

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 12th January 2010 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 MacDonald, Mr D Medadowcroft, Mr A Pateman, Mr G Rogers, Mrs P Stevenson & Mrs S Tomlinson
Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllrs Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC), Mr A Walker (NCC), Mrs Helen Howard (NCC Community Liaison Officer) and 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mr P Philbrick (Hospitalised > best wishes sent)

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

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 8th December 2009

Minutes of the meeting held 8th December 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) Litter Campaign Minute 14(f)

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

* Cllr Philbrick reports (that when able) would co-ordinate litter campaigns in OS and report back,

(b) SNC Leader / PC Reception Minute 14(i)

Reception 16 December attended by Cllr Baxter who spoke on the item

* The clerk had received Minutes of the PC Forum > circulated (issue on title taken up with SNC)

(c) Website Maintenance Mh-p

Upgrading? Additional costing re page insertion > Cllr Clayton to advise

(d) Allotments

Update and discussed. The clerk to seek quote for Security Fencing and seek funding

5. Outstanding Activities (circulated with the Agenda)

Discussed no updates required. Cllr Pateman gave SIDs use and figures for those exceeding 35mph in London Rd (near River Garage) from MK & Deanshanger Rd (Brookside) from CH direction

* It was agreed that after 3 months, figures would put case for CDRP monitoring/enforcement

> see appendix for figures

6. NCC Highways Community Liaison Officer attends to Answer Qs

Helen Howard spoke on the A422/Deanshanger Rd monitoring > see appendix for figures

HH also answered Qs on a number of issues. Requested to look again at turn arrows at crossroads

7. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

8. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mobaraki (SNC)

Spoke on her energies channelled to the SNC Budget and a meeting between MKC/SNC at Officer Level/Ward Member

(b) Cllr A Walker (NCC)

The PC should take advantage of the SNC offer to attend re development pressures and the Interim Housing Policy (that would soon be tested). He also spoke on the NCCs grit stock and issues regarding the snow and ice. Where there were vulnerable residents > Social Services to be advised

9. Planning

(a) Applications Received

None

(b) Decision notices

Permit – Single storey rear extension and first floor rear extension. 91 Deanshanger Road

Permit – Rear ground floor extension and side attached garage. 93 Deanshanger Road

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

None

10. Press Notices

None

11. Correspondence (list at meeting)

(a) SNC – Old Stratford Register of Electors

Electors = 1546 > for file

*** (b) SNC Head of Finance**

Request for Precept figure 2010-11 > deferred to Min:12(d)

(c) EMDA

Winter newsletter and political note > circulated for info

*** (d) CPRE**

2009 Annual Renewal @ £29 + DD > Queried as £29 paid July 2009

(e) Northamptonshire ACRE

Village Viewpoint > circulated for info

(f) NALC

Local Councils: represent your community, make a difference > circulated for info

(g) N/CALC

Latest Update > circulated for info

*** (h) SNC Lead Officer Leisure Services**

War Memorial Playing Fields – Fields in Trust Survey (Formally NPFA) > none to advise

(i) Northamptonshire ACRE

Town & Village Service Survey > previously completed by the clerk

*** (j) West Northants Joint Planning Unit**

Draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment – Sites in Old Stratford identified (for discussion) (Site evidence only – does not mean allocated for development or receive planning permission)

* The clerk outlined the report and issues involving Old Stratford > Discussed and details circulated

*** (k) MGWSP/NCC Highways**

Parish Satisfaction Questionnaire > the clerk to deal

(l) Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association

Annual Report 2008/9 > circulated

*** (m) Rural Services Network**

Free service for Community Groups > discuss and circulated for info and possible action

(n) Tim Boswell MP

Final Newsletter from MP (standing down at next election after 22+ years)

Details of MP Advice Centres Jan, Feb and March > Newsletter circulated & nb

*** (o) DIS (Direct Information Service)**

One stop shop offer for Local Government (26 issues pa @ £90) > NFA

(p) WNDC Sustainability Manual

Further email re consultation by 22nd Jan

* The clerk had responded on previously discussed issues, highlighting the village schools overcapacity, traffic issue and lack of sustainability despite 'matrix'

