

# Old Stratford Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

### **Present:**

Cllrs Mrs N Laurence (in the chair), Mr C Allin, Mr C Carey, Mr A Holloway, Mrs L Murgatroyd, Mrs L Ritson, Mrs N Ryder, Mr R Smith & Mrs S Tate

Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllr Mr K Pritchard (SNC) (< Min:9) 0 members of the public

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs Mr A Pateman & Ms K Morris (family commitments) & Mr A Walker (NCC) (states he is somewhat incapacitated)

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

None

### **3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

Minute of the Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018 was signed as true record

### **4. Matters arising from the minutes not included on the agenda – for report only**

#### **(a) Allotments update**

Site meeting deferred by Persimmon (water stand pipe only installed)

\* > SNC Planning Enforcement

#### **(b) Old Canal issues**

Unresolved still waiting for SNC Arboreal and Environmental Officers reports

#### **(c) Citizens Advice (North Oxon & South Northants)**

Donation request (MK nearest) > NFA

#### **(d) NCC / loss of Transport subsidies etc**

Previous action agreed - Chairman's letter read (not circulated) > complaint for file

### **5. Public Speaking Time (this is limited to 15 minutes)**

No members of the public present

### **6. District and County Councillor Reports**

#### **(a) Cllr Pritchard (SNC) (arrived during Min:9)**

Spoke on Road Works (especially affecting Passenham) & One Way proposals; Environmental issues; Police response to 101 complaints (and delay) and Policing the area generally; SNC to lose Joint CEO due to 'divorce' with Cherwell and issues with Unitary after NCC: School access from Blackhorse Drive > decision soon

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

Not present - no reports or updates

### **7. Parish Council's response to Northamptonshire Review of Unitary Authorities (Cir)**

SNC leaders review + Future Northants and questionnaire > all circulated along with Clerks

proposal for 3 not 2 Unitary Authorities after Local Government Reform Consultation he attended

at SNC 3 July (meeting limited to 1 clerk expected to report back to PCs - although many clerks had been substituted by Chairman or PClls)

\* Future Northants proposals discussed and clerks report supported > members encouraged to respond individually with their own opinion on the way forward > Community engagement also discussed regarding the wider community

**RESOLVED** to support 3 rather than 2 Unitary Authorities on behalf of OSPC

## **8. Correspondence received since the last meeting**

### **\* (a) Came & Company**

Annual Insurance renewal (reduction over previous year and recommended) with **Inspire** (£1,825.00 **Long Term Agreement Option** (3 year binding Long Term Agreement (LTA) with **Inspire**, the annual premium to be reduced by a further 5%, giving an LTA premium of £1,686.25 including insurance premium tax, plus an administration fee of £50.00, giving a total annual premium of **£1,736.25**. This means Old Stratford Parish Council will commit to keep their policy with Inspire for the period of the LTA.

\* **RESOLVED** to approve renewal of £1,736.25

### **\* (b) Highways England**

Road closures update OS RAB > nb

\* Discussed Passenham issues and missing 30 roundels after resurfacing Towcester Rd from RAB

## **9. Monthly roundup and issues from each Councillor**

### **Monthly roundup from each Councillor**

(a) **Cllr Allin** > OSIB rear MH as plant nursery / weeding arranged

(b) **Cllr Carey** > OSIB MH/Bunker Keyes > Maggie/Mo

\* Clerk advised that list of OSIB volunteers / Litter picker's etc. must be listed for Insurance purposes

(c) **Cllr Holloway** > PL costing and savings / Defibrillator x 3 proposed (update)

(d) **Cllr Laurence** > Facebook and RAB Diversions / Q form agreed re Unitary + Web

(e) **Cllr Murgatroyd** > Towcester Rd / Vehicles Mounthill and noise complaint

\* Clerk to respond complainant about personal action required

(f) **Cllr Morris** > x

(g) **Cllr Ritson** > Passenham issues and current diversion OS RAB issues update

(h) **Cllr Ryder** > OSIB / Parking on footway Willow Grove > Police issue

(i) **Cllr Smith** > RAB update (+missing 30 roundels' Towcester Road off RAB)

(j) **Cllr Tate** – OSIB (Santander 26/27th > rose bed construction / cut back

\* Santander will fund up to £250.00. The estimated cost for a chipper and operative for the day is £140.00. There may be other expenses! Clerk requested volunteer list for Insurance purposes and confirmed £5M cover

