

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 11th January 2011 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mr I Baxter, Mr D MacDonald, Mr D Meadowcroft, Mr A Pateman, Mr G Rogers, Mrs P Stevenson & Mrs S Tomlinson:

Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllr Mrs M Clarke (SNC Leader) and 1 member of the public

REMEMBRANCE Before the meeting opened a minutes silence was held for Doreen Hobson a former long term Cllr who resigned 2006 and sadly died suddenly on Saturday 8th January 2011

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr B Clayton (work), Mr P Philbrick, Mr A Walker (NCC) (away) and Mr K Jelley (by way of resignation)

1A. Casual Vacancy As it was less than 6 months before Local Elections in May 2011 Ms Karen Morris was unanimously co-opted (CV circulated) and was welcomed onto the council

1B. Declaration of Acceptance

Karen Morris duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance and Financial Declarations

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

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 14th December 2010

Minutes of the meeting held 14th December 2010 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) Donation to Deanshanger Day Centre Minute 4(a)

Letter of thanks for donation

(b) Allotments Minute 4(b)

CEMEX still no contact > resident letter read

(b) Large Willow Tree – Willow Grove / Deanshanger Road Minute 4(c)

Removal this week delayed due to weather – advice notices posted nb and at location

* Action on replacement?

(c) Falcon Drive & POS Minute 4(d)

Site meeting 14 Jan 12 noon > Cllr Pateman and the clerk to attend

(d) ACE Plant Relocation deferred permission Outstanding

As a result of a serious accident at location of proposed entrance since last meeting, the clerk had contacted both Police and Highways requesting review of ‘no objections’

(e) Localism Bill Minute 15(a)

Action on circulated doc

(f) Rumoured closure of SS Library Minute 15(b)

Reply from MKC Leader to letter sent indicates savings required are 'fixed' and the SS Library is likely to close (decision 22nd Feb) unless alternative funding from SSTC/ SNC or NCC is found

(g) Dog Fouling issues Minute 15(d)

(next newsletter highlighting costs of dog bins etc) further action?

5. Outstanding Activities (circulated with the Agenda)

Updated re speeding counts

6. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

7. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mobaraki (SNC)

Absent

(b) Cllr Walker (NCC)

Apologies – no reports

8. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2010/1567/FUL Change of use of land from highway to residential garden

Land to the front of No's 2, 4 & 6 Wheelwrights Way and to east of 2 Chapmans Dr

* No objection but concern over utility runs taken into gardens, the existing Council Dog Bin and should include a maintenance strip (minimal) between footpath and fence

S/2010/1570/FUL Demolition of existing chalet bungalow and erect 4 dwellings (2 detached and pair of semi-detached) re submission of S20100911/FUL). 39 Manorfields Road

* **OBJECTION** This latest application remains contrary to the aims and objectives of policies G3 (and Supplementary Guidance), EV1 of the Local Plan (and the advice contained in PPS1 and PPS3). It remains in our view an overdevelopment of the site despite the realignment of plot 1 to face Deanshanger Road and lacks sufficient outside amenity space for this size of dwellings. The garage access and parking space of plot 1 is in the same position of an earlier application that was refused on road safety grounds along with overlooking and the lack of outside amenity. Whilst the latest application deals with the overlooking to plot 3 since the previous refusal, it fails to address the overlooking of plot 4. The size and scale of development should be considered directly contrary to the aims and objectives of para's 16 and 17 of PPS3 as previously outlined, as it fails to properly consider the characteristics of the immediate vicinity and continues to represent an incongruous and undesirable development to the detriment of the character and appearance of the area.

We remain convinced that only three dwellings can be accommodated on the site given its size and location

S/2010/1581/FUL Single storey rear extension and new chimney stack. 42 Oxfield Park Drive

* No objections

INTERIM

S/2011/0009/FUL Rear extension 24 Cosgrove Road

* Observation. As the neighbouring property lies to the north of proposal, whether it would be unneighbourly to extend beyond existing dual rear extension blocking out sunlight

(b) Decision notices

Appeal Dismissed - Against refusal for tandem dwelling 44 Towcester Road

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Appeal - Against refusal for 31 dwellings land east of The Meadows - Heard Thurs 6 Jan 2011 (attended by Cllrs Pateman, MacDonald and clerk (who later attended site inspection))

9. Press Notices

None

10. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) Northamptonshire ACRE**

Annual fees 2011 @ £34 > **RESOLVED** to approved

(b) SN Homes

Internal Modernisation for 7 dwellings Deanshanger Road / Mounthill Ave near completion > noted

(c) Clerks & Councils Direct

Circulated for info (2011 Directory includes articles on The Localism Bill and Allotments)

(d) SLCC

The Clerk' > circulated for info (incl: Localism Bill)

(e) RBL

90 Anniversary 'Poppy' weekend June 2011 > circulated for info & OSCH committee

(f) Highways Agency

Advice on A5 roadworks > OSPC copied by e-mail and circulated for reference

*** (g) British Gas**

Contract Renewal April (12 months). Rates negotiated > **RESOLVED** to approve

(h) E.ON

PC Customer Reference pack as example for demonstration to Parishioners > next PC Surgery

*** (i) SoS Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport via SNC Admin Manager**

The Queen's 2012 Diamond Jubilee > circulated for info / action

*** (j) MGWSP**

Satisfaction Questionnaire > to be completed by the clerk

(k) NRHA (Northamptonshire Rural Housing Trust)

Annual Report > circulated for info

(l) NCC Highways

Poster raising awareness of council services > displayed nb's

(m) NCC Head of Planning Policy

Inspectors Report recommends Northants Minerals & Waste Development Plans be adopted (March/April 2011) after minor amendments > noted for file

*** (n) Local Resident complaints**

Complaints re noisy m/cycles use of meadow land. The clerk advised SNC Environmental Protection Officer (reply received) and copied to latest complainant > noted for file - NFA

*** (o) North Northants JPU**

Gypsies/Travellers – National Awareness Training Programme 8th Feb @ Corby Council > noted

11. Finance

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

RESOLVED to approve by unanimous decision

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

Treasurer's a/c: £106.00
Business Call a/c: £20,404.53
Earmarked Reserves: £14,417.97 (includes MH income/projects)
Available Capital = £6,092.56

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

(c) The Payment of outstanding accounts listed below

001873	Clerks Stipend:	£637.26
001874	Petty Cash:	£55.36 (Incl: sundries and mileage)
001875	HMRC:	£200.24 (I/Tax + Employer NIC)
001876	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001877	AH Contractors:	£162.15 (Dog bin contract Dec)
001878	Aylesbury Mains:	£262.71 (5 PL repairs – v visits 7/12 & 15/12)
001879	Mh-p:	£58.75 (Web maintenance / New Publications page)
001880	E.ON:	£1,032.37 (PLs unmetered supply)
001881	N/ACRE:	£34.00 (Annual subs Min:10(a))

* Note: E.ON In advising change of Bank Details had attempted to invoice OSPC for PL Maintenance when contract was cancelled in favour of Aylesbury Mains Apr 09

13. Street Lighting

(a) Last remaining 'tungsten' lamps outlawed by EU shortly require replacing

* 2 replacements Mounthill Ave agreed to SOX within current ERs asap

(b) No further reports

14. Highways

(a) Request by Shenley Landscapes to quote for existing mowing contract > details noted

(b) CEMEX site to OS RAB mud and sand trail (Q re wheel washers?)

(c) Parking – Dickens Drive/Deanshanger Road VW obstructs

15. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) Barking dog nuisance (the clerk would reply action to Cllr Rogers direct)

16. Date of Next Meetings

Tuesday 8th February 2011 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

Old Stratford Parish Council
Outstanding Activities
January 2011

Date first Raised	Item	Parish Action	Action by Others
Hold	Parish Plan	Action deferred <i>To now consider Neighbourhood plan prior to Localism Bill</i>	Review after May 2011 Elections And position on Quality Status
Update	Allotments	Proposal? > Oxfield Park – not suitable. Revert to application to 100acre field > CEMEX	<i>Positive response? From CEMEX Decision / site meeting awaits CEMEX Still ignoring approach</i>
Ongoing	SIDs	London Road siting *4 3,000 offenders > SS	To liaise with Police and Highways safety * 5 weeks figures (incl over Xmas)
Update	Drainage problems	Cosgrove Road / London Road - river bridge all main issues – Ongoing + Water Close & Deanshanger Road	Some maintenance carried out – watching brief on other issues seen as minor by NCC > chased Water Close awaits AW investigation results Requires site visit re exiting issues
Hold	Quality Council Status	Compiling for submission after May 2011 <i>(see above)</i>	Changes to accreditation requirements noted > deferred until after May 2011 PC election Latest changes noted
Update	Council Surgeries	Cllr Pateman leads Police / NW / Social housing? (considered)	Next meeting > tba along with subject awaits Police liaison
Ongoing	Highway Issues	Deanshanger Road 'No Entry' / Speed issues Community Hall Playgroup Safety etc entrance to the village enhancement To include Passenham London Road HGV volume	Safety scheme agreed being installed Passenham scheme being considered. Resiting 30/40mph signs still imminent? MKC chased by NCC + MK weight limit signage at Passenham / Beachampton Road defective New Bus Shelter proposal and stop Deanshanger Road agreed Awaits installation
Ongoing (Reviewed)	Towcester Road Verges	Review after Puffin Crossing Installation Report to be considered on action > deferred	NCC (Verge repair?) Clerk had applied for Enhancement Grant Visit awaits. Clerk to E-mail for updates > starts spring time

