

# Old Stratford Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

### Present:

Cllrs Mrs N Lawrence (in the chair), Mr C Carey, Mr A Holloway, Mrs L Ritson, Mrs N Ryder & Mr R Smith (Mrs L Murgatroyd & Mrs S Tait from Minute 2A)

Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllrs Mr K Pritchard (SNC) and 3 members of the public

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Mrs Jacki Ibell (resigned - family illness) > Notice posted;

Cllrs Mr A Pateman & Ms K Morris (both unwell)

*\* Letter to Mrs Ibell thanking her for her commitment over many years and to wish her well*

### 2. Casual Vacancy

Notice posted as Min:1 (Mrs Ibell) with 2 vacancies remain approved for co-option

#### 2A. Casual Vacancy filled by Co-option

Mrs Sue Tait – CV circulated after Agenda who wished to be considered to rejoin the council

Mrs Lynda Murgatroyd – Long term resident gave verbal CV and wished to join the council

***By unanimous agreement, both were welcomed onto the council***

\* Both signed the declaration of Acceptance; Furnished with Code of Conduct along with Financial Declaration (to be completed before the next meeting) other documents to follow

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

Cllr Lawrence re Play area and POS Maintenance (as WP Chair)

Cllr Ritson personal interest on Passenham issues as a resident

### 4. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Discussed - after amendments to the minutes at Min:5(c); 6 and 11(c) to clarify action to be taken

Minutes of the meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were signed as a correct record

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

#### (a) Village Project (Funding Ideas - update) Minute 5(a)

Cllr Carey spoke on the item and further discussed at length 3 options (WREN / Northants Community Foundation & SNC match funding application (for 35%+))

\* Funding to be investigated further once NHB commitments are finalised

#### (b) Wicksteed Leisure Minute 5(b)

Chapmans Drive - Play Area improvements due to commence on or by 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017. Started 9<sup>th</sup> January > invoice on agreed amendments still awaits

#### (c) NCC Lighting Towcester & London Road Minute 5(f)

Scheme discussed further re CA issues > Cllr Walker & NCC awaits site visit date – chased asap

#### (d) Street naming land off The Meadows outstanding

River View is now acceptable > Paddock View (former paddock) following naming criteria advanced and agreed (Close appears unacceptable)

**(e) Tree Planting in Memory of former Cllr MacDonald outstanding**

Mrs MacDonald advised (sweet gum preferred? waiting family confirmation - Plaque could be in MH > next Agenda re costing approval

**(f) POS Maintenance outstanding**

Initial action agreed (Cosgrove Road and Falcon Drive and remove arisings Canalside)

\* Further quotes await > New Year for scheduled action (Cllr Lawrence / clerk to deal)

**(g) Highway issues Minute 15**

London Road footway pot holes and siding out Ref: 849549 does not meet NCC Intervention criteria & OS RAB issue awaits NCC report (may take 18m + under – new works criteria)

**(f) Passenham Minute 6**

Proposals forwarded to NCC > no decision yet, the clerk to chase resolution before next meeting

\* *This and other issues require the attendance of NCC Highways > clerk to arrange asap*

**Note: Passenham Gravel NCC Minerals & Waste Plan (Ham Meadow) appeal > decision shortly**

**6. Public Speaking Time** (Meeting closed for this item)

Representative of OS Pre School asked Qs about extension to outside space again

\* Advised to submit formal request (to look at self financing by grant and not through OSPC)

**7. District and County Councillor Reports**

**(a) Cllr Pritchard (SNC)**

Spoke on issues previously raised; Developer of Blackhorse Field lost lighting appeal against SNCs refusal; Towcester development and A5 proposed RAB opp Racecourse; Northamptonshire Gate Way proposals (SNC) / Rail links etc; Has held first surgery; School Parking issues > Headmaster contact? (Cllr Tait to assist); Polling station issue MH -v- CH?; and on new developments

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

Not Present > NCC Budget decision still outstanding

**8. Planning**

**(a) Applications Received**

**(b) Decision Notices**

None

**(c) Enforcement / Appeals**

**Appeal** by developers against SNC refusal to vary Street Lighting Blackhorse Field - Dismissed  
**Enforcement** to investigate 11 Towcester Road (LPD / Building Regs) dormer extension size  
**Enforcement** to respond to complaint from 6 Wharf Close re vehicle storage rear of 1 Cosgrove Road

**9. Press Notices**

None

**10. Correspondence (list at the meeting)**

**\* (a) N/ACRE**

Annual Subs request

\* **RESOLVED** that £35 subs be agreed

**(b) N/CALC**

Notice of new External Auditors after 2017/2018 > noted for file

**\* (c) NCC Communications Manager**

Enhancement gangs – 2017 > minor works / improvements

\* Suggestions for Old Stratford/Passenham for next meeting

**\* (d) SNC Democratic and Elections Officer Law and Governance**

Community Governance Review – Boundaries Parish and Ward

\* OSPC to participate > Confines? To be confirmed deferred to next meeting

**11. Finance**

**(a) To note budgetary control to date (Running Balance attached to Agenda)**

**(b) To note Current State of Finance**

Treasurer's a/c:	£924.53
Business Inst a/c:	£48,917.26 (Incl: Vat repayment)
Earmarked Reserves:	£36,500.24
<b>Available Capital:</b>	<b>£13,341.55 (excluding ERs)</b>

