

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 8th January 2008 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mrs P Bowdidge, Mrs B Bucknell, Mr B Clayton, Mrs S Harris, Mr P Plummer, Mr T Stretton & Dr L Ward

Also present were Cllrs Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC), Mr A Walker (NCC) and 0 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mr D MacDonald (work commitments)

2. Casual Vacancy – to be filled by co-option

3. Declaration of Acceptance

Deferred

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

Cllr Clayton non prejudicial interest S/2007/1575/P

5. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 11th December 2007

Minutes of the meeting held 11th December 2007 were signed as a correct record

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

(a) The Mill, Passenham Minute 6(a)

Latest E-mails – update given. Remedial work to commence soon?

(b) Post Office Closure Minute 7

Copy of letter to Mr Patel copied to members and Cllr Mobaraki re lay-by. Formal response deferred to the end of the meeting

Cllr Mobaraki (SNC) arrived at this time

(c) SNC Audit? Minute 8(a)

Report that ‘SNC internal audit’ had cleared the PC of a complaint of bias? The Chairman had E-mailed Cllr Mobaraki to clarify comments made. Her reply was discussed along with complaints procedure and opinions were aired. It was agreed to accept that a ‘misunderstanding’ had occurred
* Cllr Mobaraki agreed to supply written report in future for attachment to the minutes

(d) Breathing Spaces 3 Minute 11(j)

Cllr Clayton spoke on the item - Grant application approved for POS Benches and report boards depicting the history of the Grand Union Canal disused Buckingham Arm

(e) Towcester Road verges Minute 14(a)

Ongoing problem awaits NCC Highway meeting awaits – Cllr Walker to be informed

(f) Tree o/s MH – Emergency work

Removal of dead wood carried out – report from Tree Profiles re degradation > deferred

* Removal to be considered at a later date when more work is seen necessary

Note: Large willow Deanshanger Road / Willow Grove to be reduced following day

7. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item (No public present)

8. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mobaraki (SNC)

Nothing to report

(b) Cllr Walker (NCC)

NCC Budget was set at 4.2% (see also Minute 10(c)). New Highways contract imminent

9. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2007/1551/P Two storey rear extension. 5 Towcester Road

* Already refused

S/2007/1575/P Variation to expiry date (S/2006/1479/P (Wind turbine). 51 Deanshanger Road

* No objections

(b) Permission Granted / Refused

Refused Two storey rear extension 5 Towcester Road

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Appeal A/2007/0305/EN for Public Inquiry 15 Jan is withdrawn by mutual agreement

* (SNC) Letter circulated for info

(d) Press Notices

None

10. Correspondence (list at meeting)

(a) SNC Head of Finance

Precept 2008-09 Request for annual budget requirements > Minute 11(d)

(b) SNVB

Pension Information project > change of staff contact for file

(c) NCC Chief Executive / Leader

Draft Budget Consultation note (that HMG have agreed lowest EM funding levels, despite the fastest growing county = Hard choices / Proposed new goals and priorities circulated for info

*** (d) Buckingham Town Council**

Invitation to Public Meeting: July 2007 floods. (Great Ouse catchment area) bordering authorities

11. Finance

(a) The Council to approve budgetary controls to date (Attached to the Agenda)

* **RESOLVED** to approve

(b) To Approve Current State of Finance

Treasurer's a/c:	£73.53
Business Call a/c:	£30,059.31 (Incl:Vat repayment)
Earmarked Reserves:	£9,315.23 (includes < - £579.76 MH income)
Available Capital =	£20,817.61

(c) Approved payment of outstanding accounts listed below

001421	Clerks Stipend:	£450.00
001422	Petty Cash:	£24.92
001423	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001424	AH Contracts:	£64.30 (POS Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)
001425	NJ Blackwell:	£112.80 (MH Tree surgery)
001426	AW:	£62.59 (MH Water/Sewage)
001427	E.ON:	£476.65 (PL Energy)

(d) To Approve Finance WPs Precept/Budget proposals 2008/9

WP recommended £29,750.00 (explained) (last year fell by 1% when all + 4%) Band D = £36.74 Rise (including all new developments) > £37.80. The increase in s137 limit > £5.64 per head of relevant population (electoral role) will be noted

Proposed by Cllr Whittaker seconded by Cllr Plummer that proposals be agreed

* **RESOLVED:** That the precept be issued for the sum of £29,750.00

12. Street Lighting

(a) Chapmans drive PLs ooo awaits developer inspection prior to PC adoption - imminent

(b) Road sign near Community Hall ooo

(c) New PL near 18 Deanshanger Road – quote agreed

13. Highways

(a) Condition of fencing alongside 7 Cosgrove Road was deteriorating and becoming a hazard

(b) Cobbles Chapmans Drive / Cul de sac > No 52/54 loose

14. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

None

15. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 12th February 2008 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.

6(b) Post Office Closure Minute 7

Response submitted discussed and agreed

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.47pm

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Present:

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1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs P Bowdidge (SMB Meeting), Mr D MacDonald (work) & Mr A Walker (NCC) (Kingsbrook SGM)

2. Casual Vacancy – to be filled by co-option

3. Declaration of Acceptance

Deferred

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

None

5. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 8th January 2008

Minutes of the meeting held 8th January 2008 were signed as a correct record

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

(a) The Mill, Passenham Minute 6(a)

Latest E-mails – update given. Remedial work to commence June? Contradictory reports advised Resurfacing only > awaits report

(b) Post Office Closure Minute 6(b)

Cllr Plummer spoke on the item – deferred for Cllr Mobaraki

(c) NCC Grant > OSPC website

Grant received > Cllrs Clayton and Searle spoke on the item

(d) Deanshanger Road – street lighting upgrade Minute 12(c)

Options and quotes discussed > Proposed by Cllr Harris seconded by Cllr Bucknell that a single PL opposite 4 & 5 be agreed. Unanimously carried

(e) Highway Issues Minute 13(a)

E-mail sent requesting action on 3 outstanding issues and discussed.

(f) Falcon Drive s38 Agreement Minute 6(d) Dec

Further exchange of E-mails to Developer (to advise on standards required by NCC/Atkins consultants) and NCC (for legal definition of Road -v- Footway lamps) despite unclassified road
* Matter now resolved – NCC has agreed to accept all responsibility. (NCC also restated previous advice that whilst OSPC will accept estate footway lamps - it will not include bollard lighting)

7. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

8. District and County Councillor Reports

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

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

Neither present

10. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2007/0319/P 2 Storey extension to rear and single storey to side 19 Oxfield Park Drive

(Change of rear fenestration (roof slope))

* Changes noted

S/2007/1307/PO Residential development (outline) Land off The Meadows rear of Deanshanger Rd

(SNC / Developer request for details w/o prejudice despite OSPCs objection)(Clerk to report verbally) (see below)

* Discussed - Unanimously agreed not to respond to SNC as application is withdrawn

S2007/1638/P Part conversion of garage to domestic accommodation (retrospective)

41 Dickens Drive

* Noted

(b) Permission Granted / Refused

Permit – Partial garage conversion (retrospective) 41 Dickens Drive

Permit – Change of use to house + 3 flats (retrospective) Knotwood Farm, Towcester Road

Permit – Variation of expiry date (Wind turbine) 51 Deanshanger Road

Withdrawn – Outline residential development land off The Meadows rear of Deanshanger Road

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

(d) Press Notices

None

11. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) C/NALC**

Update – (including Cllr training Wed 14 May (7 – 9 TBC) > Cllrs BB, TSe & TSt to attend NALC Financial Update > for file and action by RFO

(b) SNC Housing Transfer Project Leader

Housing Transfer Project and transfer > SNH (SN Homes) + registered open spaces (req'd to consult etc. – none OS) > for info NFA

*** (c) Northamptonshire ACRE**

Invitation to the launch of new Green Space Toolkit for communities Wed 16 April 6.30 – 8.30pm

E-mail re registration > completed

*** (d) NCC Emergency Planning Officer**

Parish Emergency Planning Conference 'Good Neighbourliness: The Emergency Planning Perspective' - Tues 11 March commencing 6.30pm > Cllr Ward attends

(e) SNC Chairman

Invitation to Annual Civic Dinner @ Whittlebury Hall Hotel Fri 11 April 7.30pm for 8 > circulated

(f) SNC Development Control Manager

Local Requirements' for planning applications – consultation on "local list" > deferred for details

*** (g) Tim Boswell MP Surgeries**

Held at SNC (dates provided) 5 – 7pm each consultation = 10' > poster nb (deferred next meeting)

(h) Audit Commission

AC advise that external auditor remains unchanged > for file

*** (i) CPRE (Northants Branch)**

Planning Roadshow (Planning and Landscapes) > 6 – 9pm Tue 15 April @ Cranford Hall, Kettering

* Chairman attends

*** (j) NCC Chief Fire Officer**

Proposed Standards of Operational Response 2007 > review and opinions > Cllr Clayton deals

(k) Northants Touring Arts

Interested in Touring Music, Dance or Drama? > circulated for info and comment

*** (l) NCC (LAA Office)**

Sustainable Communities Strategies for Northamptonshire 2008/2031 > circulated for info (as the Northamptonshire Growth Area (Towcester as a Rural Service Centre – concerns/consultation does not extend to OS area))

(m) Deanshanger Day Centre

Copy of Accounts 2006/7 and letter re rising costs - 2008/9 Donation already agreed for Oct 08

(n) SLCC

Now a Northamptonshire Branch > Joining to be agreed by DD Approved

(o) N J Blackwell

Mowing quotes received for file

12. Finance

(a) The Council to approve budgetary controls to date (Attached to Agenda)

* **RESOLVED** to approve.

(b) To Approve Current State of Finance

Treasurer's a/c:	£67.57
Business Call a/c:	£29,174.62 (Incl:Vat repayment/NCC Mowing/WS grant)
Earmarked Reserves:	£10,570.12 (includes < - £290.67 MH income)*
Available Capital =	£18,672.07

* Note: RFO report that if at year end MH/ER was still minus figure < Capital Reserves - Approved

(c) Approved payment of outstanding accounts listed below

Paid 15/01/08

001428	Tree Profiles Ltd:	£675.63 (Willow crowning)
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001429	Clerks Stipend:	£450.00 *
001430	Petty Cash:	£68.77 (Incl: Tipping Charge)
001431	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001432	AH Contracts:	£80.37 (POS Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)
001433	ACS:	£10.00 (MH windows)
001434	E.ON:	£114.16 (MH Energy)
001435	Canon UK:	£179.53 (Equipment Hire)

001436 N/CALC: £104.00 (Cllr Training Fees May 07 Late Invoice?)

* Note: The clerk advised that from 1st April 2008 he will now draw full salary entitlement (NI obligation > OSPC)

13. Street Lighting

(a) PL2 Dickens Drive still ooo

14. Highways

(a) Speed data London Rd / Towcester Rd & Passenham chased

(b) Passenham Lane causeway > barbed wire?

(c) After recent Gravel Liaison meeting Fencing Passenham Lane by Overbridge & Travellers site issues were again raised > NCC (Comments made by Cllr Mobaraki were challenged)

(d) Cold Calling sign Mounthill Ave missing (to be extended?)

15. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) Website

(b) Post Office closure - the way forward

(c) Village Newsletter for AOM (articles by end of March at latest)

16. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 11th March 2008 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.27pm

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 11th MARCH 2008 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mrs P Bowdidge, Mrs B Bucknell, Mrs S Harris, Mr D MacDonald, Mr A Pateman (Minute 4), Mr P Plummer, Mr T Searle & Mr T Stretton; Also present were 13 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr B Clayton (away), Dr L Ward (meeting re 11(d) Feb) & Mr A Walker (NCC)(away)

2. Casual Vacancy – to be filled by co-option

CV from Mr Anthony Pateman circulated > Co-option unanimous and welcomed onto the PC

3. Declaration of Acceptance

Declaration of Acceptance and Financial Declaration signed

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

None

5. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 12th February 2008

Minutes of the meeting held 12th February 2008 were signed as a correct record

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

(a) The Mill Bridge, Passenham Minute 6(a)

Latest report given and discussed

(b) Post Office Closure Minute 6(b) & 15(b)

Closure confirmed as 27th March 2008 (PO Consult figures show OS as affluent (not deprived) + high car ownership (Pop = 3949 / 0-15 = 684 / 16-Ret = 2534 / Ret = 731 (more than Deanshanger))

(c) Highway Issues Minute 6(e)

Re Towcester Road meeting with NCC Highway Manager 20th Feb (Chairman present / E-mails read – Remaining issues also advised and discussed at length

(d) C/NALC Training Minute 11(a)

Update – (including Cllr training Wed 14 May (7 – 9 TBC) > Cllrs BB, TSe, AP & (TSt) to attend NALC Financial Update > for file and action by RFO (see Min:11(d))

(e) Tim Boswell MP Surgeries Minute 11(g)

Held at SNC (dates provided) 5 – 7pm each consultation = 10' > poster nb > NFA

(f) OS Website Minute 15(a)

New banner approved

7. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

8. District and County Councillor Reports

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

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

Neither present

9. Planning

(a) **Applications Received**

(b) **Permission Granted / Refused**

(c) **Enforcement / Appeals**

(d) **Press Notices**

None

10. Correspondence (list at meeting)

(a) **N/ACRE**

Monitoring & Good Practice Quality Standard Review 2008 > completed by the clerk

*** (b) NCC Emergency Planning Officer**

Reception Centre Checklist 2008 (MH) > completed by the clerk and discussed (The clerks duties as Facilities Manager explained > noted)

(c) **SNC Planning Enforcement Team Leader**

Planning Enforcement Policy statement circulated for info

*** (d) N/ACRE Project Coordinator**

New Green Space Toolkit for communities @ HHC Wed 16 April 6.30 – 8.30 > Cllr Searle

*** (e) SNC Strategic Housing Officer**

Newsletter – feedback / Update request? > Cllr Plummer

(f) **NCC Pocket Parks Officer**

Annual Diary Sheet / Summary for OS Pocket Park etc > the clerk

*** (g) Great Houghton Parish Council**

Letter of concern from PC Chairman on ASDA Wind Turbine Planning Application and planning inconsistencies > for info and discussion on apparent implications > Noted - NFA

*** (h) South Northamptonshire Youth Council**

2008-2009 Youth Opportunity Fund Launch – Application form for 13 – 19yo's > Cllr Plummer

(i) **NCC Committee Manager**

Empowering Councillors and Communities Scheme – confirmation of grant > OSPC Website

(j) **WNDC / Parish Councils Workshop**

Workshop questions submitted at the end of the workshop 24th Jan – Formal replies > circulated

(k) **AH Contracts**

Notified 2% increase for Dog Bin emptying from 1 April > noted for file

*** (l) TDS for George Wimpey South Midlands Homes Ltd**

Chapmans Drive now inspected, numbered and ready for formal adoption > PL1 Wheelwrights Way marked 'no service' > TDS advised (Ins and energy costs are imminent)(see also 10(o))

*** (m) SNC Senior Technical Officer Public Health**

Is OS ready to take action against climate change? And what plans asks SNC (If Yes = an Expression of Interest (for one community within SNC to champion!) > Cllr Pateman

*** (n) NCC Head of Planning Policy**

Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Management Framework: Control and Management of Development - A Discussion Paper > Cllr Whittaker

(o) E.ON

Unmetered Electrical Supply Certificate expires 15/3/08 (see Min:10(l) - will await ABB's inclusion onto Maintenance Schedule before proceeding) > clerk deals

11. Finance

(a) The Council to approve budgetary controls to date (Attached to Agenda)

* **RESOLVED** to approve.

(b) To Approve Current State of Finance

Treasurer's a/c:	£65.74
Business Call a/c:	£28,155.69
Earmarked Reserves:	£10,440.26 (includes < - £420.53 MH income)
Available Capital =	£18,672.07

(c) Approved payment of outstanding accounts listed below

001437	Clerks Stipend:	£450.00
001438	Petty Cash:	£23.19
001439	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001440	AH Contracts:	£64.30 (POS Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)
001441	ACS:	£10.00 (MH windows)
001442	Canon UK:	£42.16 (Copy costs)
001443	NJ Blackwell:	£811.13 (Hedge cutting & Maintenance)
001444	British Gas:	£102.13 (MH Gas)
001445	ABB:	£472.44 (PL Maintenance)

1 April

001446	Allianz:	£2,691.08 (Insurance Premium)
001447	Nationwide BS:	£170.00 (Clerk Pension Gratuity 2008/9)

(d) To Approve 'System of Internal Audit' (circulated with Agenda)

RESOLVED to approve

12. Street Lighting

(a) Complaint of 2 x PL ooo The Meadows (developer informed again > NCC adoptions)

13. Highways

(a) Speed data London Rd / Towcester Rd & Passenham - still awaits despite assurance

(b) The clerk had dealt with flooding London Road (river bridge), Cosgrove Road (new drainage scheme) and fallen tree Deanshanger Road. ATS faults XRoads and OS RAB

(c) Cllr Plummer advise that Kingsbrook School had complained to NCC regarding the SRTS for pupils Passenham Lane

- (d) CA Passenham, fencing down + barbed wire still in situ
- (e) Ponding Mounthill Ave o/s 22 due to collapsed/broken gully and subsidence
- (f) Manorfields Road o/s 13/15 ponding due to uneven surface near drain
- (g) Towcester Road issues > the clerk to advise by AOM (and separate surgery if required)

14. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

- (a) Cllr Plummer advises that he is now Chairman of the housing management for SNH.
* PC confirmed register of interests

15. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 8th April 2008 commencing at 7.30pm (AOM 15th April commencing at 7.30pm)

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 8th APRIL 2008 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mrs P Bowdidge, Mr B Clayton, Mr A Pateman, Mr P Plummer, Mr T Stretton & Dr L Ward;

Also present was 1 member of the public and PC Mick Walker (Northants Police)(part)

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs B Bucknell (prior engagement), Mrs S Harris (fall), Mr D MacDonald & Mr T Searle (working away)

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

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 11th March 2008

Minutes of the meeting held 11th March 2008 were signed as a correct record

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

(a) Highway Issues Minute 6c)

Report for AOM discussed

(b) C/NALC Training Minute 6(d)

Cllr training Wed 14 May (7 – 9 TBC) > Cllrs BB, TSe, AP & (TSt) to attend

(c) South Northamptonshire Youth Council Minute 10(h)

Youth Opportunity Fund - Cllr Plummer > Kingsbrook School - NFA

(d) Climate Change Minute 10(m)

Is OS ready to take action against climate change? > Cllr Pateman NFA

(e) Website Update

Cllr Clayton spoke on the item

5 Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

6 District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mobaraki (SNC)

(b) Cllr Walker (NCC)

Neither present. Concern expressed about lack of communication from Dist Cllr. Clerk to enquire on health

7. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2008/0309/P Two storey rear extension 5 Towcester Road

* No objections or further comments

S/2008/0326/P Change of use from commercial to domestic Furtho House, 20 Towcester Road
* No objections to a change of use back to residential. However the Parish Council are to consider a listing application due to its architectural importance to the village and the street scene

S/2007/1511/A Illuminated projection box sign Unit C OS Local Centre, Falcon Drive
* No objections - but the illumination should be restricted to opening times only due its location opposite residential properties

(b) Permission Granted / Refused

None

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

A/2007/1114/P Appeal 39 Manorfields Road against refusal for 5 dwellings > 29 April @ SNC

* Noted

(d) Press Notices

None

8. Correspondence (list at meeting)

(a) SNC

Non Domestic Rates Football Ground and Premises / Discretionary Charitable Relief claimed = £0
Non Domestic Rates Memorial Hall / Discretionary Charitable Relief claimed = £0 > both for file

(b) Audit Commission

Confirmation of appointment of external auditor > for file

(c) BDO Stoy Hayward LLP

External Auditor / Local Council Briefing – Spring 2008 > Clerk/RFO deals

*** (d) CPRE Northants**

2008 Design Awards & Summer Ball > NFA

(e) LAA Office Northamptonshire

Consultation on Sustainable Communities Strategy 2008 / 2031 > circulated for info/comment

(f) Bedfordshire Group of Drainage Boards

Internal Drainage Board Review 2007 Annual Report > circulated for info

*** (g) Millard Consulting (David Wilson Homes – Cosgrove Road, Old Stratford)**

Canalside - Request for PC to approve street lighting scheme. To approve response that as Adoption is not imminent (says NCC) then no response at this time

(h) SNC Policy & Implementation Manager

Village Directory – 2008 Review > clerk deals

(i) NJ Blackwell

Contractors Public Liability Insurance > for file

(j) SNC Strategic Housing Officer

Landlord News & Views > circulated for info

(k) NCC Chief Planning Officer

Passenham Local Liaison Group – Minutes of last meeting circulated for info

(l) NCALC

Annual Subs and Internal Auditor Fees > Approved

Latest Update circulated for info

9. Finance

(a) The Council to approve budgetary controls to date (Attached to Agenda)

* **RESOLVED** to approve. (Note: The Clerks undrawn stipend > donation to MH Fund this year)

(b) To Approve Current State of Finance (Provisional End of Year)

Treasurer's a/c:	£61.39
Business Call a/c:	£27,434.64
Earmarked Reserves:	£10,912.99
Available Capital =	£16,583.04 (less £3,390 clerks donation > MH fund)

(c) Approved payment of outstanding accounts listed below

001448	Clerks Stipend:	£777.00 (Note: Full stipend now drawn)
001449	Petty Cash:	£39.64
001450	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001451	AH Contracts:	£64.30 (POS Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)
001452	ACS:	£10.00 (MH windows)
001453	NJ Blackwell:	£370.48 (Mowing)
001454	E.ON:	£28.00 (MH Electric)
001455	K Peach:	£61.17 (Public NB Repairs)
001456	Viking Direct:	£210.97 (Copy paper / envelopes)
001457	Northants CALC:	£317.00 (Annual subs)(Min:8(i))
001458	Northants CALC:	£159.60 (Internal Audit Fees)(Min:8(i))
001459	SLCC:	£96.00 (Annual subs + Portfolio return)

10. Street Lighting

(a) Cost of new lamp Deanshanger Road = £2,635.00 > noted (Min:6(d) Feb approves)

(b) Chapman Drive PLs are still out

11. Highways

(a) A5 NB night time closures 14 April – 9 May will mean additional traffic through OS

(b) Cllr Plummer gave update on new MGSWP Highways contract

(c) Pot holes o/s 13/15 Mounthill Ave

12. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) PC Wallace produced Crime Figures prior to minute 4 and apologised that he or colleagues were unable to attend AOM on 15th April – the clerk to produce figures in his absence

13. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 15th April (Annual Open Meeting) commencing at 7.30pm &
Tuesday 13th May Annual PC Meeting commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF OLD STRATFORD ANNUAL OPEN MEETING
Held on 15th April 2008 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mrs P Bowdidge, Mrs B Bucknell, Mrs S Harris, Mr A Pateman, Mr P Plummer, Mr T Searle, Mr T Stretton & Mrs L Ward
Also present were Cllr Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC) and 17 members of the public

1 Apologies

Cllr Mr B Clayton (work commitments), PC M Wallace (Northants Police Safe Community Team)(holiday)

2 Minutes of the 2007 AOM (previously displayed nb)

Minutes of the AOM meeting had been approved at the May 2007 meeting

3 Any Outstanding Matters

(a) Allotments

Although agreed at last years meeting to proceed, the PC had not been supported by the landowner/agent for the Blackhorse Field (Towcester Road). OSPC were therefore attempting to negotiate with Cemex (Passenham Quarry) re 1acre of 100 Acre Field (Deanshanger Road)) - as the Compulsory Purchase route was both fraught and expensive. An ER fund had been set up

(b) Passenham Lane and Gravel Extraction

There was some prevarication by NCC Contractors who had recently changed tack on a solution to the Mill Bridges. Traffic and SatNavs were causing more HGVs to use the lane

(c) Low Flying Aircraft

Minimum height is 1000ft (320m) over built up areas . AFT rules are left to the pilots (explained). Complaints by aircraft number as most are not on radar or registered flight plan

4 Petitions or Questions from Electors

(a) Two letters expressing concern about the action taken Towcester Road > Minute 9

5 Adoption of Accounts

Outlined by the clerk, especially the current level of Precept levied, Earmarked Reserves and the Memorial Hall refurbishment paid for without cost to community charge payers.