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Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllrs Mrs M Clarke (SNC Leader), Mr A Walker (NCC) and 1 member of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr P Philbrick (by way of resignation), Mrs P Stevenson (family commitment)

1A. Casual Vacancy

As it is less than 6 months before Local Elections in May 2011 Co-option can take place without notice. Mr Colin Ward was unanimously co-opted and welcomed back onto the council

1B. Declaration of Acceptance

Cllr Ward duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance and completed Financial Declarations

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

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 11th January 2011

Minutes of the meeting held 11th January 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) Falcon Drive & POS Minute 4(c)

Site meeting 14 Jan attended by Cllrs Whittaker, Pateman and the clerk

* Update on action agreed on site and approved (apparent acceptance that bund fencing along A5 boundary is NOT OSPC responsibility requires confirmation) – offer for two dog bins (discussed)
Install before handover only if Taylor Wimpey agree emptying costs

(b) Localism Bill / MPs local meeting with OS Minute 4(e) + (outstanding)

Action on circulated doc > Neighbourhood Plan – the clerk is in discussion with ‘pilot’ SNC scheme. Positive response to local MPs round table meeting

* Letter of thanks agreed (+ comments on issues raised including PO?). Details > Cllr Clarke re PO

(b) Dog Fouling issues Minute 4(g)

Highlighted in latest newsletter, including costs of dog bins etc. further action > Cllr Meadowcroft

(c) The Queen’s 2012 Diamond Jubilee Minute 8(i)

Circulated for info / action > Community Hall Committee and deferred

(d) Untaxed vehicle – Obstruction (Dickens Drive/Deanshanger Road) Minute 14(c)

Reported and removed by ELVIS – proving system works well

5. Outstanding Activities (circulated with the Agenda)

Updates agreed

6. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

7. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mrs M Clark (SNC Leader)

Government grant to SNC had been reassessed in SNCs favour (+ £36K). Spoke on well attended MPs meeting (@ 4(b)). Update on planning issues; discussions with NCC on review of Library and transport costs; loss of supporting teaching grants. Also spoke on JPU, Community Safety and Casualty Reduction, Partnerships and Transport + Job Club (Deanshanger Library as advertised) SNC/YGPC Vanguard Neighbourhood Scheme (see 4(b)); Changes to WNDC Planning responsibility from 50 > 200 dwellings 2012; Also the proposed QE2fields.com (i.e. 0.5 hectares); Air Quality through OS raised at Min:4(b) meeting > SNC Environmental Health/Planners

(b) Cllr Walker (NCC)

Budget - to find £20M; (i) Transport subsidy cut £1.7 > £1.4m now £1m under scrutiny (Route 89 cross border NCC/MKC? + Route 14 (Metro > Stage Coach)) (ii) 8 Libraries + mobile review. Partnerships under review: Street lighting; Committees (with independent panel to advise)

8. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2011/0009/FUL Rear extension 24 Cosgrove Road

* Observation. As the neighbouring property lies to the north of proposal, whether it would be unneighbourly to extend beyond existing dual rear extension blocking out sunlight (Cllr Baxter expressed concern 'if all other properties did the same, the precedent would be set!')

(b) Decision notices

Permit – Single storey rear extension 67 Deanshanger Road

Refused – Reserved matters (3rd time) 32 dwellings land east of Deanshanger Road

Permit - The demolition of detached bungalow and erect two detached and pair of semi-detached dwellings 39 Manorfields Road

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Appeal - Against refusal for 31 dwellings land east of The Meadows - Heard Thurs 6 Jan 2011

* Decision awaits

9. Press Notices

None

10. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) SNC Chief Executive**

Seminar 17th Feb @ SNC - Standing as a candidate in District or Town/Parish Councils elections 5th May 2011 > Noted - NFA

(b) SNVB News

SNVB part of the Big Society > circulated for comment

(c) Northants Police – Police Community Panels

Transition from Community Panel Meetings to Street Briefings > circulated for info

(d) West Northamptonshire JPU

Future Core Strategy > circulated for info (see below)

*** (e) N/CALC**

Consultation on the WN (SN, Daventry & Northampton) Joint Core Strategy 6 weeks from 17 Feb to 31 March 2011 > Next Agenda

Training Guide 2011 > circulated for info (new Cllr course June 4th @ Brackley)

*** (f) Mh-p (Web provider)**

New pricing structure and offer > Cllr Clayton to advise

*** (g) CPRE Northants**

Planning and the Localism Bill (emphasising Village Design Statements/Neighbourhood Plans)

Event Thursday 14 April @ Great Houghton Village Hall 6.30 for 7 – 9pm Meeting > Noted

*** (h) SNC Communications Assistance**

Local Elections 5th May – invitation to attend informal meeting previously circulated (see (a))

(i) Northamptonshire Partnership

Local Council Training & Development > circulated for comment / action

*** (j) Old Stratford Primary School Junior Road Safety Team**

Project details and request for OSPC assistance in siting a SID for 1 week

* Project supported – Clerk to respond and liaise with the school

(k) The Wildlife Trust

Local Authority Services and Biodiversity – Your Statutory Obligations under section 40: Natural Environmental & Rural Communities Act 2006 > circulated for info and file

(l) AON

Advised Insurance renewal date 1st April 2011 (to be compared with Came & Co) and that existing outstanding claim re alleged injury on S8B Ramp > Note for file

(m) SNC Director of Service Delivery

Change in the way planning decisions are notified (electronic – details sent) > noted for file

(n) E.ON

New Terms & Conditions notification > awaits offer

(o) SNC Chief Executive

Further corres re Nomination Packs and Candidacy Statements previously circulated and declined due to council's apolitical status > noted

11. Finance

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

RESOLVED to approve by unanimous decision

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

Treasurer's a/c: £103.16

Business Call a/c: £18,390.44

Earmarked Reserves: £14,877.97 (includes MH income/projects)

Available Capital = £3,615.63

* The clerk advised on projected finances at year end since Precept considerations and warned that some measures will be necessary to claw back from ER (e.g. MH running costs) as a one off proposal given unforeseen expenditure during 2010/11

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

(c) The Payment of outstanding accounts listed below

001882	Clerks Stipend:	£637.26
001883	Petty Cash:	£29.98 (Incl: MH supplies)
001884	HMRC:	£200.24 (I/Tax + Employer NIC)
001885	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001886	AH Contractors:	£121.44 (Dog bin contract Jan)
001887	Aylesbury Mains:	£597.74 (Replace PLs 4 & 6 Mounthill Ave > SOX)
001888	Mh-p:	£54.00 (Web fees)
001889	ACS:	£10.00 (MH Windows)
001890	E.ON:	£123.54 (MH Electric)(Note: VAT @ 5%)
001891	Viking Direct:	£71.27 (Office supplies)
001892	Cosgrove PC:	£47.50 (50% costs of SLCC Fees)
001893	Tree Profiles:	£1,080.00 (Willow Tree removal @ £900 = VAT)

* Note: VAT increased to 20% 4 Jan)

13. Street Lighting

- (a) PLs 9,14 & 16 Oxfield Park Drive
- (b) PL10 Deanshanger Road & PL1 Hall Close

14. Highways

- (a) Illuminated bollard damaged Oxfield Park Drive
- (b) London Road name plates raised at MPs meeting be residents > on order by SNC
- (c) Outstanding collapsed manhole o/s 5 Towcester Road – barriers remain chase replacement
- (d) Cllr Morris reported that traffic Deanshanger Road through ‘No Entry’ appeared to have reduced and would continue to monitor

15. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

- (a) Play Area Chapmans Drive wet poor surface being destroyed at swing area > quotes
- (b) Wicksteed Inspection report > for next meeting

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February 2011

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Ongoing	SIDs	London Road siting *43,000 offenders > SS 5 weeks figures (incl over Xmas	To liaise with Police and Highways Safety Officers
Update	Drainage problems	Cosgrove Road / London Road - river bridge all main issues – Ongoing + Water Close & Deanshanger Road	Some maintenance carried out – watching brief on other issues seen as minor by NCC > chased Water Close awaits AW investigation results Requires site visit re exiting issues
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Update	Council Surgeries	Cllr Pateman leads Police / NW / Social housing? (considered)	Next meeting > tba along with subject awaits Police liaison after change SCT > Street Meetings
Ongoing	Highway Issues	Deanshanger Road 'No Entry' / Speed issues Community Hall Playgroup Safety etc entrance to the village enhancement To include Passenham London Road HGV volume	Safety scheme agreed installed Awaits bollards and signage Passenham scheme being considered. Resiting 30/40mph signs still imminent? MKC chased by NCC + MK weight limit signage at Passenham / Beachampton Road defective New Bus Shelter proposal and stop Deanshanger Road agreed (Still awaits installation)
Ongoing (Reviewed)	Towcester Road Verges	Review after Puffin Crossing Installation Report to be considered on action > deferred	NCC (Verge repair?) Clerk had applied for Enhancement Grant Visit awaits. Clerk gave update > starts 2011/12 financial year
Review	Post Office	Clerk to liaise with Bridge Stores re 'return' of PO	Positive response awaits outcome