(k) **Chairman's Report** > x

## **10. Work programme and planned discussions / presentations**

Scrutiny WP yet to meet with proposals > deferred

## **11. Planning**

### **(a) Applications Received**

**S/2018/1480/LDP** Loft conversion & 4 no. Roof lights 21 Oxfield Park Drive

\* LDP Noted

(b) **Decision Notices**

(c) **Enforcement / Appeals**

None

## 12. Press Notices

None

## 13. Finance

### (a) The Council to approve budgetary control to date (attached to the Agenda)

\* **RESOLVED** to approve budgetary control by unanimous decision

### (b) To Approve Current State of Finance (provisional end of year)

Treasurer's a/c:	£1,098.38
Business Inst a/c:	£61,321.31
Earmarked Reserves:	£53,437.17
<b>Available Capital:</b>	<b>£8,982.52 (excluding ERs)</b>

Proposed by Cllr Laurence seconded Cllr Smith and unanimously carried for approval

### (c) To Approve Accounts for Payment (list of outstanding accounts at the meeting)

003053	Clerks Salary:	£780.00
003054	HMRC:	£195.00
003055	Petty Cash:	£25.06
003056	Cleaner:	£60.00 (MH cleaning)
003057	Litter Picker (CH)	£40.00 (OSCH/Playing Field)
003058	AH Contracts:	£322.56 (Environmental Contract + watering June)
003059	NJ Blackwell:	£842.04 (Mowing June)
003060	E.ON:	£1,385.22 (PL Energy)
003061	Came & Company:	£1,736.25 (Annual Insurance renewal Min:8(a))
003062	ACS:	£10.00 (MH Windows)
003063	M-hp:	£54.00 (Solutions to newsletter Xword & upload)

## 14. Street Lighting

Upgrade considered a great improvement

## 15. Highways

(a) Impromptu gutter clean up by residents - verbal thanks given > letter of thanks agreed

(b) Latest RAB closures > circulated

(c) Some pot hole and repair markings evident > to monitor

(d) Fly tipping b/rubble Towcester Road rear of T/Kiox

(e) London Road bridge gullies still blocked

## 16. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) NHB schemes (£21,881) + CiL > Pockets of activity / events for newsletter including next Litter Pick

(b) Memorial Hall Centenary (19 Jan 1919)

## 17. Date of Next Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.39pm

**Old Stratford Parish Council  
Outstanding Activities  
July 2018**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Parish Action</b>	<b>Action by Others</b>
Projects	<b>PL Upgrade Planters</b>  <b>Canal fencing</b>	Completed Sept 2017 Siting completed ongoing OSIB (OS in Bloom) Deanshanger Road	<b>NHB grant + ER completed</b> <b>SNC/OSPC grant</b> <i>NCC licence approved</i> Metal part Under review
Ongoing	<b>Council Surgeries</b>	District Cllr / OSPC	<b>Cllr Pritchard continues Bi-monthly for 2018 &gt; web/nb</b>
Ongoing	<b>Allotments</b>	Allocation agreed March/April > delay	<b>Allotments committee to be agreed asap</b> <b>Developer enforcement yet to start</b>
Expand  Tracker	<b>Highway Issues</b>  <b>Pot holes</b> <b>HGV traffic</b>	> <b>Highway Tracker</b>  Continual review Monitored	<b>Faults and complaints noted</b> <b>Some patching repairs only</b>  <b>HGV traffic &lt;&gt; Letters to hauliers. MKC assist – resent</b>
Ongoing	<b>Blocked drains</b>	When required	<b>Monitoring</b>
Hold	<b>Speed complaint SIDs</b>  <b>Passenham</b>	Permanent power SIDs ? Passenham speed thro' 30  'One Way?' proposed	<b>Being investigated</b> <b>Previous Police enforcement NFA</b> <b>Supported by OSPC awaits</b>
Highways Tracker	<b>Towcester Road</b>  <b>Bus Stop obst'n</b> <b>RAB</b>  <b>Parking Regs</b>	> verge repairs OSPC to consider remedy (Report to NCC highways)  Markings requested HE funded scheme  Cedar Close & others Manorfields/Mounthill & Deanshanger Road end	<b>Maintenance carried out but already damaged by residents and delivery vehicles resolution sought</b> NCC Small works agreed Work commenced Feb/March Completed late summer 2018 Only Cedar Close approved
Ongoing	<b>Dog Fouling</b> <b>Litter</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 * Now Londris (supports)	<b>Positive response awaits outcome with PO (negative) - Still No progress despite shop expansion</b> <b>Request for PO counter</b>
Ongoing	<b>St Guthlac's</b>	Churchyard maintenance	<b>Tree work completed - front</b> <b>Wall rebuild completed</b> <b>Maintenance is reviewed</b>
Ongoing	<b>Balancing Pond</b> <b>Blackhorse Dr</b>  <b>Hall Close</b>	Safety issues  Old Canal issues	<b>No response from Persimmons &gt; SNC planners</b>  <b>Awaits SNC advice</b>