* Proposed by Neil Lygo-Baker seconded by Cllr Mobaraki (SNC) that a vote of thanks be noted for the clerks generosity in donating part of his unclaimed salary to village projects

- (a) **To receive Accounts 2006/2007** } No comments and formally adopted
- (b) **Observation of Finance 2007/2008** } Approved
- (c) **Budget Proposals 2008/2009** } Approved

6 Report from Northamptonshire Police (Through the clerk)

Safe Community Teams consisted of dedicated Community Beat Officers and CPSOs who were responsible for local patrolling of OS. Urgent calls were responded by Instant Response Units (which may mean due to the grading system meant that some 'non urgent' calls would not receiving immediate response). Any comments to PC Mike Wallace who attended the last PC meeting **(Some of those attending were dismayed at lack of Police presence who 'were failing to fully engage with the public they served')**

Crime figures from 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008 were as follows:

<i>Violence</i>	6 > 8	
<i>Robbery</i>	0 > 2	
<i>Burglary Dwelling</i>	5 > 5	
<i>Burglary Other</i>	10 > 9	<i>(from garages and sheds etc)</i>
<i>Theft from M/V</i>	14 > 33	<i>(small team of thieves caught thought responsible)*</i>
<i>Theft of M/V</i>	5 > 4	
<i>Veh Interference</i>	0 > 0	
<i>Veh Damage</i>	6 > 9	
<i>Criminal Damage</i>	4 > 9	
<i>Drugs</i>	1 > 0	
<i>Theft (Other)</i>	7 > 16*	

Total Crimes 95 (increase on last years 61)

(This shows a steady rise year on year (for all villages on the MK border))

7 Report from District Councillor

2007/2008 Due to poor health and unforeseen extended family circumstances over the last year I have not been as engaging and proactive as I would have liked to be.

I sit on Resources R&D Committee, Audit Committee and Appeals Committee as and when required I work with working groups on financial, legal or personnel matters which are the areas I have most skills in. Unfortunately I have had to give up some of my volunteer work.

Over the last year we have seen some challenging times...

The transfer of housing stock, the increased responsibilities on local authorities without central government funding to back them and the closure of our Local Post Office which is key to rural sustainability.

Post Office Below you will find a copy of the letter of representation I submitted:

Dear Sirs,

I write in the capacity of District Councillor as a community representative to object to the closure of Old Stratford Post Office. To support this objection I have forwarded to you a petition with in excess of 80 signatures, I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this.

Post Office Ltd's decision process failed to account for the following social economic aspects:

- *45% of Old Stratford residents are home during the day (working mothers, disabled people, elderly and home workers) and rely on such facility. Due to poor transport links and the limited mobility of a large number of residents the closure of the post office can increase hardship for the most disadvantaged groups. Compared to other villages in Northamptonshire Old Stratford has a higher percentage of elderly residents that do not have traditionally relied on such facility.*

- *Old Stratford has in excess of 30 small businesses that rely on such facility to support their daily operations.*

I understand that the local Post Master has chosen the option to close the facility but Old Stratford Community are confident that an alternative home for the Post Office can be found in the village. Without any formal agreement the Post Master has indicated that he might be able sublet the existing space.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Post Office Moving Forward I have been in discussions with ACRE and other government departments and officers with a view to bring some post office facilities to the village

2008/2009 My theme for the year will be empowerment of the elderly.

Whilst dealing with matters relating to the post office closure I often heard those supporting its closure saying 'only a few elderly people use it'. Age should not come into these matters. With an

aging population it is even more important that the views of the elderly are heard and taken into consideration after all it is their hard work which has brought us prosperity and it is our duty and responsibility to look after their interests.

Over the coming year I intend to engage more actively with the local community so that I can make their views heard. If you belong to a local community group and would like to invite me along for a session please get in touch. I am also pleased to continue speaking to you on my walks through the village and to receive you at my home as usual.

Contact details: 21 Hall Close, Old Stratford, Milton Keynes, MK19 6NH

Home: 01908 307048 Mobile: 07703 361581

Concessionary Travel Passes

People aged 60 and over and disabled people of any age who qualify under the categories listed in the Transport Act 2000 are illegible to the National Concessionary Bus Pass introduced on the 1st of April 2008 which is valid during off peak hours defined as 9.30am until 11.00pm Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and on Bank Holidays.

If you have any queries, please contact the Customer Contact Centre on 01327-322322 or email locallink@southnorthants.gov.uk

Deadline looming for youth project bids!

The deadline is looming for young people in South Northamptonshire to get their hands on nearly £96,000 to spend on activities for them and their friends.

The deadline for entries for the Youth Opportunities Fund is Friday, 25 April.

To make sure it's spent on the right things, the cash is given out by fellow young people from across the county.

Our Youth Council will allocate the money to young people between the ages of 13 and 19-years-old across the district who come up with the best ideas for youth activities in their area.

They can be anything from a music group, to a chess club to a girls' football club to a weekly DJing event. Young people just need to come up with an idea, fill out a form and wait to see if their idea is a success.

Youth Councillor Kirsty Whitmore said: "This is the third year of the fund and we are very determined this year to encourage as many young people as possible across the whole area to put forward their ideas for things to do and places to go. The Youth Opportunity Fund is run by and for young people with facilities from South Northamptonshire Council – the really key thing is that young people make the application and young people decide which applications will go forward There's only two weeks to go so we're urging people to get their applications in as soon as they can."

The Youth Opportunity Fund is a national initiative which allocates money for youth projects across the country.

Contact Laurie Berruto on 07748 808093 for a form or email laurieberruto@hotmail.com.

After Cllr Mobaraki answered a number of questions and gave assurance to respond, especially on issues including Passenham Gravel and her lack of response on the Traveller issue previously raised, she was thanked for attending and chose to remain

8 Report from County Councillor

Not present – no report submitted (Cllr Mobaraki said he was on holiday)

Telephone No: 01908 260302 E-mail: awalker@northamptonshire.gov.uk

* The clerk to advise Cllr Walker on his lack of support and on NCCs lack of progress on a number of issues

9 Towcester Road

The Chairman introduced the item and spoke about the two letters from residents – one did not support the sentiments of the other and outlined the meeting held between OSPC and NCC.

At the February PC meeting as a result of enforcement the clerk was asked to report on the following:

- a. The need for double yellow lines given the village road status of the old A5
- b. Whether matrix type blocks paid for by residents could be laid to protect grass areas; and
- c. The need for enforcement given that a number of residents had more than 1 car

* The clerk advised that the historic DYL Towcester Road remained after the A5T was built. The road (subject to high levels of traffic from north MK, forms part of the main diversionary route when the A5T is shut or major M1 diversions

Matrix blocks are not agreed by NCC as the grass verges were not for MVs to park on, and finally; The wide verge and footways were part of the highway and therefore enforcement was justified Discussed at length with an exchange of views without resolution – the clerk to arrange separate public meeting with Police, NCC, MGWSP & Cllr Walker. Residents were to consider their own position due to the damaged verges. The Puffin Xing when installed may also dictate what further action the PC may take

10 Any Other Business

None

With no other business the meeting close at 9.00pm

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 13th May 2008 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mrs P Bowdidge, Mrs B Bucknell, Mr B Clayton, Mr D MacDonald, Mr A Pateman, Mr P Plummer & Mrs L Ward;

Also present was Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC) and 5 members of the public

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Proposed by Cllr Pateman seconded by Cllr Bucknell that Cllr Whittaker continues as Chairman

Elected unopposed

Proposed by Cllr Plummer seconded by Cllr Bowdidge that Cllr Harris continues as Vice Chairman

Elected unopposed

2. Declaration of Acceptance

Cllr Whittaker signed the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance

Cllr Harris to sign Declaration of Acceptance before next meeting

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs S Harris (away), Mr T Searle (Work commitments) & Mr T Stretton (by way of resignation)(notice posted) & Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC Annual Meeting)

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

Cllr Whittaker on S/2008/0286/P as immediate neighbour

5. Election of Working Groups and Representatives

Finance: Cllrs Bowdidge, Whittaker, Harris and MacDonald

General Purpose: Cllrs Ward, Clayton, Plummer and Pateman

Scrutiny: Cllrs Clayton, Harris, Whittaker and MacDonald

Pocket Parks: The clerk

Transport Rep: Cllr Plummer

Parish Path Warden: Cllr Harris

Whalley's Charity: The clerk

RESOLVED That where appropriate and subject to agreed conditions, the clerk would continue to deal with matters under Delegated Powers which would be reported to the Chairman (or Vice Chairman) and at the next meeting of the Council

6. Adoption of Standing Orders, Financial Regulation for 2008/ 2009 and Internal Audit

Terms of Reference along with Revised Clerks Contract

RESOLVED That SO's as amended, Revised Code of Conduct, Finance and Risks Assessments previously adopted reviewed and amended and the new Internal Audit 'Terms of Reference' be formally adopted for 2008 / 2009 along with Internal Audit Requirements previously circulated (and copied to members)

The clerk produced a revised Clerks Contract for signature (along latest guidelines and salary agreement) which was signed and adopted by Council

* Copies of SOs, Code of Conduct, Complaints Procedure and adopted Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment had been copied to members

7. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 8th April 2008

Were signed as a correct record

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

(a) C/NALC Training Minute 6(d)

Cllr training Wed 14 May (7 – 9) > Cllrs Bucknell, Pateman & Searle to attend

(b) LAA Office Northamptonshire Minute 8(e)

Consultation on Sustainable Communities Strategy 2008 / 2031 > circulated for info/comment

(c) Speed Surveys London Road / Towcester Road outstanding

The clerk

9. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the AOM dated 15th April 2008

Were signed as a correct record

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

(a) Parking Towcester Road Minute 9

Issues update

11. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

12. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mobaraki absent no report

(b) Cllr Walker apologised for his absence at the AOM and asked clarification on the comment at Minute 8. It was agreed to delete after discussion and clarification of comments by the public. He submitted his report which he read and is attached to the minutes apologising that it had not been submitted to the clerk. A copy was also circulated

13. Planning

(a) Applications Received

Cllr Whittaker having declared an interest Min:4 left the chamber. Cllr MacDonald took the chair for this item

S/2008/0286/P Two single storey rear extensions. Old Dairy Barn, Passenheim

* The extension affects the road side CA appearance - No further comments

S/2008/0501/LB Regularise Barn Conversion (not to S/2003/1540/LB). Manor Farm, Passenheim

* It is not considered relevant for the PC to comment on the regularisation of alterations to a LB contrary to permission. This is either a LB issue for enforcement due to internal structural and facia changes or not

S/2008/0583/PO Three dwellings (outline) 38 Cosgrove Road

* **OBJECTION** without detailed planning application the proposals appear contrary to RSS 4, Policy GS5 and H3 of the CSP and policies G3 and H5 of the SNLP. In this instance the proposal would constitute an undesirable cramped sub-division of the existing plot to the detriment of the character and appearance of the area and to the existing entrance to No 38A. There is an historic issue with foul and storm water sewers including the regular flooding of Cosgrove Road between No's 6 and 28 and No.11 opposite. New developments further east required new sewers as the existing storm and foul sewers were inadequate

S/2008/0603/P Ground floor rear ext and first floor side ext. Wharf House, Wharf Lane

* No observations

(b) Permission Granted / Refused

Permit – Change of use from offices to single dwelling. Furtho House, 20 Towcester Road

Refused – Two storey rear extension 5 Towcester Road

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Enforcement - s 215 Notice served on 5 Cosgrove Road (6/12 from 31 May 2008 (nesting birds))

Appeal A/2007/1114/P 39 Manorfields Road was heard 29 April with site visit

(d) Press Notices

None

14. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) HM Revenue & Customs**

Local Authority Event Questionnaire > Cllr Pateman to consider relevance

(b) NCC/MGWSP Highways

Introductory letter from PR Officer > circulated for info / Provisional Contact List for file

*** (c) NATS**

Further corres on consultation re Terminal Control North – Proposed changes to airspace closing date deferred to 19 June > noted NFA

*** (d) SNC Head of Planning & Leisure**

Parish & Town Council's Planning Forum Thursday 19th June @ SNC 6 – 9 > Chair / clerk attends

(e) NJ Blackwell

Copy of Public Liability Insurance > for file

(f) NCC Pocket Parks

Pocketeer circulated for info

(g) NCC/MGWSP Highways

Rights of Way Update > Cllr Harris (PPW) & file

(h) NCC Rights of Way Manager

Rights of way Improvement Plan 2007-2011 > CD ROM and booklet circulated for info

(i) South Northants Homes Head of Property Services

Stock Condition Survey > letter circulated for info (Q through Cllr Plummer)

(j) NCC Sustainable Transport

Revised timetable Service 14 > PO and circulated for info

(k) WeedWise Total Groundcare

May Gurney have new contractor for verge maintenance (outside s136 Agreement). Letter suggest contact direct > circulated for info