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Mr G Rogers & Mrs S Tomlinson

Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk) & Cllr Mrs M Clarke (SNC Leader). (No public present)

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr B Clayton (work), Mr I Baxter (family funeral), Mr D MacDonald (flu), Mrs P Stevenson (family commitment), Mr C Ward (family illness), Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC) (working away) & Mr A Walker (NCC)(Cabinet meeting)

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

Cllr Morris declared a non personal prejudicial interest on Playgroup issues (Min:15)

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 8th February 2011

Minutes of the meeting held 8th February 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) Falcon Drive & POS Minute 4(a)

Update– offer for two dog bins (Taylor Wimpey) declined until handover due to emptying costs
* Chased unless quick decision on handover (quote received for supply 2 + installation) > TW

(b) MPs local meeting with OS Minute 4(b)

Update on action re PO and Letter of thanks > Cllr Clark involved and to monitor PO application

(c) Dog Fouling issues Minute 4(b2)

Highlighted in last newsletter, including costs of dog bins etc. further action > Cllr Meadowcroft

(d) West Northamptonshire JPU Minute 10(b) & (e)

Future Core Strategy > circulated (included further corres since last meeting) – No objections or observations to circulated advice

* Positive support (tempered with result of recent Deanshanger Appeal circulated for info) agreed

(e) N/CALC New Councillor Training Minute 10(e)

Training Guide 2011 > circulated for info (new Cllr course June 4th @ Brackley)

(f) Mh-p (Web provider) Minute 10(f)

Cllr Clayton to advise

(g) Play Area Chapmans Drive Outstanding

Wicksteed Inspection report > for next meeting as wet poor surface being destroyed at swing area

* Quotes await end of year financial review

5. Outstanding Activities (circulated with the Agenda)

Updates agreed

6. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

7. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mrs M Clark (SNC Leader)

Comprehensive reports on SNC Budget Balance; Community Partnership - details soon; JCS (Min:4(d)); Street Party road closures; Pavement parking > SNC; New SNC/Cherwell CEO Sue Smith; Air Quality request; Street Briefings; Crime Commissioners > May 2012; and the proposed merger between Kingsbrook (Business/Enterprise) School and Roade (Sport) School (Cllr Tomlinson to forward concerns via the clerk on local rumours and from Cllr Meadowcroft (for file)

(b) Cllr Walker (NCC)

Verbal statement confirmed report at Mim:10(p) and NCCs attempt to save £68M not £73M

8. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2010/0009/FUL Rear extension 24 Cosgrove Road (Amendment)

* Amendment covers all of the comments made > no further observations sent

(b) Decision notices

Permit – Rear extension 24 Cosgrove Road

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Appeal Refused - 31 dwellings land east of The Meadows (*the other Appeal site has permission*)

9. Press Notices

None

10. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) Came & Company –v- AON Insurance**

Came & Co @ £2,145.22 or £2,037.96) (3 year contract) for approval > any payment deferred
AON renewal @ £2,535.73

* **RESOLVED** to approve Came & Company quotation for 3 years (recommended) > Aon tba

*** (b) BDO**

Audit Briefing Winter 2011 outlined changes to Fixed Assets, Community Assets and Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit and Minute annotation compliance > Noted (for compliance)

(c) SNVB

Request for assistance re poster > nb

(d) SNC Director of Service Delivery

Change in the way planning decisions are notified (electronic – details sent) > noted for file

(e) Rural Services Network

See www.rsonline.org.uk/Portal-pages/South-Northamptonshire.html for info noted

(f) Switchover Help Scheme / Northants ACRE

Help scheme re digital switchover 30th March / 13th April > no analogue TV after that date > nb

*** (g) Mowing Quote – NJ Blackwell**

Grass Cutting 2011 for approval = 4.9% increase

* **RESOLVED** to approve

(h) N/CALC

Stand & Deliver leaflets re Parish Council Elections 5th May circulated > discussed NFA

(i) HMRC

End of year returns and amendments (update guide) > noted - Clerk deals

*** (j) SNC Electoral Services**

Candidacy applications received and notice on Poll Cards (due to referendum) > deferred

Hire of Memorial Hall and delivery of screens > noted – Clerk deals

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

Changes in the Council's Scheme of Delegation noted (including what now goes to committee for determination despite PCs objection – liaison with case officer to continue and Dist Cllr consultation paramount (other than major applications). Vigilance now even more important

*** (l) Northants Police**

Beware Bogus Callers re digital switchover (on nb's) > circulated by E-mail & nb

(m) Canon

Notice of price increase for service (per copy rises from £0.00525 - £0.00546 per copy) > noted

*** (n) Old Stratford Primary School**

Royal Weeding Street Party @ OSPS pm Thursday 28th April invitation to the PC and village 'seniors'. Invitations with names requested > actioned

(o) Lifetime Project Co-ordinator AGE Concern

Lifetime prevention project > details circulated to local groups and Next Newsletter

*** (p) SNC Lead Officer Transport Policy**

Meeting 7th March Clerk / Cllr Mobaraki re Old Stratford (review of 89, 14 and School Transport)

* Discussed > Cllr Clarke gave advice on recent meeting

*** (q) SNC Chief Executive**

Notice that did NOT apply for role of Shared CEO and leaves end of May 2011 > Noted

*** (r) SNC Planning Policy**

Conservation Strategy - Cllr Whittaker advised > report for file

(s) Rural Services On-Line

SN Information circulated for info

(t) NCC Council Service Posters

For display village nb's

11. Finance

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

RESOLVED to approve by unanimous decision

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

* It was **RESOLVED** to cancel Non s137 funds for MH Running Costs with immediate effect

Treasurer's a/c: £105.19

Business Call a/c: £17,178.04

Earmarked Reserves: £13,412.19 (includes MH income/projects/adjustment)

Available Capital = £3,615.63

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

(c) The Payment of outstanding accounts listed below

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001895	Petty Cash:	£59.05 (Incl: Disposal Charge / new padlocks (SIDs))
001896	HMRC:	£200.24 (I/Tax + Employer NIC)
001897	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001898	Aylesbury Mains:	£470.69 (Various Repairs to PLs)
001899	AH Contractors:	£121.44 (Dog bin contract Feb)
001900	ACS:	£10.00 (MH Windows)
001901	Anglian Water:	£26.87 (MH Water Rates)
001902	S. Peach:	£25.00 (MH Light repair)
001903	Canon (UK) Ltd:	£29.11 (Copy costs)
001904	AH Contracts:	£124.20 (Dog bin contract Mar)

1 April

001905	Mh-p:	£528.00 (Annual Web Maintenance Contract)
001906	Mh-p:	£72.00 (Annual Web Hosting Services)
001907	Came & Company:	£2,037.96 (Insurance Min:10(a))

13. Street Lighting

(a) Various reports since last meeting > repaired

14. Highways

(a) Outstanding collapsed manhole o/s 5 Towcester Road – barriers remain due to old type slab cover (awaits replacement manufacture)

(b) New works Deanshanger Road O/S Community Hall Cllr Morris drew clerk's attention to obstruction to pushchairs etc. (NCC confirm installed in wrong position > asap)

(c) Fly tipping canal cleared by the clerk - notices > for display around village and CHI

(d) New bus stops finally installed Deanshanger Road

(e) Stony Stratford Traffic Review indicates that proposed 30mph limit from bridge > beyond High Street junction / Queen Eleanor Street and is said to be imminent?