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

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

002813	Clerks Salary:	£756.00
002814	HMRC:	£189.00
002815	Petty Cash:	£26.62
002816	Cleaner:	£100.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
002817	Aylesbury Mains:	£119.40 (PL Repairs)
002818	AH Contracts:	£189.60 (Environmental Contract Dec)
002819	Mh-p:	£18.00 (Web fees)
002820	E.ON:	£2,033.09 (PL Energy)
002821	N/ACRE:	£35.00 (Annual Subs Min:10(a)):

**12. Street Lighting**

**(a)** PL3 Willow Grove o/s school ooo (Not PL1 as previously reported) > now repaired

**(b)** PL2 The Meadows ooo > chased

**13. Street Lighting Improvements to be confirmed**

Application approved

\* **RESOLVED** to submit application for NHB grant

**14. Highways**

**(a)** Cosgrove Road opp Falcon Drive AW leak? > poor reinstatement (sand bags and sign left)

**(b)** OS RAB between A5 and Potterspurty > Highways England advise night time road closures

**(c)** A422 / Passenham Lane Footbridge repairs and undergrowth cut back?

**(d)** Footpaths RS10/11 poor reinstatement after new mains water main > MK (NCC RoW deal)

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

**(a)** Tree @ Min:5(e) > Agenda

(b) POS and other maintenance requirements plan / schedule > Agenda

**16. Date of Next Meetings**

Tuesday 14<sup>h</sup> February 2017 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.40pm

**Old Stratford Parish Council  
Outstanding Activities  
January 2017**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Parish Action</b>	<b>Action by Others</b>
Ongoing	<b>Parish Plan Quality Council Neighbourhood Plan</b>	> Published > Action deferred > Action deferred / <i>awaits confines &amp; CA Reviews?</i>	> <b><u>Submitted SNC</u></b> > <b>NFA at this time</b> > <b>under review (due to cost) and status &amp; relevance under NPPF</b>
Ongoing	<b>Council Surgeries</b>	District Cllr / OSPC	<b>Suspended Cllr Pritchard to continue Bi-monthly &gt; web/nb</b>
Ongoing	<b>Allotments</b>	Allocation agreed Blackhorse Field	<b>Allotments committee to be agreed</b>
Ongoing	<b>Highway Issues</b>	Passenham. Gateway signs erected	<b>OS congestion remains</b> <b>Some improvements to 30mph compliance</b>
Ongoing	<b>Pot holes</b>	Continual review	<b>Some patching repairs</b>
	<b>HGV traffic</b>	Continual complaints	<b>HGV traffic &lt;&gt; MK Meeting held</b>
Ongoing	<b>Blocked drains</b>		<b>Cleared &gt; Monitoring</b>
Ongoing	<b>Speed complaint SIDs</b>	London Road current siting (counts justify police enforcement) > MK 15,363 < OS 18,910 (battery life)	<b>Traffic survey results collated SID counts forwarded No Police Enforcement yet agreed! Despite requests</b>
Update	<b>Passenham</b>	Passenham speed thro' 30mph 'One Way?' proposed	<b>Passenham Lane rat run volumes confirmed – Police have attended &amp; enforced &gt; NFA!</b>
Reviewed Update	<b>Towcester Road Towcester Road o/s village shop</b>	> verge repairs <i>NCC Budget cuts had reduced funding for local projects?</i>	<b>Maintenance to be reviewed</b> <b>Bollards installed NCC / OSPC</b> <b>Lay-by promoted Funding sought</b> <b>Awaits resolution</b>
Ongoing	<b>Dog Fouling</b>	<i>Continues on verges and Playing Field - better</i>	<b>Monitor after additional signs in place &gt; ongoing (Newsletters)</b>
Review	<b>Post Office</b>	Clerk had liaised support with Bridge Stores re 'return' of PO	<b>Positive response awaits outcome with PO (negative) - Still No progress despite shop expansion</b>
Ongoing Feb 14	<b>Planning Approved</b>	1. Land off The Meadows	<b>1. Appeal site commenced</b>
Apr 14	<b>Approved 2015 in phases</b>	2. ACE Plant site and relocation. 3. Blackhorse Field	<b>2. App resubmitted - Appealed ACE plant sold?</b> <b>3. Development commenced (S106 heads agreed)</b>
Ongoing	<b>St Guthlac's</b>	Churchyard Inspection re trees Wall maintenance	<b>Tree work completed</b>  <b>Commitment w/o prejudice Repaired</b>