*** (l) BT Payphones via SNC**

Proposed removal of Payphone Towcester Road due to little use > Response by 2 June

* No evidence to support retention

(m) NCC Head of Financial Operations

Changes to NCCs Ordering and Invoice payment process > noted details confirmed

(n) Carillion-URS

A5 Potterspurty Pedestrian Crossing Improvements to be completed by 23 May > noted

(o) SNC Executive Director

Concessionary Bus Pass Update for Parish Councils > for file / circulated for info

*** (p) Old Stratford Pre-School Playgroup**

Request via OSCH Committee for financial assistance for new tables and chairs

* Discussed and **RESOLVED** that the PC is prepared to donate £500 towards the purchase provided a similar sum is raised and is also able to assist with VAT reclamation

*** (q) Arnold Thomson Solicitors**

POS Transfer to OSPC Solicitor await PC instructions > Response agreed

*** (r) SNC Licensing Officer**

Renewal for a Street Trading Consent – Mobile catering Trailer Lay-by A422 near Wicken Park Road & Thornton Road / OSPC as a consultee > NFA

*** (s) CPRE Northants**

Late notification and reminder of Branch AGM 7.30pm Thursday 15 May @ Parsons Memorial Hall, Leys Lane, Great Houghton, Northampton > NFA

*** (t) Big Lottery Fund**

Funding roll-out for East Midlands > application for SBR Rebuild etc. by Cllr Clayton

(u) NCC/MGWSP Highways

W/E Carriageway closures due to resurfacing A508 Grafton Regis 1200M > Yardley Gobion from 14th June x 3 weekends (an alternative route indicated due to delays) > for file and NB

15. Finance

(a) The Council to approve budgetary controls to date (Attached to the Agenda)

* **RESOLVED** to approve

(b) To Approve Current State of (Excluding Commuted Sums and Nationwide a/c's)

Treasurer's a/c:	£76.15
Business Call a/c:	£37,958.88
Earmarked Reserves:	£21,986.32 (includes MH income)
Available Capital =	£16,048.71

(c) Approved payment of outstanding accounts listed below

001460	Clerks Stipend:	£466.50 (includes 2/12 PAYE adjustment)*
001461	Petty Cash:	£24.64
001462	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001463	AH Contracts:	£65.61 (POS Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)
001464	ACS Cleaning:	£10.00 (MH Windows)
001465	NJ Blackwell:	£393.27 (Mowing)
001466	Canon (UK):	£179.53 (Equipment Hire)
001467	OSCH:	£1,750.00 (s137 Donation > rental support)

001468 OSCH: £500.00 (C&D Act donation)
001469 OSCH: £1,500.00 (s137 Donation > Village events)
001470 E.ON: £738.29 (PL Energy) #
001471 M Davies: £1,175.00 (MH refurbishment > materials)
001472 M Winkworth: £699.12 (Emergency SBR Repair)
* Note: NIC Employer contributions = £41.54pm (awaits P11 forms)
Level of increase raised with operations manager

(d) To Adopt Accounts for the Year Ending 31st March 2008

Internal Audit report read and actioned - Receipts & Payment Book and Accounts for Audit signed and formally adopted

16. Street Lighting

- (a) PL8 Mounthill Ave (ig)
- (b) New PL Deanshanger Road opposite No.7 is not yet powered

17. Highways

- (a) Cold Calling area is to be extended hopes Cllr Plummer (JWs advised)
- (b) Cllr Plummer reported on the Safe Community Policing initiative. Only 28 of 849 cards have been returned to date = 3%. It was agreed an opportunity had been lost > next newsletter

18. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

- (a) Grant Aid

19. Date of Next Meeting

10th June 2008 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.40pm

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 10th June 2008 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mrs P Bowdidge, Mrs B Bucknell, Mrs S Harris, Mr D MacDonald, Mr A Pateman, Mr P Plummer, Mr T Searle & Mrs L Ward; Also present were 2 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr B Clayton (work commitments)

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

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 13th May 2008

Minutes of the meeting held 13th May were signed as a correct record

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

(a) Parking Towcester Road Minute 10

Issues update - still awaits policy on enforcement (despite E-mails) > Cllr Walker (NCC)

(b) HM Revenue & Customs Minute 14(a)

Local Authority Event Questionnaire > Cllr Pateman considered relevance – NFA agreed

(c) Big Lottery Fund Minute 14(f)

Funding roll-out for East Midlands > application for SBR Rebuild etc. by Cllr Clayton awaits (To include SIDs)

(d) PL Energy Minute 15(c)

Street lamp energy costs increase justified by E.ON (previous company had undercharged)

(e) Cold Calling Area Minute 17(a)

New signage to be installed at £200 cost (Signage Fund)

(f) Allotments outstanding

Further detailed approach to CEMEX (to be reappraised at next Gravel Liaison meeting)

5. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

6. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mobaraki

(b) Cllr Walker

* Neither present (although late apology from Cllr Mobaraki received after clerk left H/A)

7. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2008/0449/PO 3 No. detached dwellings (outline). Site adjacent 47 Towcester Road

* **OBJECTION** The application is contrary to PPS 3 and policies GS4 and H3 of the County Structure Plan and policies G2 and H6 of the SNC Local Plan which in this instance constitutes an unjustified and undesirable intrusion into the open countryside beyond the village confines to the detriment of the character and appearance of the area. It is also unneighbourly and a cramped subdivision of the proposed site and any access has now been compromised by the new spine road contouring for Falcon Drive opposite and Autorama which is currently undergoing expansion

S/2008/0665/P Loft conversion etc (new accurate plans). 27 The Meadows

* Whilst we have no objection in principal, the roof line of the dormer windows is too high and not in keeping with the remainder of the development and should be amended

S/2008/0704/P Garage conversion to habitable room. 31 Dickens Drive

* This application is retrospective and as precedence in the area already exists. No objection

S/2008/0707/PO Residential development for 35 dwellings (outline) land off The Meadows (East of Deanshanger Road) (Voting protocol discussed - 9 Cllrs present 8 voted to Object)

* **OBJECTION** This is a major development and should be accompanied by a detailed planning application due to sustainability issues. Old Stratford has doubled its housing stock since 1997 and more than fulfilled its roll as a LDV under the current plan period. We no longer have a Post Office and the new owners of the last remaining shop is opening longer hours due to viability. The County Primary School is over subscribed and Deanshanger and Cosgrove Primary Schools are being used to cater for this oversubscription. Whilst the Parish Council has voiced this concern previously it is unsustainable for village children to be catered for elsewhere.

The application appears contrary to PPS 3: As this is outside the village confines in the open countryside and is unused agricultural land and not as the applicant describes. Despite the assertion by the applicant that it is a justifiable windfall site and sustainable because SNC does not have a five year land bank, it is in our view unwarranted and unsustainable and does not cater for local needs. There are a number of new empty properties and many houses for sale.

The proposal is therefore contrary MKSM Northamptonshire Policy 1 where in rural hinterlands the emphasis of development should be to meet local needs. The supporting statements have failed to consider this and rely only on the land bank issue.

It is also contrary to policies GS4 and H3 of the County Structure Plan and policies G2 and H6 of the SNC Local Plan which in this instance constitutes an unjustified and undesirable intrusion into the open countryside beyond the village confines to the detriment and character and appearance of the area especially when viewed from the public footpaths. No exceptional circumstances have been demonstrated to override these policies.

We have looked at the draft s106 which should be accompanied by detailed plans as all the sustainability issues should be looked at again.

The application in its current form should therefore be refused.

(b) Permission Granted / Refused

Permit – Externally illuminated fascia sign (retrospective) Unit C Local Centre Falcon Drive

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

(d) Press Notices

None

8. Correspondence (list at meeting)

* **(a) SNVB**

Extended Schools Event at Empress Suite - Towcester Racecourse Thur 26 June 2 – 6pm

* NFA

*** (b) Green Thumb**

Football pitches – proposed treatment @ £968 per treatment either summer &/or autumn to be agreed

* Summer feed agreed to gauge on previous year

(c) NCC Head of Finance

Changes to the Council's Ordering and Invoice Payment Process > noted

*** (d) NCC Pocket Parks**

Pocket Parks Summer Sortie 22 June 10 – 4pm. Visiting locations to be discussed

*** (e) SNC Building Control Manager**

Towcester Road development (former No.40) Street Naming required

* Cedar Close preferred > copy to Cllr Mobaraki

(f) SNC Policy & Performance Manager

Anonymous letter of complaint with 7 issues > all under review and actioned – NFA > SNC

*** (g) NCC Chair Local Area Agreement Board**

Executive Summary for comment > Clerk to deal

(h) SNC Electoral Services

Casual Vacancy for co-option next meeting

*** (i) SNC Strategic Housing Manager**

Homeless Strategy – Invitation to Stakeholders meeting Tuesday 24 June@ SNC (no time)

+ Stakeholders Questionnaire > Cllr Plummer deals

9. Finance

(a) The Council to approve budgetary controls to date (Attached to the Agenda)

* **RESOLVED** to approve

(b) To Approve Current State of (Excluding Commuted Sums and Nationwide a/c's)

Treasurer's a/c:	£79.19
Business Call a/c:	£30,550.17
Earmarked Reserves:	£20,381.32 (includes MH income)
Available Capital	= £10,248.04

(c) Approved payment of outstanding accounts listed below

0014 73	Clerks Stipend:	£630.00
0014 74	HM Revenue & Customs:	£394.08 (Income Tax + NIC 2/12s)
001475	Petty Cash:	£23.44
001476	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001477	AH Contracts:	£82.02 (POS Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)
001478	ACS Cleaning:	£20.00 (MH Windows)
001479	NJ Blackwell:	£370.48 (Mowing)
001480	Anglian Water:	£54.01 (MH Water Rates)
001481	British Gas:	£91.30 (MH Gas)
001482	M Davies:	£1,964.13 (MH D/Toilet upgrade + additional)

10. Street Lighting

(a) PL3 Manorfields Road (ooo)

(b) PL8 Mounthill Ave (Bet 36/38) still out

11. Highways

(a) Falcon Drive issue re vehicle storage

(b) Mounthill Ave o/s 13/15 subsidence remains

(c) Cosgrove Road / RS15 flooding regular despite new drainage

(d) Towcester Road issues

12. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) Speed Indicators devices positioning

(b) Lodge disappointment of Kingsbrook College OFSTED Grade 4 rating (poor) > Cllr Walker

(c) Newsletter format by Tim

13. Date of Next Meeting

8th July 2008 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.38pm

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 8th July 2008 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mrs P Bowdidge, Mrs B Bucknell, Mr B Clayton, Mrs S Dimmock (Min:3), Mrs S Harris, Mr D MacDonald, Mr P Plummer, Mr T Searle & Mrs L Ward; Also present were Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC) and 5 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr A Pateman (away) & Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC)(family bereavement)

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

Cllr Bowdidge Min:10

3. Casual Vacancy by Co-option

Mrs Susan Dimmock was co-opted unanimously onto the council and welcomed

4. Declaration of acceptance

Cllr S Dimmock duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance and the Financial Declaration

5. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 10th June 2008

Minutes of the meeting held 10th June were approved and signed as a correct record (subject to Cllr MacDonald's declared interest in S/2008/0707/PO at Min:2)

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

(a) Parking Towcester Road Minute 4(a)

Issues update - still awaits policy on enforcement (despite E-mails) copied to Cllr Walker (NCC) Latest issue was the Safety Audit now required by MSGW – Agreed that OSPC should be involved

(b) Big Lottery Fund Minute 4(c)

Awards for All application for SBR Rebuild, Shelter and VAS/SIDs etc. > Cllr Clayton

(c) Speed Indicators devices positioning Minute 12(a)

No decision on siting – the clerk outlined results of speed surveys – fully discussed followed by a robust exchange of views. The clerk advised that members had agreed to grant aid and should wait for the grant application outcome before committing unbudgeted funding

* It was agreed that the Finance WP meet, look at funding implications and report back. The attendance of the Road Safety Officer was not agreed. Cllr Plummer agreed to speak to Safe Communities Team Leader about possible enforcement

(d) Kingsbrook College OFSTED Report Minute 12(b)

Grading = 1 High > 5 (Intervention). Grade 4 rating (poor) discussed. Cllr Walker as Vice Chair of School Governors spoke on the item and the reasons for poor OFSTED report – Regime was in place to improve grading

(e) Highway issues Minute 11 (a – d)

- Falcon Drive issue re vehicle storage (Hyundi reminded of 'Nelmes –v- Rhys Howell Transport Ltd (1977)' "That the highway provides a means of transit and is not intended as a store". Extension to be completed within 6 weeks > NCC and Police advised

- Mounthill Ave, Cosgrove Rd, Towcester Rd issues raised with Area Manager (NCC) on site visit

7. Allotments

To consider formal approach to CEMEX (& or Persimmon Homes (for the Lawson trustees) development option until 2011) – Previous enquiries noted

* The clerk to seek SNC advice and reapproach both by letter

8. Deanshanger PC request donation of OS Youth Club equipment > new YC

To consider request for donation > DYC discussed

* Decision deferred to next newsletter / OS school enquiry

9. Newsletter format – printing and editing

The previous meeting had agreed the principle of a more professional newsletter to better engage with the residents of Old Stratford. Cllrs Searle and Plummer spoke on proposals to produce a newsletter 3 times a year (cost of £400 per issue)

* As costing was not budgeted > Finance WP to consider

10. Condition of Oxfield Park Drive Incidental Open Space

Update on Bloors failure to comply with maintenance agreement (not mown since end of April as previously advised). Letters and E-mails sent – Untidy site notice considered by SNC. Many resident complaints dealt with by the clerk as Bloors admitted that they had ‘seriously curtailed’ mowing regime > contrary to maintenance agreement (SNC advised). PCs own mowing contractor tasked with mowing that day. Letter sent to Area Manager (Bloors) requesting payment agreement.