(f) Various pot holes and highway defects remain > site visit

(g) London Road issues and River Bridge flooding > site visit

(h) Rivercrest Road defect > written report from Highways required

15. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) AOM 19th April newsletter articles urgently required

(b) Playgroup issues. Cllr Morris sought clarification as its treasurer on a previous request for direct financial assistance (CH rent) and on a garden project (VAT reclamation) (*see Min:2*)

* Discussed – the Finance WP minutes read (held before she joined the PC) and she was referred back to the CH Management. Regarding the refusal to assist with a Garden Project - it was further

agreed not to give a written response which could restrict any further assistance to community groups and to treat each request on its merits (VAT Notice 749 applies)

16. Date of Next Meetings

Tuesday 12th April 2011 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Old Stratford Parish Council
Outstanding Activities
March 2011

Date first Raised	Item	Parish Action	Action by Others
Hold	Parish Plan Neighbourhood Plan	Action deferred <i>To progress asap Neighbourhood plan prior to Localism Bill</i>	Review after May 2011 Elections And position on Quality Status
Update	Allotments	Proposal? > Oxfield Park – not suitable. Revert to application > CEMEX	<i>Positive response? From CEMEX Decision / site meeting awaits CEMEX Still ignoring approach</i>
Ongoing	SIDs	London Road siting *43,000 offenders > SS 5 weeks figures (incl over Xmas	To liaise with Police and Highways Safety Officers once Street Meetings are known
Update	Drainage problems	Cosgrove Road / London Road - river bridge all main issues – Ongoing + Water Close & Deanshanger Road	Some maintenance carried out – watching brief on other issues seen as minor by NCC > chased Awaits site visit re exiting issues
Hold	Quality Council Status	Compiling for submission for May 2011/12 <i>(see above)</i>	Further changes to accreditation requirements noted > deferred until after May 2011 PC election
Update	Council Surgeries	Cllr Pateman leads Police / NW / Social housing? (considered)	Next meeting > tba along with subject awaits Police liaison after change SCT > Street Meetings
Ongoing	Highway Issues	Deanshanger Road 'No Entry' / Speed issues Community Hall Playgroup Safety etc entrance to the village enhancement To include Passenham / London Road HGV volume	Safety scheme installed Passenham scheme being considered. Resiting 30/40mph signs still imminent? MKC chased by NCC + MK weight limit signage at Passenham / Beachampton Road defective New Bus Shelter proposal awaits> Bus stops Deanshanger Road now installed
Ongoing (Reviewed)	Towcester Road Verges	Review after Puffin Crossing Installation Report to be considered on action > deferred	NCC (Verge repair?) Clerk had applied for Enhancement Grant Visit awaits. Clerk gave update > starts 2011/12 financial year
Review	Post Office	Clerk to liaise with Bridge Stores re 'return' of PO	Positive response awaits outcome

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 12th April 2011 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mr I Baxter, Ms K Morris, Mr A Pateman, Mr G Rogers, Mrs P Stevenson & Mrs S Tomlinson

Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllrs Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC), Mrs M Clarke (SNC Leader) & Mr A Walker (NCC). No members of the public were present

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr B Clayton (Holiday), Mr D MacDonald (Passenham United Charities), Mr D Meadowcroft (family commitments) & Mr C Ward (work commitments – maybe late)

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

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 8th March 2011

Minutes of the meeting held 8th March 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) Falcon Drive & POS Minute 4(a)

Update– offer for two dog bins (Taylor Wimpey) agreed awaits AH Contractors. TW to empty 2 weekly - siting agreed

TW also seek (asap!) completion of s106 and Commuted Sums sought (with 3M bund fencing omitted) > Solicitors

(b) Dog Fouling issues Minute 4(c)

Highlighted in last newsletter, including costs of dog bins etc. further action > Cllr Meadowcroft

(c) N/CALC New Councillor Training Minute 4(e)

Training Guide 2011 > circulated for info (new Cllr course June 4th @ Brackley)

(d) Play Area Chapmans Drive Minute 4(g)

Wicksteed Inspection report > for next meeting as wet poor surface being destroyed at swing area

* Quotes await end of year financial review

(e) Replacement tree – Willow Grove Outstanding

Quotation for preferred oak received

(f) Rivercrest Ponding Minute 14(h)

NCC/ MGWSP written response copied to Cllr Rogers as requested

5. Outstanding Activities (circulated with the Agenda)

Updates tb agreed

6. Public Speaking Time

No public present

7. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) **Cllr Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC)** stated that she was not standing for re-election and handed the floor to:

Cllr Mrs M Clark (SNC Leader)

Issues re Roade / Kingsbrook schools amalgamation had been copied to members as requested Executive meeting held on Budget Cuts. The biggest issue was £1.3M (£1M for elderly) with a discussion paper soon. Decent homes initiative - control soon > SNH; SNVB had received grant and advice on 'new development' changes where developers not to provide street lighting along with proposals for other street light money savings. New homes bonus could provide finance for community led projects and would advise. Also changes to Clinical waste collections from 18th April (existing recipients already advised). All other matters deferred until after election if successfully elected

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

Would give full report at the AOM but advised that 'Stagecoach' currently retains commercial routes -v- Another. Route 14 is retained but frequency is under review. Whilst Mobile Libraries have gone, existing Libraries are currently safe but also under review as usage has changed (discussed at length due to advised Library Issue of Concessionary Bus Passes). School Xing Patrols will cease in July (review?) and NCC had received £2M from HMG for road maintenance (pot holes)

8. Planning

(a) **Applications Received**

S/2010/1567/FUL Change of use of land from highway to residential garden (clock restart)

Land rear of no's 2, 4 & 6 Wheelwrights Way and to east of 2 Chapmans Drive

* No objections – provided utility runs through current verge to be taken into gardens is acceptable in policy terms

S/2011/0303/FUL Rebuilding of part demolished former (storage) outbuilding (part retrospective)

Knotwood Farm, Towcester Road (A5)

* **OBJECTION** We are unclear on the design proposals which are disingenuous and remain confused about references to part demolished / part retrospective given the recent planning history of the buildings as it was an unauthorised development and required to be demolished. We are also concerned about the proposed roof apex and the size of the floor space for 'occasional' storage and any proposed personal conditions attached to permission, which are meaningless and not transferable as experience has shown. If the premises are to be let, this will be for B8 storage with all the access problems associated with any change of use

S/2011/0327/FUL} Glazed porch linking house with former outbuilding

S/2011/0328/LBC} Manor Farmhouse, Passenham Lane, Passenham

* **OBJECTION** This is a Listed Building of significant importance and we would wish to see the Conservation Officers comments attached to the application before any response is made. Passenham is a restraint village where supervision of the 2003 internal alterations was contrary to good practice and needed a prompt from this Parish Council in 2008 that matters were still outstanding. We understand that those retrospective alterations have finally been approved 2010 but have not been formally advised. Any further alteration, especially to the exterior appearance must be in keeping and we are of the opinion that a 'glazed porch (canopy) linking house with former outbuilding' is not in keeping. The proposal misleads as it also seeks to make internal alterations that are not listed in the application description

S/2011/0342/TCA Pollard one white willow, Passenham Mill, Passenham

* This appears to be retrospective

Premises Licence Application for Sale of Alcohol (Off sales only) Unit B Old Stratford Local Centre, Falcon Drive (Hrs 0630 – 0000 noted contrary to planning > SNC advised)

(b) Decision notices

TPO 8/2005 Revoked as trees no longer exist. 39 Manorfields Road

* The clerk to query permission for T3 & T4 removal

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

None

9. Press Notices

None

10. Correspondence (list at meeting)

(a) AVIVA Insurance

Policy Docs (Came & Company Brokers) received > for file

(b) WNJPU

Acknowledgement of OSPC Pre-Submission comments > for file

(c) SNC Finance Division

Non Domestic Rates demand > Memorial Hall / Football pitches > Charity Rates claimed = £0

(d) SNC Electoral Services

Confirmation of uncontested PC election (all 11 nominations elected unopposed)

District Cllr = 3 nominations - election 5th May with AV Referendum

* Notices posted

(e) Cllr Clarke (SNC Leader)

Letter > contents noted for file

(f) NCC Highway Adoptions

Imminent adoption of Cedar Close > Clerk requested PL certification before acceptance

(g) Aylesbury Vale DC

Local Development Framework and Adoption of Conservation Areas (Supplementary Planning Document) + update on The Vale of Aylesbury Plan > noted

(h) NJ Blackwell

Certificate of Public & Product Liability Insurance > for file

(i) SLCC

Resolving Workplace Disputes – Government Consultation > read and noted - NFA

(j) SNC Returning Officer

Verification and Count Arrangements for 5th and 6th May 2011 > circulated for info

(k) SNC Lead Officer Transport Policy

Concessionary travel / Bus passes (proposed transfer to NCC); HS2 update and NCC Bus Subsidy review > previously copied by E-mail - circulated again for info (see Min:7(b))

(l) NCC Service Manager Planning Services

Notice of formal adoption of Waste & Minerals Development Framework: Locations for Minerals Development DPD (Development Plan Document) and Local Waste Development DPD > for file

*** (m) SNC Engineer & District Emergency Planning Officer**

SNC's sandbag distribution policy being withdrawn – Aqua sacks ordered > storage?
Flooding information circulated for info > for website

(n) NCC / MGWSP Highways

Changes in structure Rights of Way > for file / Mrs B Bucknell (PPW)

(o) KOMPAN Ltd

Launch of new Playground Funding Service > circulated for info

*** (p) NCC / MGWSP Highways**

Urban Highway Grass Mowing 2011 – 136 Agreements > noted that grant is reduced by £79
Agreement signed and sent 31/3/11

*** (q) BDO**

Notice of annual audit year ending 31st March 2011 > 17th June Post Notices 2 – 15 May with records available from 16th May to 13 June 2011