(q) SNC Housing Officer

Confirms attending February meeting to discuss affordable housing on Appeal site > Noted

(r) NRHA (Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association)

Annual report > circulated

(s) British Gas

MH contract renewal 1 May 2010 > prices noted

(t) SNC Electoral Services Officer

General Election > Memorial Hall required either 6 May or 25 March noted

*** (u) NCC Leader/Chief Executive**

Draft Council Plan and Budget Consultation > NFA

(v) CPRE

Fieldwork > circulated for info

*** (w) N/CALC Training Officer**

Brackley TC are running Fire Safety Event March 12th @ 2.30pm Town Hall > circulated

*** (x) NCC Pocket Parks Officer**

Volunteer project via Youth Pastor, Northampton offering services 1-2 days 20-25 youth volunteers. Oxfield camp clear appears ideal project > clerk meets organiser 2 Feb

Skip will be required if agreed

* Action noted

*** (y) South Northants Homes**

Charitable and Community Donations Fund > any projects to be discussed

Cllr Walker apologies and left the meeting at this point

12. Finance

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

* **RESOLVED** to approve by unanimous decision. R&P presented for signature

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

Treasurer's a/c:	£107.09
Business Call a/c:	£17,378.03
Earmarked Reserves:	£12,010.15 (includes MH income)
Available Capital	= £5,474.97

Note: Allianz Insurance have covered 2 SIDs until April (Policy Renewal) at no further charge

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

(c) The Payment of outstanding accounts listed below

001713	Clerks Stipend:	£637.26
001714	Petty Cash:	£33.65
001715	HMRC:	£200.24 (I/Tax + Employer NIC)
001716	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001717	AH Contracts:	£84.64 (Dog Bin contract)
001718	ACS:	£10.00 (MH Windows)
001719	British Gas:	£79.47 (MH Gas)
001720	Mh-p:	£17.25 (Website updates)
001721	SLCC:	£29.20 (PC Clerks Guide)

(d) To consider Finance WP recommendations for Budget and Precept level (attached)

Deferred to the end of the meeting

13. Street Lighting

(a) Complaint about unlit area Mounthill Ave opposite School cul-de-sac inspected by General Purpose WP (Manorfields Rd decision to be reviewed)

* WP agreed no issue Mounthill Ave but Manorfields Rd > quote for new PL

14. Highways

(a) Footpath Report by FPW (Mrs Bucknell) > circulated for info and file (thanks given)

(b) Mowing Quote for 2010 an increase of 2.5% agreed (no further quotes received)

(c) HA Stakeholder newsletter > circulated .

(d) MGWSP/NCC Highways New Parish Enhancement Gangs > circulated for comment

(e) Towcester Road between RAB and Falcon Drive utility works subsidence worsening

(f) RAB > A422 litter pick not yet carried out (< Cllr Mobaraki)

(g) Manhole o/s Firs Farm

(h) Outstanding issues at Mounthill Ave

15. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) Agenda item re Housing Officer > Min:11(q)

16. Date of Next Meetings

Tuesday 9th February 2010 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.

12(d) To consider Finance WP recommendations for Budget and Precept level (attached)

* Discussed and WPs proposals agreed. Cllr MacDonald asked that the minutes show the PCs appreciation for the work done by the clerk in assisting with drawing up the budget > unanimously endorsed

PRECEPT

RESOLVED: That the precept be issued for the sum of £32,500.00

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

APPENDIX

Speed Monitoring by Parish Council - over 35mph

London Rd week commencing Wed 2/12	= 21,970	Deanshanger Rd	= 653
Wed 7/12	= 21,073		= 623
Wed 14/12	= 19,374	(CH closed)	= 231
Wed 21/12	= 16,221		= 200

Monitoring by NCC 13 – 30 August 2009

No Entry Deanshanger Rd/A422

Total movements in and out	= 909
Motor cars	= 636
Total out onto A422	= 329
Total in from A422	= 580