* It was agreed that the clerk continued to monitor – s106 Agreement > deferred

11. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

12. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mobaraki

Not present

(b) Cllr Walker

In Cllr Mobaraki absence on request, he spoke on Silverstone’s demise and the possible effects on developer proposals (joint SNC/Aylesbury Vale). LDF had been delayed further. Consultation with WNDC and Towcester Development Planning Brief (new relief road that would affect OS) and some restructuring had taken place

County issues included a new management structure. Trading Standards powers and issues

13. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/20008/0778/P Wall & gates fronting highway. Furtho House, 20 Towcester Road

* No objection

Provisional Response

S/2008/0816/P Conversion of barn to granny annex. Shrobb Lodge

* No objection

(b) Permission Granted / Refused

Permit – Ground floor rear and first floor side ext. Wharf House, Wharf Lane

Permit – Garage conversion to habitable room (retrospective). 31 Dickens Drive

Permit – Loft conversion with 2 dormer, 1 velux front + 2 velux rear windows. 27 The Meadows

Withdrawn – Two single storey rear extensions. Old Dairy Barn, Passenham

Appeal Dismissed – Against refusal for 5 dwellings. 39 Manorfields Road

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Enforcement - The unauthorised development 33 Mounthill Ave raised > clerk to chase action'

(d) Press Notices

None

14. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) CPRE**

Annual Subs > approved

*** (b) SNC Head of Planning & Leisure**

Rescheduled meeting 19th June > Thursday 24th July (Update on the Joint Core Strategy)

* Clerk unable to attend > Chairman and Cllr MacDonald to attend

(c) Lloyds TSB / Commercial

New service conditions > noted for file

(d) British Red Cross

Dial-a-wheelchair (delivery / collection service) details circulated > nb

(e) E.ON Central Networks

Agreement for Unmetered Electricity Connections – Reference 578 signed

(f) West Northamptonshire Planning Unit

Parish Councils Survey – Rural Issues for Core Strategy and DPDs > completed by the clerk 16/6

Noted that LDF not imminent > New Year

(g) OS Pre-School Playgroup

Letter of thanks re assistance to purchase tables/chairs. Cheque for £841.27 attached. Invoice awaits

*** (h) SNC – Affordable Housing**

Leaflet and Newsletter (2nd Edition) – Rural exception sites (circulated for info especially on highlighted criteria)

*** (i) Northamptonshire NHS PCT**

Facing the Future in Northamptonshire – discussion doc on future plans + Invitation to Question Time @ Rodber Suite, The Saints Rugby Ground, Northampton 31 July 6 – 8pm

* NFA Unable to attend

(j) SNC Environmental Health

Cryptosporidium found in water – Not OS area > Clerk had posted advice note to nb's

(k) Resident complaint

Litter especially near shop > Dealt with and complainant advised - the clerk to monitor

*** (l) TDS for George Wimpy South Midlands Ltd**

Cosgrove Road / Chapmans Drive development s38 Agreement > NCC advised re adoption certificate as all PL works completed to satisfaction. Awaits formal transfer

*** (m) SNC S106 Policy Monitoring Officer**

s106 Agreement Chapmans Drive adoption imminent > commuted sums via solicitor awaits Drafting issue raised by CS dealt with and advised. Awaits transfer of commuted sums

*** (n) Millard Consulting for David Wilson Homes**

Canalside ready for s38 adoption – will include street lamps. NCC adoption certificate awaits
S106 commuted sums already deposited

15. Finance

(a) The Council to approve budgetary controls to date (Attached to the Agenda)

* **RESOLVED** to approve. Receipts and Payments book submitted for signature

(b) To Approve Current State of (Excluding Commuted Sums and Nationwide a/c's)

Treasurer's a/c:	£79.19
Business Call a/c:	£30,550.17
Earmarked Reserves:	£20,381.32 (includes MH income)
Available Capital	= £10,248.04

(c) Approved payment of outstanding accounts listed below

001483	Clerks Stipend:	£622.00
001484	HM Revenue & Customs:	£197.04 (Income Tax + NIC)
001485	Petty Cash:	£142.39 (Inc.Firewall/sundries/supplies)
001486	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001487	AH Contracts:	£65.61 (POS Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)
001488	ACS Cleaning:	£10.00 (MH Windows)
001489	Cancelled	(Incorrect Invoice total)
001490	E.ON:	£74.71 (MH Energy)
001491	CPRE:	£28.00 (Annual Subs Min:14(a))
001492	ABB:	£472.44 (PL Maintenance)
001493	Green Thumb:	£968.00 (Playing field summer treatment)
001494	E.ON:	£739.77 (PL Energy)
001495	Spoilt:	
001496	NJ Blackwell:	£539.51 (Mowing)

16. Street Lighting

No reports (Cllr Bucknell to advise on possible defects Dickens Drive)

17. Highways

No outstanding reports

18. Willow Grove, Swing / Ball Games complaints

Clerk had dealt with an issue of safety (rope swings Willow Grove/Deanshanger Road). Proper swing was being considered by parents. Resident complaints to police about ball games had been dealt with by way of police letter. Kick fencing/ benches suggested > the clerk to discuss with NCC and report next meeting

19. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) Cllr Bowdidge had sent an E-mail to the Defra re 'mink' – no response to date

(b) Cllr Pateman had raise seating issues

(c) Website. Discussed & progress updated

20. Date of Next Meeting

12th August 2008 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.

10. Condition of Oxfield Park Drive Incidental Open Space

As a direct result of action and call to (JR) Bloors Area Manager a request for a face to face meeting with the clerk on behalf of OSPC had been made. Position updated for newer members. Fully discussed and agreed that the clerk meet Area Manager and report back

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 12th August 2008 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mrs P Bowdidge, Mrs B Bucknell, Mrs S Dimmock, Mrs S Harris, Mr D MacDonald, Mr A Pateman, Mr P Plummer & Mr T Searle;
Also present were Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC) and 7 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr B Clayton (away) & Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC) (unwell absent > Nov)

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

Cllr Bowdidge declared a non prejudicial interest in Planning Application S/2008/0912/P

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 8th July 2008

Minutes of the meeting held 8th July 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) Parking Towcester Road Minute 6(a)

Still awaits meeting re policy on enforcement (despite E-mails) Residential letters noted and dealt with by the clerk (residents awaits outcome of meeting – NCC?)

(b) Speed Indicators devices Minute 6(c)

Update and proposals for movable SIDs agreed (Grant application awaits – see also (g))

(c) Rescheduled meeting on Planning Minute 14(b)

Thursday 24th July (Update on the Joint Core Strategy)

* Cllr MacDonald u/a

(d) Mink Minute 19(a)

Response from EA confirming mink in the area are a serious problem > action

(e) OSPC Web site Minute 19(c)

MH-P E-mail website ready? Setting up Outlook Express and new E-mail account

* Discussed

(f) Oxfield Park (POS) outstanding

Exchange of E-mails between Bloors / Solicitors > deferred

(g) Finance Meeting Notes held 8 July 2008

Finance WP recommendations on SIDs / Newsletter funding

5. Newsletter format – printing and editing

WP Notes about discussed with a robust exchange of views > deferred

6. Parish Action Plan - Update

Cllr Ward not present for an update

7. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

8. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mobaraki

Not present

(b) Cllr Walker

VAS supported. Spoke on Towcester Road issues and the Community Safety initiative recommending the replacement of drinking glasses (with polycarbonate etc) in certain areas. Chair of the panel scrutinising Local Transport and the new NCC Contractors MGWSP -v- ex WS Atkins. Also spoke on the way that the recent water contamination had been dealt with. (The clerk had displayed the SNC notice as soon as received – OS not affected)

9. Planning

(a) Applications Received

To confirm Provisional Response of last meeting

S/2008/0816/P Conversion of barn to granny annex. Shrobb Lodge

* No objection (response confirmed)

S/2008/0912/P Relax condition to allow garage to be used as an office. 24 Oxfield Park Drive

* No objection

S/2008/1013/P Single storey rear extension, new roof and railings over existing extensions and boot room. Furtho House, 20 Towcester Road

* Interim response - No objection

Note: 7/8 SNC Committee report 'Five year housing land supply' (March 2008) *circulated for info (Government Policy on windfall sites adjacent to village confines to be noted)*

(b) Permission Granted / Refused

Approved Three dwellings (outline) 38 Cosgrove Road subject to conditions on the issues raised (Recommended > approval committee 7/8. E-mail sent highlighting sewer issues and plan details).

Permit Wall & Gates etc. Furtho House, 20 Towcester Road

Objection raised by SNC against the removal of Towcester Rd Phone box (despite draft support)

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Enforcement Request for update on 33 Mounthill Av

(Retrospective planning policies explained which may benefit those acting contrary to policy?)

(d) Press Notices

None

10. Correspondence (list at meeting)

* **(a) N/CALC**

AGM > Wed 15th Oct @ Billing from 7.30pm

* Chairman attends

(b) Two letters form Towcester Road residents

Dealt with at Minute 4(a)

(c) Environment Agency

Road Closure Notification due to Flooding – contact procedure noted > circulated for info

*** (d) NCC Interim Head of Transport & Highways**

Communicating with our customers > feedback questionnaire by Cllr Plummer

(e) Northamptonshire Police

Newsletter re Community Policing and Community Safety Teams > circulated for info

*** (f) N/CALC**

Cllr training 24th September 7 – 9pm Hunsbury Hill Centre

* Cllr Dimmock to attend

(g) NCC Highways Adoption Manager / TDS for Wimpey Homes

Chapmans Drive street light adoption (s38 agreement) certificates = fit for purpose > approved
awaits adoption date

*** (h) SN Forum (SN Volunteer Bureau)**

Meeting presented by Northants Police / Northamptonshire ACRE about Speed Watch Campaign
Thur 25th Sept 4-6pm Syresham Village Hall > discussed

* Cllr Plummer attends

*** (i) GOEM**

Meeting Wed 10th Sept 6.30-8.30pm Northampton Guild Hall to discuss Governments agenda on
Climate Change > Discussed NFA

(j) SNC Chief Executive

SNCs Performance Plan – Planning for Change > circulated for info

(k) Northampton Town Football Club

Offer aimed at new residents? Re ticket vouchers (available on request) > circulated

*** (l) Standards Board**

Change in democratic rights for members with prejudicial interest re new para 12(2) of the Code of
Conduct > *to note* that OSPC had adopted the amendment at the Annual Meeting - SB notified

*** (m) SNC agree Cedar Close**

Numbering notified

(Note Attempt by Georgian House to defer street light energy to OSPC - reply E-mail > E.ON read)

(n) E.ON

Memorial Hall Terms and Conditions > noted for file

(o) Anglian Water

Drinking Water Quality Report > circulated for info

(p) East Midlands Fire & Rescue Control Centre

Details of new control centre covering Derbys, Leices, Lincs, Notts and Northants > circulated.