* Note - Internal Audit 4th May for submission full council meeting 10th May 2011

*** (r) Resident letter re new Bus Stop Deanshanger Road**

Exchange of E-mails between complainant/NCC/OSPC > copied to members - NCC deals

(s) SNC CEO

Letter re 'Encouraging Participation in local elections' > noted for file

(t) NALC

Consultation on 'A Community Right to Challenge' & 'A Community Right to Buy – Assets of Community Value' > circulated for info and possible comment

*** (u) N/CALC**

Training Calendar > circulated – Invoice for Annual Subs / Audit fees > approved

11. Finance

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

RESOLVED to approve by unanimous decision

(b) Finance Year End 31st March 2011 (Excluding Commuted Sums / Nationwide a/c's)

Treasurer's a/c:	£96.33
Business Call a/c:	£15,851.53 (+ VAT repayment)_
Earmarked Reserves:	£12,454 (includes MH income/projects/adjustment)
Available Capital =	£3,493.554 (Carried Over)

Note: 22nd April = ½ Precept

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

(c) The Payment of outstanding accounts listed below

001908	NWBS:	£210.00 (Clerks Pension)
001909	Clerks Stipend:	£796.66 (Adjusted due to overpayment IT/ NIC)
001910	Petty Cash:	£26.70 (incl: mileage)

001911	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001912	Mh-p:	£18.00 (web maintenance - new Cllr)
001913	ACS:	£20.00 (MH Windows)
001914	E.ON:	£1,053.60 (PL energy - unmetered supply)
001915	NJ Blackwell:	£479.16 (Mowing)
001916	Aylesbury Mains:	£251.88 (Various Repairs to PLs)
001917	Canon (UK):	£183.35 (Equipment contract)
001918	British Gas:	£154.84 (MH Gas)
001919	Northants CALC:	£513.60 (Annual Subs + Internal Audit Fees Min:10(n))

Cllr Walker gave apologies and left the meeting at this point

13. Street Lighting

- (a) Various reports since last meeting > repaired
- (b) No further reports - policy on repairs discussed > AOM

14. Highways

- (a) PLO10 and RAB ATS defects along with siding out > HA copied to members

15. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

None

16. Date of Next Meetings

Tuesday 19th April 2011 Annual Open Meeting & Tuesday 10th May Annual PC Meeting (New Council) commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.59pm

Old Stratford Parish Council
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April 2011

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Update	Drainage problems	Cosgrove Road / London Road - river bridge all main issues – Ongoing + (Water Close) & Deanshanger Road	Some maintenance carried out – watching brief on other issues seen as minor by NCC > chased * Awaits site visit re existing issues
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Ongoing	Highway Issues	Deanshanger Road 'No Entry' improvements with Community Hall Playgroup Safety etc entrance to the village enhancement To include Passenham / London Road HGV volume	Passenham scheme being reconsidered. Resiting 30/40mph signs still imminent? MKC chased by NCC + MK weight limit signage at Passenham / Beachampton Road defective New Bus Shelter proposal awaits> Preferred issue agreed Bus stops Deanshanger Road now Installed (complaint)
Ongoing (Reviewed)	Towcester Road Verges	Review after Puffin Crossing Installation Report to be considered on action > deferred	NCC (Verge repair?) Clerk had applied for Enhancement Grant Visit awaits and gave update 2011/12 financial year
Review	Post Office	Clerk had liaised with Bridge Stores re 'return' of PO	Positive response awaits outcome With PO. MP/SNC Leader assists

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF OLD STRATFORD ANNUAL OPEN MEETING

Held on 19th April 2011 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mr B Clayton, Mr D MacDonald, Mr D Meadowcroft, Ms K Morris, Mr G Rogers, Mrs P Stevenson,

Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllrs Mrs M Clarke (SNC Leader), Mr A Walker (NCC), PC Mike Wallace (Northants Police Safe Community Team), Mrs Helen Howard (NCC Customer Liaison Officer) and 15 members of the public

1 Apologies

Cllrs Mr I Baxter, Mr A Pateman, Mrs S Tomlinson, Mr C Ward & Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC)

2 Minutes of the 2010 AOM (displayed nb)

Minutes of the AOM meeting had been approved at the May 2010 meeting

3 Any Outstanding Matters

(a) Allotments

Update given and proposals after election

(b) Development Issues

Update on current applications and refusals + approval for ACE Plant relocation despite objections (not least on road safety grounds) and proposals for existing site

(c) Skateboard Ramp

Removed since last meeting with no proposals to replace after lottery grant failures

4 Petitions or Questions from Electors (*before 12 noon that day*)

No petitions or questions raised

5 Adoption of Accounts

Outlined by the clerk, especially the current level of Precept levied,

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|---|---------------|
| (a) To receive Audited Accounts 2009/2010 | } No comments |
| (b) Observation of Finance 2010/2011 | } Approved |
| (c) Budget Proposals 2011/2012 | } Approved |

* Unanimously adopted

6 Report from Northamptonshire Police

PC Mick Wallace was introduced and spoke on shift changes, operation 'Guardian' and successes, street surgeries (non yet in Old Stratford) and gave updated crime figures

Previous Crime figures >

<i>Violence</i>	<i>10 ></i>	
<i>Sexual Offences</i>	<i>2 ></i>	
<i>Robbery</i>	<i>1 ></i>	
<i>Burglary Dwelling</i>	<i>4 ></i>	
<i>Burglary Other</i>	<i>5 ></i>	<i>(from garages and sheds etc)</i>
<i>Theft from M/V</i>	<i>4 ></i>	
<i>Theft of M/V</i>	<i>4 ></i>	
<i>Veh Interference</i>	<i>2 ></i>	
<i>Criminal Damage</i>	<i>14 ></i>	

Drugs	1 >
Theft / Handling	14 >
Deception / Fraud	0 >
Total Crimes	(a reduction of 20 crimes on previous years 62)

With Qs on general policing, operation Guardian, school visits, more late shifts and 'No Entry' and speed enforcement. PC Wallace was thanked for attending and he left the meeting

7. Report from NCC Highways

Mrs Howard spoke on the loss of £6.5M from the roads maintenance budget, NCC street lighting that was being turned off in some areas; reduced mowing grants to PCs; Casualty Reduction Partnership which ended 31st March; the withdrawal of School X Patrols in June; a review of bus subsidies meaning that budgets were very tight

With no Qs and a request that any other issues through the clerk, Mrs Howard was thanked for attending and left the meeting

8 Report from District Councillor

Not present – No report as requested

* Cllr Clarke (SNC Leader) agreed to report that with a responsibility for financial viability which had been achieved, but meant reductions (without any loss of front line services) with every £1 spent to count. Savings with the management agreement with Cherwell DC had saved some £1.8M. Sue Smith (from Harborough Council) was new CEO She also spoke on Planning issues as there was currently no Local Plan (although with the withdrawal of RSSs) a reduction of 12,000 homes had been removed from proposed Core Strategy being finalised. OS had a lack of services although seen as a growth area and under the Localism Bill would support OS in drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan which would give the ('where, why and when'). Objections to the HS2 route affecting west of SN area, could if the proposed line was moved, have an affect on OS.

Cllr Clarke was thanked and chose to remain after answering a number of Qs

9 Report from County Councillor

Cllr Walker submitted the following report:

This year I stand here with some trepidation, given my report on my year's activities as your Conservative County Councillor. Last year saw a new Coalition Government come to fruition as well as the deepest cuts in spending required by this country since WW11. All due to Labours miss - management of the economy for 13 years. The effects on us as a County Council have resulted in a 1st year saving of £73M, 14% of our budget of £1.2B in real terms.

I remain Scrutiny Champion for NCC (ex officio Cabinet member) and through our Scrutiny Committee system have had to preside over some fairly hefty and robust debates to ensure the Administration can fulfil their commitment to the overall savings required to give NCC a balanced budget. As you are all aware there will be no Council Tax rise for the next two years. This does go some way to helping the less well off in our communities. We are also sharing number of back office functions with Cambridgeshire to reduce both our costs.

I am still Chair to the Local Government East Midlands scrutiny Network. This helps Scrutiny throughout the East Midlands to share Best Practice.

Again we have had a problem this year with the weather through December and January. Although, nowhere as bad as last year. NCC through May Gurney performed well again, being one of the few Councils in the area keeping the entire major A roads across the county open daily, even in blizzards. The new mix of sand and salt compound helped by melting the snow before it froze to ice. Unfortunately expenditure cannot be spread to include village roads. Under the new Localism Bill we should be able to do more for the elderly and vulnerable with footpath and driveway clearance ourselves.

Yes we do have a pot hole problem. 'You Choose' told us to make a priority which we have

maintained. Equally, the Coalition Government sees this as a priority also and has given us monies to assist.

As you may be aware the Police Authority has also had to make cutbacks as well. All police areas have been restructured to accommodate funding issues and this may affect local monies for the support of PCSOs. Although I am not aware that any front line officers have been lost. As of the 28th March all police speed cameras have been turned off due to the high maintenance costs where most, if not all the money going to the Treasury and not to local policing.

