<sup>th</sup> Feb and agreed the principle subject to costing > quotes discussed

\* As the Budget had already been set and finances were already tight it was proposed by Cllr Pateman seconded by Cllr Bucknell to defer any decision to the next financial year by majority vote

#### (b) Highway Issues & Puffin Crossing Minute 4(f) & 15(a)

E-mail report sent expanding work commitments – After Puffin Xing now withdrawn Towcester Road > site meeting NCC Highways and designer Thursday 26 March 9.30am

\* To require Safety Audit & report that pulled the scheme. Separate letter to CE NCC

#### (c) Passenham Liaison Meeting Minute 12(a)

Held Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb attended by the clerk, Cllrs Whittaker & Harris

\* Issues discussed which may result in compromise and negotiation benefiting (See Min:10(d))

#### (d) Big Lottery Children's Play Initiative Programme Minute 12(c)

Mobile Project > circulated for decision date now past

\* It was agreed that the clerk should delegate a councillor asap to report to the next meeting

#### (e) Trees for All Minute 12(e)

Registration of Event? > are free or subsidised trees available?

**(f) SLCC / NALC Minute 12(k)**

Local Government Working Together Conference (towards the proposed Empowering People and Communities in Control) @ MKC Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 9 – 4pm > NFA awaits N/CALC initiative

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

Discussed and updated > Report nb

SNC Env Services threatened Developer Falcon Drive with enforcement – some clearance + Clerk meeting with s106 officer (attended by Cllr Harris) 6/3 to discuss further progress

SNC Env Services 10/3 met the clerk and agreed litter bins London Road/RS12. Cosgrove Road/Falcon POS (considering Deanshanger Road/Willow Grove & Oxfield Park Drive/Car Park + Litter pick Deanshanger Road 30 sign > Passenham & Cosgrove Road end/RS13)

Drainage update > Min:15(a). List discussed - housekeeping carried out and agreed

**8. Public Speaking Time**

*Meeting closed for this item*

**9. District & County Councillor Reports**

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

Not present - no report

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

Cllr Walker apologised for previous absence and spoke about NCC Budget Scrutiny 3.9% rise no cuts in services. Mobile speed cameras were being withdrawn and fixed sites reduced and the reasoning. New transport policies and details of area connections already with the clerk. Waste Partnership to consider new incineration plant and tender to DEFRA. SNC Financial Resources are best in NCC area and explained County Scrutiny committees and Partnership Working to reduce budgetary pressures within SNC / NCC. He is elected chair of Kingsbrook School Governors (and spoke on the new head). Recruitment / Community Engagement / Cllrs call to action explained There were no Qs and Cllr Walker gave his apologies and left the meeting

**10. Planning**

**(a) Applications Received**

**S/2009/0099/P** Unit A2 & A3 to include D1 use (Amendments to S/2008/1586/P) Old Stratford Local Centre, Falcon Drive

\* No objection

Interim (for next Agenda)

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

\* **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. .

**(b) Permission Granted / Refused / Recommendations to Committee**

**Withdrawn** – 4 Terraced houses, 5 Cosgrove Road (see above)

**(c) Enforcement / Appeals**

None

**(d) NCC Minerals & Waste Development Framework: Locations for (both) Waste & Minerals Development DPD Proposed Submissions (3 Documents for discussion)**

\* Formal response agreed

## **11. Press Notices**

None

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

### **(a) NCC Senior Bus & Rail Development Officer**

Notification of Bus Services Contract Renewal 2009 (New Time-table circulated for comment (1hr service)) To note First bus > CMK@ 0733. Last back from CMK > OS @ 1731 - Comments?

\* Response to highlight times and sustainability agreed

### **(b) SNC Electoral Services**

Notification of European & NCC Elections – Thursday 4 June 2009 (MH Booked) > noted for file

### **\* (c) Northamptonshire ACRE**

National Village Hall Survey 2009 by 20 Mar 2009 > completed by the clerk

### **(d) NATS - TCN Consultation Team**

Notification of further consultation to the SE England Terminal Control North on revised airspace  
Noted that 'Not a done deal' as previous complaint > awaits further consultation noted for file

### **(e) South Northants Homes**

Briefing paper on major works > circulated for info

### **(f) NCC / MGWSP Highways**

s136 LGA 197 approval for grass cutting contract (NCC grant £764.83)

### **(g) BDO Stoy Hayward**

External Auditors Briefing - Spring 2009 Approval of Annual Return by 30 June 2009 noted > circulated for info

### **(h) Anglian Water**

MH Water Rates Billing is changing to quarterly from 6 monthly > for file

### **\* (i) SNC Environmental Health**

Health Protection Newsletter - Cllr Pateman advised NFA OSPC > for file

### **(j) NJ Blackwell**

Public Liability Insurance Certificate > for file

### **(k) South Northants Homes**

Rent increase noted – easier ways to pay > for file

### **\* (l) SNC Director of Community Engagement Corporate Services**

Notification that payment of council tax and non-domestic rates can no longer be paid at SNC from 1 April 2009 (letter to all those using that service) > nb/newsletter

### **\* (m) SNC Community Policy**

Info on Capital Grants > Cllr Ward investigates

### **(n) SNC Engineering Surveyor**

Deferred from 6(b) to avoid confusion – Towcester Rd Parking bay funding raised by Dist Cllr and the NCC report, confirmed the clerks advice that only Council housing (SNHomes) could benefit

### 13. Finance

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

(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)
<b>Available Capital</b>	<b>= £8,035.09</b>

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

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

001576	Clerks Stipend:	£622.00
001577	HM Revenue & Customs:	£197.04 (Income Tax + NIC)
001578	Petty Cash:	£32.81
001579	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001580	ACS:	£10.00 (MH Windows)
001581	AH Contracts:	£168.58 (Dog Bins Feb/Mar > Bloor Homes invoiced)
001582	MH-P:	£644.00 (Web contract / maintenance)
001583	Brady Corp. Ltd:	£129.20 (Fire Assembly Point signs)(Min:4(d) Feb)
001584	Anglian Water:	£34.30 (MH Water rates)
001585	NJ Blackwell:	£1,506.50 (Arboreal contract + MH yard maintenance)
001586	Canon (UK):	£47.20 (Copy costs)

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1 April

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(d) **To Receive Internal Audit Report**

Report read – **RESOLVED** to accept report no issues > for file

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

GP WP met after Min:6(a) and approved Fire Safety Audi recommendation Quote 1.

Quote 2 > NFA. Quote 3 accepted in principle when finances allow from MH Fund. But second quote required (Cllr Philbrick to supply contractor details)

### 14. Street Lighting

No reports

### 15. Highways

(a) Blocked gullies at River Bridge (only 1 cleared) the remainder + Cosgrove Road should be cleared within 2 weeks. Formal complaint made to NCC / MGWSP Area managers

(b) Some Neighbourhood Watch signs need replacing > clerk to deal

(c) Car park in Passenham being used as works site for Dairy Barns extension

### 15. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) Quality Council review and SIDs update > outstanding items

### 16. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.59pm