11. Finance

(a) The Council to approve budgetary controls to date (Attached to the Agenda)

* **RESOLVED** to approve

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

Treasurer's a/c:	£68.68
Business Call a/c:	£27,056.77
Earmarked Reserves:	£20,170.35 (includes MH income)
Available Capital	= £6,955.10

Items of Expenditure against Capital Reserves to be discussed > deferred

(c) Approved payment of outstanding accounts listed below

001497	Clerks Stipend:	£622.00
001498	HM Revenue & Customs:	£197.04 (Income Tax + NIC)
001499	Petty Cash:	£27.09
001500	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001501	AH Contracts:	£82.02 (POS Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)
001502	ACS Cleaning:	£20.00 (MH Windows)
001503	Canon UK:	£175.53 (Equipment Hire)
001504	ABB:	£3,096.13 (New PL Deanshanger Road)
001505	NJ Blackwell:	£853.76 (Mowing incl: Oxfield Park Drive)
001506	N/CALC:	£87.00 (Cllr Training May)
001507	NCC:	£133.01 (Cold Calling Signs previously agreed)
001508	Furniture at Work:	£1,619.42 (Agreed Play equip/donation + Vat)

12. Street Lighting

(a) PL4 Cosgrove Rd > requested repair shows bracket fractured letting in water. Clerk had monitored this and PL5 (bracket also fractured – different place). ABB quote requested

(b) PL12 (ooo) / PL14 (db) Dickens Drive and Road Sign (ooo)

(e) Poor lighting Manorfields Road raised @ Min:7 to be inspected

13. Highways

(a) Clerk had chased outstanding Street Doctor reports including London Road footway > E-mail to Cllr Walker / NCC response read

(c) Cllr Harris reported on cycle way raised last meeting (Min:19(a)) > copy to Cllr Ward

(d) London Road flooded after heavy rain – blocked outflow including many drains Deanshanger Rd and Cosgrove Road. Grid Willow Grove / speed table also backing up

(c) Mounthill Ave and Rivercrest Rd ponding remains

14. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) Towcester Road – meeting to be arranged with NCC

(b) New OSPC website

15. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 9th September 2008 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.

4(f) Oxfield Park (POS)

The clerk gave a resume of his negotiations on behalf of OSPC as previously directed and on the latest offer from Bloors (by E-mail). The clerk advised on 'acceptance-v-refusal' and on possible litigation due to the delay in adoption and now recommended acceptance. Unanimously agreed

RESOLVED That OSPC accept the latest offer from Bloors to resolve this long standing dispute over s106 issues (the clerk to clarify matters highlighted)

Cllr MacDonald proposed a vote of thanks to the clerk for his efforts – unanimously endorsed

11(b) Finance - Items of Expenditure against Capital Reserves

The clerk advised on funding from Capital Reserves and Amenity Fund and later if required from the clerks salary donation to the Memorial Hall Fund (2007/8) if income allows

RESOLVED That funding be formally approved for the unbudgeted expense of the new newsletter

5. Newsletter format – printing and editing

Verbal presentation given on contributors led to a further discussion on editorial control and value for money given unbudgeted costs

Cllr Searle left the meeting during a further exchange of views

With finance agreed Cllr Pateman proposed that Cllr Plummer be given the roll of editor to produce a draft presentation before or at the next meeting which was unanimously approved by those who remained

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.40pm

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 9th September 2008 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr B Clayton (in the chair), Mrs P Bowdidge, Mrs S Tomkinson, Mr A Pateman & Mr P Plummer; Also present were 2 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker, Mrs B Bucknell, Mrs S Harris (all holiday), Mr D MacDonald (work away) Dr L Ward (Unwell), Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC)(As advised) & Mr A Walker (NCC)(Kingsbrook SG meeting)

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

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 12th August 2008

Minutes of the meeting held 12th August 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) Parking Towcester Road Minute 4(a) & 14(a)

Still awaits meeting re policy on enforcement (with the puffin crossing to be installed by November (enforcement and residents meeting – NCC deferred)

* Clerk to arrange meeting 7pm prior to October PC meeting (or another date if NCC unavailable)

(b) OSPC Web site Minute 4(e) & 14(b)

MH-P E-mail website set up awaits new account details

* Website introduced by Cllr Clayton – Discussed and way forward agreed

(c) Oxfield Park (POS) Minute 4(f)

Draft Transfer received (discussed with Solicitor 1/9) - Awaits final site meeting > 4(g)

(d) N/CALC Training Minute 10(f)

Cllr training 24th September 7 – 9pm Hunsbury Hill Centre

* Cllr Tomkinson to attend

(e) Poor lighting Manorfields Road? Minute 12(e)

Was inspected by Chair & Vice Chair no additional PL justified > complainant to write if unhappy

(f) 7 Cosgrove Road Outstanding

Untidy site notice now expired – derelict? House (empty 10 + years) notice served planning application made (not yet registered) for PO for 4 properties (2 max) and refurbish existing > noted

(g) Oxfield Park POS / Chapmans Drive POS Outstanding

Draft Transfers are with Solicitors – letters read

- Oxfield Park is subject to final inspection to identify outstanding work (Officer / Cllr involvement to be agreed) and awaits transfer of commuted sums as agreed

* Cllr Pateman, Plummer, Clayton and Tomkinson to attend site visit if available

- Chapmans Drive transfer is imminent subject to final cut and transfer of commuted sums

5. Newsletter – draft for approval

Before producing example pages of draft and another publication, Cllr Plummer read a statement for inclusion in the minutes which is attached and copied to those not present

6. Parish Action Plan - Update

Deferred to next meeting

7. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

8. District and County Councillor Reports

Neither present – no reports

9. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2008/1079/P Replace existing conservatory with single storey extension to rear. 65 Dickens Dr

* No objections

S/2008/1100/P Storage Unit, car wash bay and fencing (+ retrospective for accounts office window)
Autorama, Towcester Road

* Discussed – although plans also shows approved development. The following observations were raised on the latest – ‘What Environmental implications are there. What waste water treatment for the car wash is proposed (as it would be unacceptable direct to foul/storm sewer) and whether the car park has fuel interceptors to deal with fuel/engine oils and rain water. There should also be a condition that no water (contaminated or not) should be permitted to enter existing water courses’

S/2008/1167/P Side and rear two storey extensions, 1 Mounthill Ave

* No objections

(b) Permission Granted / Refused

Permit Three dwellings (outline) 38 Cosgrove Road (PC comments raised were conditions)

Permit Relax condition to allow garage to be used as office. 24 Oxfield Park Drive

Permit Single storey rear extension, new roof etc over existing and boot room. Furtho House

Permit Conversion of open barn to annex. Shrobb Lodge

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Enforcement update 33 Mounthill Av (Retrospective application awaits registering)

(d) Press Notices

None

10. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) SNC Arboricultural Officer**

Tree Belt playing Field / Hall Close gardens > to agree advice on balancing the needs of stakeholders (History advised) > Action agreed

(b) NCC Head of Finance

NCCs ordering and invoice payment process > noted for file

(c) SN Forum

Further poster > nb + attendance form 25th September @ Syresham VH > Cllrs Plummer/Pateman

*** (d) NCC Head of Planning Policy**

Northamptonshire Minerals & Waste development Locations for Waste Development DPD:
Supplementary Preferred Options > noted for file

(e) Resident letter re allotments

Advice given and update on OSPC proposals – time scale remains a concern

*** (f) Northampton NHS Teaching Primary Care Trust**

Invitation to attend AGM & Presentation Mon 22nd Sept @ Kettering Conference Centre > NFA

(g) SNC Principal Housing Options Officer

Homeless Directory > for file and reference

(h) NCC Cllr Services Team Leader

Empowering Cllrs & Communities Scheme questionnaire > completed

(i) CarillionWSP

Managing Agent for Highways Agency Area 8 (Motorway/Trunk Roads) > change of name noted

(j) HM Revenue & Customs

Notification of changes from 7 September does not affect the clerk as taxed at source > for file

(k) SNC Animal Welfare Officer

Various Dog Control Orders under s55 Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005 supported by SNC Cabinet > circulated for info / poster for nb

*** (l) NCALC**

Nominations, delegates and Resolutions to the AGM 15th October 2008 (Cllr Whittaker is prepared to continue as County Committee member) > proposed in his absence.

(m) Resident letter re hedge fronting Brookside Close

Weather (and hornets nest) had delayed cutting > this week

* Resident advised

*** (n) Deanshanger Day Centre**

Request for donation read (& No of OS residents attending) > next agenda (s137)

11. Finance

(a) The Council to approve budgetary controls to date (Attached to the Agenda)

* **RESOLVED** to approve

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

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(c) Approved payment of outstanding accounts listed below

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001513	AH Contracts:	£65.61 (Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)
001514	NJ Blackwell:	£552.49 (Mowing)
001515	British Gas Business:	£13.49 (MH Gas)
001516	Kimbolton Fireworks:	£842.35 (OSPCharity paid £716.90)(Vat reclaim)
001517	BDO Stoy Hayward LLP:	£470.00 (Audit Fees)
001518	Northants CALC:	£29.00 (Cllr Training x 1)

(d) Completion of Audit 2007/8

Notice of Completion > nb. Auditors Notes discussed: i.e The Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit which was approved by council at the May 2008 meeting after the Internal Audit report (NALC advice on Governance was not amended until July 2008) and is now reviewed annually. The level of Fidelity cover was again questioned despite the PCs previous statement (LGA72 s114) applying to spending proposals on the MH from ER during the year 2007/8). This is reviewed Annually or as soon as additional Commuted Sums + any Awards for All Grant are received
* Report Adopted

12. Street Lighting

(a) PL4 /5 Cosgrove Rd have been replaced as agreed > Invoice awaits

13. Highways

(a) Swing at the Willow Grove / Deanshanger Road tree had been replaced but had broken >
* Cllr Pateman agreed to carry out a Health & Safety Audit

(c) Mink issue raised at Min:7. Cllr Pateman advised that rumour was that banking rights had been retained by previous landowner? The clerk to confirm previous advice

(d) Outstanding flooding / subsidence issues previously reported had not been dealt with > NCC

(c) Oxfield Park Drive estate grass had still not been cut by Bloors since April and latterly by the PC contractors > further cut unanimously agreed

14. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) 2009 AOM was agreed for 7th April

15. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 14th October 2008 commencing at 7.30pm after a Public Forum commencing at 7pm on the Towcester Road issues (unless advised otherwise)

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 14th October 2008 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mrs B Bucknell, Mr A Pateman, Mrs P Stevenson, Mrs S Tomlinson & Dr L Ward;

Also present were Cllrs Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC), Mr A Walker (NCC) and 8 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs S Harris (on holiday), Mr D MacDonald (unwell), Mr B Clayton (detained in London) & Mr P Plummer (by way of resignation) Casual Vacancy notice posted - Co-option agreed (13(f))

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

Cllr Whittaker declared a personal and prejudicial interest in S/2008/1277/P and S/2008/1315/P as immediate neighbour. He would chair but not vote or comment on either application

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

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

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

(a) Parking Towcester Road Minute 4(a)

Public Meeting held prior to PC meeting attended by 22 residents and Mr A Leighton (NCC Community Engineer (Parking Liaison)) who outlined the law to residents

* Deferred for NCC response on possible options which would be copied to Towcester Road residents > and further meeting if required

(b) Oxfield Park POS / Chapmans Drive POS Minute 4(c) & (g)

- Oxfield Park is subject to final inspection (reason for delays advised)

* Solicitor confirms that title deeds show no record of Banking Rights being retained by original landowner

- Chapmans Drive Land Registry transfer documents for signature

* Signature by Chairman and Clerk deferred to the end of the meeting and witnessed by MOP

(c) Passenham Gravel – Cemex Goods vehicle consent outstanding

Traffic Commissioners Planning Approval sent to NCC previously with Q re planning consent requirement. Chased after last Liaison Meeting > response read / copy to Passenham resident

* Discussed – clerk to contact NCC re permission to vari site Operators Licence by Traffic Commissioners which should require planning permission amendment

(d) Risk Assessment previous complaint

Cllr Pateman presented his risk assessment on the willow tree (swing) Deanshanger Road / Willow Grove for consideration

* Discussed and formally adopted as policy > for file / attachment to the minutes – copy to parents

5. To consider new litter initiative by SNC (E-mail attached with these Minutes)

V/Chairs comments read / the clerk advised SNCs response. The remainder of the village is of serious concern