We still maintain the program for our Care for the Elderly, whereby we enable the Elderly and Infirm to have a better quality of life by assisting them to help themselves and not be automatically shoved into a care home. OK those with high income are going to have to pay more for this service but that assists those who cannot.

We now have a new CEO (Paul Blantern) paid a lot less than other Councils. Again a structure of backroom staff has taken place. Equally I have had to match this as Scrutiny Champion to ensure members are involved at all levels. The Government pulled the plug on the Waste Management Partnership with MKC. Procuring a Waste solution for NCC and MKC I am informed by the PFI was too costly in our present climate. Although we can no longer, just fill in holes in the ground with rubbish a plan B on recycling is being developed.

Equally the East Midland Fire Service Control Centre is not going ahead which I was a Director of, due to the cessation of the East Midlands Agency Quango. NCC Fire Service is looking at new ways to carry out its statutory function that may lead it away from being member led.

Continued Scrutiny of the Empowering County Councillors Scheme continues to ensure value for money and the correct procedures being adopted by Councillors. A further £10,000 was allocated last year and I managed to spend all my allocation on local worthy causes including a donation to Old Stratford PC towards a new NB at Passenham. I can report that £7,000 is being made available for 2011/12.

My activities locally have involved Transport (Buses) and the 89 Service is being negotiated; Local Services Route 14 is safe (although negotiations with new operator?) and includes home to school; Road resurfacing; Housing; Benefits and Libraries.

I am no longer on the Kingsbrook board of governors due to a continual conflict of interests as a County Councillor and a District Councillor for Deanshanger. As Chair of Governors' I felt that I moved the school in the right direction for 2011 and onwards. I am fully supportive of the Amalgamation with Roade for a continued improvement and better education Standards for the children in my ward that are and will go there. (Sometimes people forget this is being done for the Education of the now and future children in this area!!)

My local work activity for parishioners is increasing yearly mainly due to the recession and cut backs. I still manage to maintain a turnaround response in 24hrs of 100%.

A big thank you to your Clerk and you Councillors for your professionalism and indulgence whilst I have been dealing with matters in your area.

I can be contacted on:- Telephone 01908 – 260302

E -Mail awalker@northamptonshire.gov.uk

After a number of Qs about the school amalgamation, public transport and services, Cllr Walker was thanked for attending and chose to remain

10 Any Other Business

(a) Willow tree removal – Deanshanger Road / Willow Grove replacement > oak replacement and discussed > for next PC meeting

With no other business the meeting close at 8.45pm

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 10th May 2011 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mr I Baxter, Mr B Clayton, Mr D MacDonald, Mr D Medadowcroft, Ms K Morris, Mrs P Stevenson, Mrs S Tomlinson & Mr C Ward
Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

1. Election of Chairman

Chairman - Proposed by Cllr MacDonald seconded by Cllr Tomlinson that Cllr Whitaker continue as Chairman - carried unanimously

2. New Council to sign Declaration of Acceptance and Financial Declarations

Declaration of Acceptance and Financial Declarations signed by those members present Elected Unopposed at the Local Elections 5th May 2011.

3. Election of Vice Chairman

Proposed by Cllr Tomlinson seconded by Cllr Baxter that Cllr Pateman continue as Vice Chairman carried unanimously

4. Apologies for Absence (and signature dates to be acknowledged)

- (a) Cllrs Pateman & Rogers (away) - Declarations agreed before next meeting
- (b) Cllrs Mrs M Clarke (SNC) & Mr A Walker (NCC) @ SNC New Council Declarations

5. Election of Working Groups and Representatives

The following working parties and representatives were then agreed 2010/2011

Planning:	Full council following current practice
Finance:	Cllrs Whittaker, MacDonald, Stevenson & Tomlinson
General Purpose:	Cllrs Baxter, Pateman, Rogers & Meadowcroft
Scrutiny Committee:	Cllrs Clayton, Pateman, MacDonald, Whittaker & Ward
Transport Representative:	Cllr Rogers (with the clerk) (to include PT Time-tables)
Pocket Park:	The clerk
Parish/Neighbourhood Plan:	Cllr Pateman (and others as required)
OS & Passenham Charities:	Cllr MacDonald
Parish Path Warden:	Mrs B Bucknell
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 Minuted at the next meeting of the Council (Delegated Powers previously listed to avoid dispute) > The clerk to circulate powers again (due to new members)

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

None

7. Adoption of Standing Orders, Revised Code of Conduct, Financial Regulations & Risk Assessments for 2011/2012

RESOLVED That SO's as amended and 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 2011/2012 along with Internal Audit Requirements (as agreed)

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

8. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 12th April 2011

Minutes of the meeting 12th April 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) Play Area Chapmans Drive Minute 4(d)

Wicksteed Inspection report > wet poor surface –v- tiles at swing area due 11th May

* Quotes await > clerk deals

(b) Replacement tree – Willow Grove Minute 4(e) & AOM

Quotation for preferred oak received and further discussed

* Clerk to obtain quotes for any suitable oak (given the Arboreal Officers report) > deferred

(c) Election Result District Councillor

Cllr Mary Clarke (SNC Leader) duly elected for OS

10. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Annual Open Meeting dated 19th April 2011

Minutes of the meeting of the AOM 19th April 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) Allotments – not resolved at the AOM and discussed at length

* Deferred to next Agenda

12. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

Updates and action agreed

13. Public Speaking Time (Meeting closed for this item)

Reports taken

14. District & County Councillor Reports

No reports by reason of Minute 4(b)

15. Planning

(a) Applications Received

(b) Decision Notices

None

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

A/2010/0639/MAO Land east of The Meadows against refusal for 15 dwellings (outline)

(Written representations - OSPC objection supported by SNC and is comprehensive)

* Basis of appeal is lack of 5 year land bank despite IRHP and recent appeal dismissal for 31 dwellings same site

16. Press Notices

None

17. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) Passenham United Charities**

Income & Expenditure Account 1st Jan – 31st Dec 2010 > circulated for info

* Cllr MacDonald spoke on the item

(b) SNVB News

Local Support & Development Services until end of March 2013 > circulated for info>

(c) EON > Elexon

Notification of a review by the company that manages the electricity trading arrangements of the annual hours consumption for unmetered supply for 'street lamps (with photo cell switch gear)' which shows an increase in most cases of the hours of consumption > for file (await cost increase)

(d) CPRE Northants & West Northants

Outlook' news & Invitation to fund raising events & Branch AGM > circulated for info

(e) N/CALC

Free Advice for Communities to Support Neighbourhood Planning and other news > circulated for info

(f) DLP Planning Ltd

Consultation on Planning for Travellers sites > previously circulated > Noted - NFA

(g) Resident complaint

Complaint re unable to use playground rear of Community Hall due to use by contractors accessing Pre-school area > letter to Hall Committee with a request for proper consultation due to public liability (copied to Chair and Vice-Chair) (Observation re H&S as Custodian Trustees)

* Community Hall response deals with oversight and Observations > comments noted - NFA

*** (h) NCC Principal Librarian**

New proposed mobile library routes (*despite CCllrs advice that service was withdrawn*) > revised timetable circulated to members (next newsletter – use it or lose it) > discussed and noted

(i) RWE npower renewables

Orchard Way Wind Farm Proposal for Haversham > circulated for info

(j) NCC Pocket Parks

Pocket Park Summer Sorties > Tour Hartwell, Deanshanger, Greens Norton & Syresham Sat 6th August 2011 10.00 - 14.45 > noted – circulated for info

*** (k) Northants Police – Neighbourhood Watch**

With the dawn of the Big Society 'and recent government cuts', Area Support Teams seek financial assistance to increase the number of NWs and towards NW Publications costs > as residents already pay a police Community Charge & as OSNW Co-ordinator contacted sees no benefit for OS

* Support declined > NFA

(l) E.ON

Climate Change Levy from 1st April 2011 consumption over 3,000kWh (not applicable to MH Energy – street lighting?) > see also 17(c)) > for file

*** (m) Georgian House**

Cedar Close – PL test certs > for file (Q for NCC/Developers re verge maintenance) > to note

18. Finance

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

RESOLVED to approve by unanimous decision

(b) To Approve Current State of Finance (Reconciliation)

Treasurer's a/c:	£100.54
Business Call a/c:	£27,899.20 (+ ½ Precept)
Earmarked Reserves:	£17,779.01 (includes MH income)
Available Capital =	£10,220.73

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

(c) The Payment of outstanding accounts listed below

001920	Clerks Salary:	£637.46
001921	Spoilt	
001922	HMRC:	£177.85 (IT/NIC)
001923	Petty Cash:	£39.64 (incl: mileage)
001924	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001925	ACS:	£10.00 (MH Windows)
001926	NJ Blackwell:	£650.00 (Mowing)
001927	AH Contractors:	£99.36
001928	E.ON:	£107.10 (MH Energy)
001929	OS Community Hall:	£2,500.00 (s137 Budgeted donation)
001930	Viking Direct:	£89.72 (Office supplies)