* Litter bin request for site of Min: 4(d) to be pursued. NFA SNC initiative

6. To consider Arboreal Report by SNC re tree at Hall Close boundary

SNC Arboreal Officers Report Includes 1 tree line removal and the multi-stem ash Deanshanger Road - January ideal time (Quotes await (Budget surplus for such project))

* **RESOLVED** that the removal be agreed (Playing field budget) – Clerk to canvas residents as not all may wish removal at garden end

7. Towcester Road seat repair or replacement

Verbal Quotes 1) Hard wood (alone) = £300+, 2) Alternative wood stained slats fitted and serviceable = £135, 3) Manufactured Replacement min £365 + vat + installation

* **RESOLVED** that option 2 be accepted

8. Parish Action Plan – Update

Discussed – whilst the process had been restarted the Chairman proposed that it be put on hold > continue towards Quality Council Status and resurrect only if PAP was later required in published format. Unanimously agreed

9. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

10. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mobaraki (SNC)

Cllr Mobaraki firstly apologies for her absence due to illness for the past months and thanked the PC for their good wishes

Planning – The new Policy Team Leader at SNC is Andy D’Arcy

The Regional Spatial Strategy indicates that 330 houses per year should be built in South Northamptonshire over the next 5 years but with the current financial climate Central Governments aspirations may not be fulfilled

Village confines are no longer standard within Local Plans. A consultation letter was sent out Conservation Areas – At the SNC Priority Workshop 4 Oct I proposed a review of all CAs as a Council Priority and was carried. This will take place over the next 2.5 years

Local Development Framework / Local Plan has been restarted – consultation soon

Case Work – including CAs, Noise & Pollution – Passenham, Travellers, Village confines, Village needs following PO closure and Economic Development (Full report attached to the Minutes)

(b) Cllr A Walker (NCC)

Nothing further to report

11. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2008/1277/P Two single storey rear extensions Old Dairy Barnes, Passenham

* The extensions will affect the roadside CA appearance – no further comments

S/2008/1315/P Retention of Manage (Retrospective)(S/2001/1428/P) Land opp The Dovecot. Pass (Resident letter attached)

* **OBJECTION** The site lies within an area of restraint as defined in the SN Local Plan and is contrary to policy EV8 which seeks to give further protection to such sites and the setting of Grade 1 LB’s and the CA. This is the reason a 5 year permission S/2001/1428/P was granted. Any permanency would harm the areas character and appearance

S/2008/1319/P Outbuilding to rear (Retrospective) 33 Mounthill Ave

* No comments - already built

(b) Permission Granted / Refused

Permit – Replace existing conservatory with single storey ext rear of 65 Dickens Drive

Permit – Storage unit, car washbay, fencing etc. (Part retrospective). Autorama, Towcester Road
(Comments by the PC re pollution, interceptors, water courses etc. are conditions)

* A copy of the required Environmental Impact Assessment requested

Refused – Two storey side and single storey rear ext 1 Mounthill Ave (Contrary to policy advice)

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Enforcement issue re Car Park creation, Passenham opposite The Mill (copy letter of complaint)

SNC original response to ‘inappropriate development’ was disappointing

* Indications are that CEMEX are now to apply for the ‘change of use’ due the area of restraint and Local Plan policy EV8 and the affects on the CA setting

12. Press Notices

None

13. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) Northamptonshire ACRE**

Advise on new COMMA Fund 2008 – 2009 > Application agreed - the clerk to deal

*** (b) Friends of St Guthlacs, Passenham**

Friends have instructed contractor to carry out arboreal and other work in Churchyard = £2,500 + Vat - Request for match funding

* Discussed - The clerk to enquire about arboreal consent. What work is left / Insurance and PCC permission. Some funding may be available (the clerk advised on the OSPC ‘closed churchyard’ responsibilities)

Glassed nb request > funding?

* Agreed in principal (budget finance available in ER / signage) > clerk to advise next meeting

(c) Information Commissioners Office

Data Protection Act Registration due (by dd) after 5 November > for file / accounts noted

(d) SNC Director of Service Delivery

SNC re-organisation and contact details > noted / copy to file

(e) Shaw & Sons Ltd

2008/9 list of publications > file

(f) SNC Electoral Services

Casual Vacancy – co-option asap approved > noted (Min:1) > next meeting

*** (g) OS Primary School**

Request to use playing field Tuesday lunchtimes 12noon – 1pm (> Easter 2009) for football coaching after school field has been accidentally damaged by contractors > Approved - copy of risk assessment for file when received

*** (h) NCC / MGSWP Highways**

Rep’s Review July / August circulated > Highway Contacts noted

* Next meeting 6.30pm 29th October @ Brixworth. Clerk to revert to PC Rep and attend. New PC rep required > next meeting.

*** (i) NCC Head of Planning Policy**

Consultations on Northamptonshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework (MWDF) / The Control & Management of Development (CMD) via the Preferred Approach on Control & Management of Development + Core Strategy Proposed Submission

Note: Minerals Safeguarding Area = safeguarding riverine deposits for extraction (i.e. Ouse valley)

* Discussed – the clerk outlined proposals and it was agreed to respond to comment on the CA between Passenham and Stony Stratford

*** (j) Dept for Communities and Local Government**

Consultation on the making and enforcement of byelaws / action to be agreed on Communities in Control (SNC and/or OSPC) - comments by 20 Nov > NFA as SNC lead authority

*** (k) SNC Principal Housing Officer**

Joint SNC / Daventry DC initiative on homelessness services > Directory for file / Cllr Ward

*** (l) OS Pre-School Playgroup**

Letter requesting assistance re vat on fridge replacement – unanimously agreed / awaits quote

*** (m) NCC / Environment Agency**

Flood Fair Wednesday 29th Oct @ The Great Hall (NBC) 9am – 6pm > discussed NFA

*** (n) SNC Head of Corporate Services**

Standards Committee – Appointment of additional Town/Parish Council Representative

* Cllr Whittaker proposed and endorsed > clerk to advise SNC of nomination

14. Finance

(a) The Council to approve budgetary controls to date (Attached to the Agenda)

* **RESOLVED** to approve

Bank Mandate signed for change of name/new signatory and omission for accounting purposes

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

Treasurer's a/c:	£66.19
Business Call a/c:	£34,520.67 (Incl: 2/2 precept + vat)
Earmarked Reserves:	£18,174.30 (includes MH income)
Available Capital	= £16,412.56

(c) Approved payment of outstanding accounts listed below

001519	Clerks Stipend:	£622.00
001520	HM Revenue & Customs:	£197.04 (Income Tax + NIC)
001521	Petty Cash:	£52.71
001522	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001523	AH Contracts:	£65.61 (Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)
001524	NJ Blackwell:	£619.46 (Mowing)
001525	ACS:	£20.00 (MH Windows)
001526	E.ON:	£1,388.86 (Replacement lamps 4/5 Cosgrove Road)
001527	E.ON	£739.67 (PL Energy)
001528	Canon (UK) Ltd:	£179.53 (Equipment Hire)
001529	Chubb Fire Ltd:	£134.65 (MH Annual Maintenance/Inspection)
001530	RBL:	£66.50 (Wreath + £50 agreed donation)
001531	MK Heritage Ass:	£30.00 (OSRG Registration Fee 2008/9)
001532	MH-P:	£1,265.43 (Website costs (grant aid £965.80))
001533	E.ON:	£476.66 (PL Maintenance)

(d) To Consider s137 Donation to Deanshanger Day Centre

RESOLVED: That the Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interest of the area and its inhabitants namely a donation of £750.00

001534 Deanshanger day Centre: £750.00 (s137 Donation)

(e) To Agree Replacement Computer (cost alternatives to be advised)

RESOLVED to approve – further advice to be sought with existing budget

15. Street Lighting

(a) PL11 Deanshanger Road obstructed by trees

16. Highways

(a) Tipping at turning head reported > SNC

(b) Tree line alongside f/p between Deanshanger Road / Passenham Lane damaged by hay baler and trailer over the weekend reported > NCC

(c) E-mail addressed to the clerk from Interim Head of Transport and Highways to meet (with Cllr Walker) along with a request to highlight 10 local priorities (OS & Passenham) by 20 Oct
* Discussed - 10 points agreed

(d) Drainage ditch o/s Old Dairy Barn, Passenham still full of arisings + requires siding out

(e) Previous subsidence Mounthill Ave repaired but lifting / ponding opposite remains

17. To Receive a report on Speedwatch (Cllrs Bucknell & Pateman)

Cllr Pateman spoke on the item and gave a resume of requirements (300 resident signatures req'd)

* Report (circulated to members) attached to the minutes > next Agenda. The clerk advised that Police were looking to install a SID asap Towcester Road

18. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) To discuss the Loss of PO facilities and the PCs position on whether an alterative outlet is required > next Agenda

(b) Community Safety Panel – PC rep required

(c) Passenham Issues – Helen Howard (NCC Highways Liaison Officer) is back in post > write to arrange attendance

19. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 11th November 2008 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on 11th November 2008 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mrs B Bucknell, , Mrs S Harris, Mr D MacDonald, Mr A Pateman, Mrs P Stevenson, Mrs S Tomlinson & Dr L Ward;

Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllr Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC), and 2 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr B Clayton (home commitment) & Mr A Walker (NCC – NCC meeting)

2. Casual Vacancy by Co-option

3. Declaration of Acceptance

Deferred to next meeting

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

None

5. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 14th October 2008

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

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

(a) Parking Towcester Road Minute 4(a)

NCC response circulated to Towcester Road residents (2 residents had responded)

* Deferred to Min:19

(b) Arboreal Work re Hall Close boundary Minute 6

Clerk canvassed residents > Work Costed

* Resident response Q Arboreal Officers proposals. Site visited by Cllr Pateman & clerk further site meeting agreed > Report for next meeting

(c) Highways Rep Minute 18(b)

New rep required (The clerk is acting at present) > to continue until next Annual Meeting

(d) Community Safety Panel Minute 18(b)

Cllrs Pateman & Bucknell to represent the OSPC

(d) Former Youth Club Equipment Outstanding

Whilst the school have taken some equipment, what remains is too big due to lack of storage (+ monitors and electrical) > new Deanshanger Youth Club on loan

* The clerk to deal

7. St Guthlac's, Passenham (Churchyard maintenance / notice board to be agreed)

The clerk reported on enquiries requested and advanced a view on the contract work being carried out and the PCs position on match funding

* Match funding not agreed due to circumstances - More info required for the nb

8. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

9. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mobaraki (SNC)

Community Engagement – Following the recent Officers’ structure change (ODR) SNC is making more effort to engage with local communities and as part of the process an invitation has been sent to all PCs for a ‘Meeting the Directors’ session. (See Min: 12(j))

Planning – MKSM has recently been revised – look out for consultation doc

Other – Prospective SNC Conservative Party Candidate details

Case Work – Current topics in hand affecting OS (CAs; Noise & Pollution, Passenham; Travellers; Village needs following PO closure; Economic development and Anti-social behaviour)

NCC Minerals Plan also raised and efforts to exclude CAs from gravel extraction

(b) Cllr A Walker (NCC)

Not present

10. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2008/1453/P Conservatory Rear (balcony details later omitted) Furtho House, 20 Towcester Road

* No objection – (The clerk to check plans re wall height and appearance not in keeping > SNC)

(b) Permission Granted / Refused

Permit – Two single storey rear extension at Old Dairy Barn, Passenham

Permit – (Retrospective) Outbuilding to rear at 33 Mounthill Ave

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Autorama – Environmental Risk Assessment > the clerk to chase

11. Press Notices

None

12. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) SNC Lead Officer: Planning Policy**

Local Development Framework: Village Confines

* Delegated response re status quo (retention of Village Confines) rather than Criteria Based Policy (considered on merits only) > Chairman consulted (Received and dated 15/10 – response by 17/Oct)

*** (b) Communities & Local Government – A Consultation**

Communities in Control: New proposed Codes of Conduct for both Members and Employees

* Response by 24 December > Cllr Pateman deals – advice next meeting

*** (c) East Midlands Regional Assembly**

EM Regional Plan: Partial Revue > disc enclosed

* Any response by 12 December > Cllr Ward deals – report next meeting

(d) The Royal British Legion

Official Receipt and thanks for Wreath costs and Donation > noted for file

(e) SNC Strategic Housing Officer

Landlord News and Views > circulated for info

(f) Deanshanger Day Centre

Donation receipt + List of members and Accounts requested > Budget consideration

*** (g) SNC Director of Service Delivery**

Invitation to attend Planning Forum 27 Oct (dated 16/10) attended by the Chairman and clerk who spoke on the item. Results and thanks received > Await further consultation to follow

*** (h) SNVB (SN Volunteer)**

Forum on engagement in village communities especially the future of village shops + Community Shop Handbook @ SNC Thursday 20th November 2 – 4 > attendee (clerk u/b)

* Cllr Pateman & Buckley attend

(i) Information Commissioners Office

Confirmation of Annual DD 5/11 of £35 (Registration) > accounts noted

*** (j) SNC Chief Executive**

Meet the Directors – Brackley TH 3rd Dec 7-9 > Chairman and Clerk to attend

(k) Resident Letter

Favourable comments about newsletter as a new resident + complaint about the sitting of Bus Timetable (clerk has dealt - further response noted)

*** (l) Resident Letter (Circulated)**

Chapmans Drive play area – request to extend and enclose for ball games?

* Discussed > General Purpose WP (+ Cllr Pateman & Tomlinson) to examine scheme. Clerk to advise on fence costs

*** (m) NCC Pocket Parks**

Wildlife and Habitat Training Questionnaire > to consider by the Clerk as PPREP

***(n) Northamptonshire ACRE**

A reminder that The Regulatory Reform (Fire safety) Order 2005 came into force on 1st Oct 2008 replacing or amending 118 pieces of legislation and replaces the responsibility of fire safety on the PC (responsible person = the clerk) > Fire Risk Assessment carried out and copied to users. To be periodically reviewed

* Cllr Pateman to review current assessment

(o) CPRE

Stop the Drop – anti litter campaign > campaign toolkit circulated for info and comment

(p) N/CALC

Meeting of The Northamptonshire Larger Councils Partnership Wed 12th November @ Towcester TH 7 – 9pm to be attended by the Chairman and Clerk

(q) Aylesbury Vale DC

AVDC – LDF Consultation on the direction of housing growth at Aylesbury for info > for file NFA

*** (r) Deanshanger PC (Circulated)**

Shortage of Burial Ground in Deanshanger (History given) > Further info required

13. Finance

Proposed by Cllr MacDonald seconded Cllr Pateman and carried unanimously that the following be approved

(a) The Budgetary Controls to date (Attached to the Agenda)

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

Treasurer's a/c:	£173.07
Business Call a/c:	£28,958.98 (Incl: NCC Mowing Grant)
Earmarked Reserves:	£16,143.24 (includes MH income)
Available Capital	= £12,881.93

(c) The Payment of outstanding accounts listed below

001535	Clerks Stipend:	£622.00
001536	HM Revenue & Customs:	£197.04 (Income Tax + NIC)
001537	Petty Cash:	£116.62 (Itemised incl; Padlock/keys)
001538	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001539	AH Contracts:	£82.02 (Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)
001540	NJ Blackwell:	£566.82 (Mowing)
001541	ACS:	£10.00 (MH Windows)
001542	E.ON:	£80.12 (MH Energy)
001543	Viking Direct:	£47.76 (MH supplies)

(d) 2009/2010 Budget - Date of Finance WP meeting > Wed 17th December

14. To Approve New Model Publication Scheme from the Information Commissioners Office

The clerk recommended adoption without amendment of the new Model Scheme required by ICO

* Copy for members with next agenda

15. To discuss the Loss of PO facilities and the PCs position on whether an alternative outlet is required (see also Min:12(h)) Cllr Mobaraki spoke further on the item and on N/ACREs position

* Discussed at length - poll at Seniors Dinner / school > deferred to next meeting

16. Street Lighting

(a) PL8 Mounthill Ave ooo

17. Highways

(a) Rivercrest Road, Mounthill Ave (recent repair), London Road (bridge – sand after oil spillage), Passenham Lane all flood issues

(b) NCC Website > MGSWP re resurfacing/repair list

(c) Potterspurty Mobility Chair user obstructed by overhanging vegetation A5 > HA

18 To Approve NCC s136 Agreement re Highway Grass Mowing

NCC/OSPC Contract for 2009 - Proposed by Cllr Harris seconded Cllr Bucknell for approval and carried unanimously

19. To consider NCC response to Towcester Road issues (circulated with Agenda) and residents)

* Discussed > WP (Cllrs Ward, Whittaker, Harris, Tomlinson, Clayton & Bucknell + Mobaraki (SNC re funding?)) to report next meeting

20. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) Model Publication Scheme - ICO

(b) Parking Towcester Road recommendations

(c) Chapman Drive play area suggestion

21. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 9th December 2008 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.36pm

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 9th December 2008 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 (Min:3), Mr T Searle, Mrs P Stevenson & Dr L Ward; Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllr Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC) and 29 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs S Tomlinson (prior engagement) & Mr A Walker (NCC)(Unwell)

2. Casual Vacancy by Co-option

Mr George Rogers was co-opted unanimously onto the council and welcomed

3. Declaration of Acceptance

Cllr Rogers duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance

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

Cllr MacDonald declared a personal non prejudicial interest in S/2008/0707/PO as a resident of Deanshanger Road

5. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 11th November 2008

Minutes of the meeting held 11th November 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record subject to the addition of Cllr Clayton & Bucknell to Min:19 WP

* **Chairman's Declaration** Due to the interest in two planning matters namely the Outline Plan for 35 dwellings on land east of Deanshanger and the erection of 4 houses at 5 Cosgrove Road - Minutes 8 & 10 will now be heard

8. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

10. Planning

(a) Applications

S/2008/0707/PO Residential development for 35 dwellings (outline) Land east of Deanshanger Rd (SNC Site meeting held Tuesday 2 December attended by the clerk)(see (b) below)

S/2008/1541/PO Erection of four terrace dwellings (outline) 5 Cosgrove Road

(Access report and objection letters circulated with the minutes)

* **OBJECTION** Contrary to various policies. A cramped sub-division on an already restricted site. There is no provision for on site parking and the access statement is unacceptable. Any development must be set back from the highway to allow for the presentation of waste bins for collection as the footway is less than a meter wide and forms part of the walking bus route to school. There is said to be an ancient lights issue with both adjacent properties and the important row of terraced houses opposite (which have front gardens). On street parking is a serious consideration along with the sewer and flooding issues that are of long standing. For information this required the development at the end of Cosgrove Road to install a new main sewer.

S/2008/1586/P Change of use of existing Unit A and its subdivision to provide 3 Units to include A1 extended to D1 use, A1 use A3 & A5 use (Retail proposals circulated with Agenda) Old Stratford Local Centre Falcon Drive

* No objection

Interim

S/2008/1620/P Proposed retention of aggregate materials to consolidate an established parking area for angler's cars, on land at Passenham, opposite Mill Cottages, Passenham Lane

* **OBJECTION** This should be an application for change of use NOT the proposed retention of aggregate materials. This was an engineering operation to import gravel for the car park which was previously on unmade up ground

(b) Permission Granted / Refused / Recommendations to Committee

Permit – Conservatory rear Furtho House, 20 Towcester Road

Permit – Retention of all weather surfaces for horses (5 years under ref S/2001/1428/P) Land opp The Dovecote, Passenham

Recommendation for Approval S/2008/0707/PO > SNC Committee 11/12 The clerk and Chairman attend to enforce previous **OBJECTION** (9 supported objection)

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

None

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

(a) Parking Towcester Road Minute 4(a)

NCC response circulated to Towcester Road residents (2 residents had responded)

* Deferred to Min:7

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

Further site inspection with SNC Arboreal Officer / Cllr Pateman and clerk

* Report given (the clerk to meet residents on site if required) action agreed

(c) Communities & Local Government – A Consultation Minute 12(b)

Proposed Codes of Conduct for both Members and Employees > Report from Cllr Pateman - NFA

(d) EM Regional Plan: Partial Revue Minute 12(d)

Cllr Ward dealt and spoke on the issues

(di) SNVB (SN Volunteer) Forum Minute 12(h)

SNC Thursday 20th November 2 – 4 > attended by Cllr Pateman & Bucknell > report for circulation next meeting (see Min:12(n))

(e) Chapmans Drive play area extension Minute 12(l)

General Purpose WP (+ Cllr Pateman & Tomlinson) to examine scheme.(clerk advised on fence costs) > Clerk to arrange meeting

(f) Deanshanger PC letter re Burial Ground Minute 12(r)

Support sought re OSPs concern lack of burial spaces for residents > copy to SNCl

(fi) Community Safety Panel Update

Cllr Pateman gave a report – copy to be attached to the minutes

7. Working Party Report on Towcester Road (Circulated along with resident letters and clerks report on costing and parking enforcement)

* Cllr Harris spoke on proposals - it was unanimously agreed to proceed with the preferred option circulated

9. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mobaraki (SNC)

Environment SNC success in recycling making a major leap up the recycling league table. Figures from DEFRA confirm SNC ahead of strict recycling targets and composting 48% of household rubbish (SNC 29th of 393 councils – 49th last year) and is best performer in Northants. (2007/8 more than 11,000tonnes for composting and 7.300 tonnes recycled)

Planning Government have blocked proposed new laws to stop ‘garden grabbing’ and spoke on the 2000 rules where gardens no longer classed as ‘green’ spaces where development is damaging the biodiversity and sustainability of the local environment

Other and Case Work highlighted – Full report attached to the minutes

(b) Cllr A Walker (NCC)

Not present

11. Press Notices

None

12. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) Northamptonshire ACRE**

Invitation to renew annual subs £34 (Budget s137) > **RESOLVED** to approve

(b) SNC Electoral Services

Register of Electors > for file (Electoral Roll has increased 1452 > 1483 noted for budget)

*** (c) Victim Support**

Update and Appeal for funds > for next Agenda

*** (d) Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance**

Appeal for funding > for next Agenda

(e) Information Commissioners Office

Reminder that the new model publication scheme is to be approved by 31st December > Min:14

(f) AH Contractors

Dog Bin contractors Public Liability Insurance received > for file

Fees increase by 5% from Apr 09 > Budget considerations

*** (g) Northamptonshire ACRE**

Info on NOW Project aimed to assist 16-25 year olds in accessing education. Article in next newsletter agreed

(h) Deanshanger Daycentre

Donation ack with thanks. Copy of accounts, list of OS attendees > for Budget consideration

(i) N/CALC Update

Circulated for info – deferred to Budget consideration > to note increases in s137 limits and Clerks Salary increase > Budget consideration

*** (j) HM Revenue & Customs**

Less than 50 employees > PAYE on line soon to be required - PAYE / NIC electronically

* > Budget meeting and file

(k) SNC Animal Welfare Officer

Info on new Dog Control Orders under s55 Clean Neighbourhoods and Environmental Act 2005 > for file

(l) OS Preschool Playgroup

Financial Position as at 26th October 2008 > Budget considerations

(m) Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association

Annual Report circulated for info

*** (n) SN Forum**

Next meeting Thursday 29th January 2009 @ SNC 2 – 4pm > NFA recommended - Carried

13. Finance

(a) The Budgetary Controls to date (Attached to the Agenda)

Proposed by Cllr Pateman seconded Cllr Whittaker that the following be approved - unanimous

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

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001549	ACS:	£10.00 (MH Windows)
001550	Canon (UK):	£39.23 (Copy costs)
001551	Anglian Water:	£52.01 (MH Water rates)
001552	N/ACRE:	£34.00 (Annual subs Min:12(a))
001553	AH Contracts:	£65.61 (Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)

14. To Approve New Model Publication Scheme & Guidance (circulated with Agenda)

RESOLVED to approve

15. Street Lighting

No reports

16. Highways

(a) E-mail from SSTC read re Boundary Bridge traffic and HGVs > the clerk to chase negotiations between NCC / MKC (Cllr Walker already advised)

(b) Drainage issues 13 Towcester Road Min:8 > the clerk to deal direct with complainant

(c) Position of SIDs previously agreed (Grant application delayed) > for Budget & next meeting

- (d) Flooding issues and HGVs issues raised at Min:8 > the clerk to liaise with complainant
- (e) Outstanding ponding issue Rivercrest Road > Cllr Harris to complain direct to MGWSP

17 Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) The clerk to complete list of outstanding / longstanding issues as part of the Minutes
Cllr Ward agreed to list

(b) Litter issues > next Agenda

(c) Dog Fouling > next Agenda

18. Date of Next Meeting

Finance WP meeting > Wed 17th December

Tuesday 13th January 2009 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the Chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year and closed the meeting at 9.45pm