(d) To Adopt and Approve End of Year Accounts to 31st March 2011

R&P Book for signature along with Adopted Accounts and Annual Return for Year ending 31 March 2011

19. Street Lighting

- (a) Hall Close PL3 000
- (b) PL9 Cosgrove Road opp Chapmans drive 000

20. Highways

- (a) Speed counts (SIDs London Road) < SS = 62,734 & > SS = 52,327 exceeding 35mph 3 weeks in March / April > Action agreed
- (b) Parking – Towcester Road verge opposite Autorama car sales & Cosgrove Road verge between RS15 and ACE Plant entrance (which also obstructs mowing contractor)

21. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

- (a) Allotments – the way forward > next Agenda
- (b) Neighbourhood Plan – Action > next Agenda
- (c) Planting update > next Agenda
- (d) Rumours of A422 / A5 link? discussed

22. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 14th June 2011 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.12pm

Old Stratford Parish Council
Outstanding Activities
May 2011

Date first Raised	Item	Parish Action	Action by Others
Hold	Parish Plan Neighbourhood Plan	Action deferred <i>To progress asap Neighbourhood plan prior to Localism Bill</i>	Review after May 2011 Elections
Update	Allotments	Proposal? > Oxfield Park – not suitable. Revert to application > CEMEX (NCC re liaison meeting?)	<i>Positive response initially from CEMEX. But CEMEX now ignoring regular approach</i> * <i>Consult SNC</i>
Ongoing	SIDs	London Road current siting (Mar/Apr 11 counts justify action)	To liaise with Police and Highways Safety Officers
Update	Drainage problems	Cosgrove Road / London Road - river bridge all main issues – Ongoing + (Water Close) & Deanshanger Road	Some maintenance carried out – watching brief on other issues seen as minor by NCC > chased * Awaits site visit re existing issues > 25th May 2011
Hold	Quality Council Status	Compiling for submission for May 2012/13	Further changes to accreditation requirements noted. No longer priority * Action deferred until 2012/13
Update	Council Surgeries	Cllr Pateman leads Police / NW / Social housing? (considered)	Next meeting > tba along with subject awaits Police liaison after change SCT > Street Meetings
Ongoing	Highway Issues	Deanshanger Road 'No Entry' improvements with Community Hall Playgroup Safety etc entrance to the village enhancement To include Passenham / London Road HGV volume	Passenham scheme being reconsidered. Resiting 30/40mph signs still imminent? MKC chased by NCC + MK weight limit signage at Passenham / Beachampton Road defective New Bus Shelter proposal awaits> Preferred issue agreed Bus stops Deanshanger Road now Installed (complaint)
Ongoing (Reviewed)	Towcester Road Verges	Review after Puffin Crossing Installation Report to be considered on action > deferred	NCC (Verge repair?) Clerk had applied for Enhancement Grant Visit awaits and gave update 2011/12 financial year
Review	Post Office	Clerk had liaised with Bridge Stores re 'return' of PO	Positive response awaits outcome With PO. MP/SNC Leader assists * No progress todate
Ongoing	Dog Fouling	Cllr Meadowcroft deals	Action to be agreed

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 14th June 2011 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mr I Baxter, Mr D MacDonald, Mr D Meadowcroft, Ms K Morris, Mr A Pateman, Mr G Rogers & Mrs P Stevenson,
Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllrs Mrs M Clarke (SNC), Mr A Walker (NCC) and 1 member of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr B Clayton, Mrs S Tomlinson & Mr C Ward (work commitments),

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

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 10th May 2011

Minutes of the meeting 10th May 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) Speed counts (SIDs) Minute 20(a)

Due to the high level of speed offenders (3 weeks Apr /May) > request for Police meeting made

(b) Parking Minute 20(b)

Autorama advised and complied - ACE Plant advice apparently ignored (although verge mowing was carried out after contractor unable to deal) > watching brief

5. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

Allotments – the way forward / Neighbourhood Plan – action / Planting > Discussed

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

Reports taken

7. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Walker (NCC) Spoke on Public Transport Route 89 & 90 and on Mobile Library new visiting times. Also on the NCC Road Lamps that are switched off > discussed

(Cllr Baxter asked that OSPC congratulate new Dist Cllr on her election > unanimously endorsed)

(b) Cllr Clarke (SNC) Thanks for electing me and spoke on the following (details attached):
New CEO Sue Smith is in post; AW drought in SN?; Changes to Planning; Travellers sites;
Localism Bill; HS2; Bury Mount Conservation Award; Rural Spatial Strategy; Conservation Area review; SN Homes; OS Enforcement issues (Passenham and 5 Cosgrove Road) noted;
Environmental Protection; 5 Year land supply and latest position on an OS Post Office.

8. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2011/0535/FUL Proposed garage 44 Towcester Road

* No objections, provided single storey

S/2011/0618/FUL Replacement Garage 8 Hawkwell Estate

* No objections

S/2011/0660/SCR Screening opinion for residential development. Land Cosgrove Rd (ACE Plant)
* Environmental assessment should not be a table-top exercise due to a number of complaints about pollution of the old canal and strong smell of diesel fuel, the most recent at the beginning of the month caused by the interceptor at the wash bay. The EA have advised that some remedial work is required due to the level of pollution of the canal bed. Whilst reed beds may work in summer months when there is a good level of water, at times of drought currently experienced and during winter they fail. Our concerns on this were expressed during the Application to relocate. Also as solvents are used in the paint shop (and a recent fire of a paint shop filter left in the sun which caught fire requiring the Fire Brigade to attend (2 appliances) our concern is The Clean Air Act and whether EPA conditions will or are being met. This Parish Councils view is that the polluter pays and should not be abrogated to another developer (where 35 houses are indicated)

(b) Decision Notices

None

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

A/2010/0639/MAO Land east of The Meadows against refusal for 15 dwellings (outline)

* Cllr Clarke's written response circulated > newsletter noted

9. Press Notices

None

10. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) CPRE**

Membership renewal @ £29 to be agreed

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 donations of £29.00

*** (b) N/CALC**

Training Calendar 2011. Next clerks training Part 1 > 22 Oct 1000 – 1500 venue TBC.
Part 2 > 19 Nov 1000 – 1500 @ Litchborough (N/CALC)

*** (c) Northamptonshire ACRE**

SN Rural Forum workshop 9.30 Friday 17 June @ SNC > attending?

(d) NCC

Cedar Close - Formal notice of adoption from 16th May > noted for file (2 PLs > networks)

(e) NCC

Changes to bus time-tables 23rd May posted to all stops with more changes in September?

* Concessionary fares apply - previously circulated for info

*** (f) YGPC / SNC**

Unadopted sewers previously circulated for info along with Dist Cllrs report – YGPC request support and lobbying of MP > letter agreed

*** (g) Rural Service Network**

Online report on Allotments and the Big Society > for discussion

*** (h) OS School**

Request for donation towards new Maypole costs (previous no longer for purpose)

* Discussed - majority vote (5 – 2) to approve donation of £100

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 donations of £100.00

(i) NCC Deputy Head of Transport & Highways

Street light switch off > Briefing note circulated for info and file

*** (j) SN Homes**

4 Apprenticeship places > nb closing date 17th June

*** (k) SNC outgoing Chief Executive**

High-Speed Rail (HS2) Consultation (six alternative routes between M1 and M40 corridor – although preferred route is Turweston / Brackley) Corres between SNC and previous and new Government circulated for info > NFA

*** (l) SN Homes**

Request for Grounds Maintenance details - Current Contractor details forwarded > discussed

*** (m) NALC**

Latest E Bulletin circulated for info (Big Society and Allotments > see Min:5) and Relax of Planning Rules for Change of Use from Commercial to Residential > circulated

(n) NCC Planning Services

Northamptonshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework (MWDF) & Revised Development & Implementation Principles Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) adopted > Noted for file

(o) Resident Complaint (E-mail)

Hedge o/s 20 Mounthill Ave - obstructing footway. Complaint endorses previous council request for attention > SN Homes to deal (response received assuring attention) complainant advised

*** (p) E.ON**

Memorial Hall agreement for renewal > Renewed 8/6 for 3 years details for file and approved

*** (q) Resident Complaint re trees Wharf Lane**

Dealt with by phone – overhanging trees and blocked ditch the issue after Electricity Board sought access to complainant's garden > advice given (landowner is David Adams). Endorses another complaint > action as advised

*** (r) Northamptonshire Environmental Forum**

Improve your patch awards > circulated for comment

*** (s) Towcester TADD**

Invitation to OSPC to attend 21st Birthday Celebration and AGM Monday 11th July @ 3pm Plumb Park, Potterspury > NFA

*** (t) MGWSP**

New Parish Enhancement Gangs > items for consideration Cllrs to advise next meetings

*** (u) NCC Principal Librarian, Central Area**

Proposed future for each physical Library > discuss of > discussed NFA
Cllr Walker gave apologies and left the meeting at this point

11. Finance

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

RESOLVED to approve by unanimous decision

(b) To Approve Current State of Finance (Reconciliation)

Treasurer's a/c:	£140.01
Business Call a/c:	£25,333.88 (+ VAT repay / SNC Hall Hire costs re Election)
Earmarked Reserves:	£18,767.01 (includes MH income)
Available Capital =	£6,706.88

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

(c) The Payment of outstanding accounts listed below

001931	Clerks Salary:	£637.46
001932	HMRC:	£187.85 (IT/NIC)
001933	Petty Cash:	£40.10 (incl: mileage)
001934	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001935	ACS:	£10.00 (MH Windows)
001936	NJ Blackwell:	£928.92 (Mowing)
001937	AH Contractors:	£99.36 (Dog Bins)
001938	CPRE:	£29.00 (Annual Subs Min:10(a))
001939	Aylesbury Mains:	£116.14 (PL repairs)
001940	K Peach:	£59.99 (MH / Play Equip maintenance)
001941	Wicksteed Leisure:	£1,200.00 (Play area resurfacing) (see * Note)
001942	AW:	£35.66 (MH Water Rates)
001943	Canon (UK):	£29.57 (Copy costs)
001944	M-hp:	£60.00 (Web fees)
001945	British Gas:	£164.97 (MH Gas)
001946	SNC:	£154.02 (Local Election admin costs)
001947	OS Primary School:	£100.00 (Donation Min:10(h))

* Note: Swing bushes previously removed by Inspector (only 1 left at CH) > Wicksteed deal

(d) To Note Internal Auditors Report dated 1st June 2011 (circulated with Agenda)

No Issues Arising. **RESOLVED** to receive and note report > for Minutes and file

12. Street Lighting

(a) PL1 Chapmans Drive 000

(b) **NCC Switch off** (as Min:7(a)) > clerk to deal and request review Towcester Road

13. Highways

(a) **River Bridge** Maintenance discussed

(b) **Rivercrest Road** ponding issue again raised

14. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

None

15. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 12th July 2011 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm

**Old Stratford Parish Council
Outstanding Activities
June 2011**

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Update	Parish Plan Quality Council Neighbourhood Plan	> Action deferred > Action deferred <i>To progress asap Neighbourhood plan prior to Localism Bill</i>	Hold Hold Reviewed – action agreed (set up joint YG / SNC meeting)
Update	Council Surgeries	Cllr Pateman leads OSPC (SCT > Street Meetings) District Cllr new surgeries	Cllr Clarke (SNC) monthly Surgeries’ 1100 - 1200 last Saturday of the month OSPC bi-monthly considered
Update	Allotments	Oxfield Park – not suitable. 100 acre field > CEMEX initial support but NFC (requested NCC liaison meeting asap?)	<i>Positive response initially from CEMEX now ignoring regular approach > Lawson Trust (Persimmon Homes agent) re lease Re Blackhorse Feild</i>
Ongoing	Highway Issues	Deanshanger Road / A422 improvements installed – missing OS name plate. Village enhancement to include Passenham /London Road HGV volume	Passenham scheme being reconsidered. Resiting 30/40mph signs still imminent? New Bus Shelter proposal no longer required - Preferred issue below agreed
Update	Drainage problems	Cosgrove Road / London Road - river bridge all main issues – Ongoing + (Water Close) & Deanshanger Road	Some maintenance carried out – watching brief on other issues seen as minor by NCC > chased * May 2011 Site visit highlighted outstanding issues > action awaits
Ongoing	Speed complaint SIDs	London Road current siting (Mar/Apr 11 counts justify action) < SS = 44,163 > SS = 32,701)	To liaise with Police and Highways Safety Officers
Reviewed Update	Towcester Road Verges	> deferred	NCC (Verge repair?) Clerk had applied for Enhancement Grant Visit awaits and gave update 2011/12 financial year
Ongoing	Dog Fouling	Cllr Meadowcroft deals	Action to be agreed after Report given
Review	Post Office	Clerk had liaised with Bridge Stores re ‘return’ of PO	Positive response awaits outcome with PO (negative). MP/Cllr Clarke assists * No progress todate
June 2011	Localism Bill	Action considered	Enquiries as to proceed as part of the Neighbourhood Plan

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Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllrs Mrs M Clarke (SNC), Mr A Walker (NCC) and 4 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr B Clayton (work commitments away), Mr D MacDonald (away), Mrs S Tomlinson (A&E)

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

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 14th June 2011

Minutes of the meeting 14th June 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) Parking Minute 4(b)

As Autorama had complied - ACE Plant continues to use verge for parking but will mow regularly!

* NFA - watching brief Cosgrove Road o/s ACE Plant

(b) Cllr Training Minute 10(b)

Next clerks training Part 1 > 22 Oct 1000 - 1500 @ TBC. Part 2 > 19 Nov 1000 - 1500 @ Litchborough (N/CALC) - Cllrs Morris and Meadowcroft attends?

(c) MGWSP New Parish Enhancement Gangs Minute 10(t)

Cllrs to list? The clerk had already highlighted Towcester Road verge > RAB and had requested grass cutting by HA and NCC and SNC litter pick prior to Grand Prix (due to appearance)

(d) 5 Cosgrove Road outstanding complaint

Update on requested enforcement and intervention by Cllr Clarke noted

5. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

Latest SID counts June = 51,193 < SS & 45,858 > SS and Updates noted

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

Reports taken

7. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)

S/2011/0660/SCR Screening opinion for residential development of 35 dwellings (ACE Plant site) Letter re contamination & restoration reports for pre app enquiry requested. Also spoke on the 5 year land supply (previously circulated to OSPC); Labour market and higher than ever workforce of Fs with a rise in out-commuting from 7.7% > 16.4%; SNC Job club high attendance and promotion of small businesses with assistance from MP; SNC/Cherwell ring fenced by September; SNC collected 99.3% Council tax - third highest nationally (NBC % poor); JCS/Localism Bill with RSS result expected; SNC had objected to relaxation of planning permissions with concerns on the loss of s106 monies?; Moat Lane update; SoS report; Rural Housing; Buckingham Canal Society

projects to re-open Buckingham Arm (SNC support principle of study); Passenham CA link; Spoke on The Meadows appeal and MPs support for objection; Falcon Drive off licence conditions (Detailed report circulated and attached to Minutes)

(b) Cllr Walker (NCC)

Spoke on footbridge Passenham Lane and repairs to post and rail / salt bin; MKC Weight Limit signs now replaced Passenham Lane and agreed 40mph limit previously requested (no timescale)

Cllr Walker gave apologies and left the meeting

8. Planning

(a) Applications Received

None

(b) Decision Notices

Permit - S/2011/0535/FUL Proposed garage 44 Towcester Road

EIA Not Req'd – S/2011/0660/SCR Screening opinion for residential development ACE Plant

* Despite OSPC comments > Dist Cllr report as above

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

48 Dickens Drive Complaint re solar panels (contrary to SPG guidance on roofscapes)

* Due to current 'Green agenda' requested if unenforced for SPG to be amended

9. Press Notices

None

10. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) Communities.Gov**

Call for communities to start building their vision for their local area - previously circulated > NFA

(b) Northamptonshire Environmental Forum

Improve your patch awards > circulated for comment

(c) OS Football Club

Letter re maintenance and request to expand pitch > youth size

* Response to maintenance and permission given for larger pitch advised

*** (d) Canon UK**

Problem with the account advised and new contract alternatives and lower charges explained

* **RESOLVED** to approve clerk's recommendation to replace

(e) Information Commissioners Office

Changes to Data Protection Act 1998 > Noted for file (Does not affect OSPC due to employee no's)

(f) Old Stratford Primary School

Letter of thanks from head teacher re donation

(g) NCC Legal Services

Formal Highway adoption Cedar Close > for file (includes 2 new PLs)

(h) NCC Principal Librarian West

Mobile library > Wednesdays 1200 – 1220 every 4 weeks commencing 10 August > nb and website

(i) Buckingham and River Ouzel Internal Drainage Board

Watercourse Maintenance Programme 2011/12 in Old Stratford Parish > noted / circulated for info

(j) SLCC / NALC

New Local Government Alliance proposals > circulated for info

11. Finance

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RESOLVED to approve by unanimous decision

* (HMRC increase in mileage before Tax (40p > 45p per mile) **RESOLVED** to approve)

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001958	British Gas:	£12.89 (MH Gas)
001959	EON:	£1,056.14 (PL energy)

12. Street Lighting

(a) NCC Switch off Towcester Road to be reviewed (not immediate)

13. Highways

(a) Response from NCC to PFPW footpath report > noted for file and circulated for info

14. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) Rumour of new school – advised by head teacher. No consultation with OSPC before presentation at school 20 – 21st July 3.30 – 8pm / Attempt to meet developers for info as there was considerable concern raised about the behaviour of both NCC (LEA) and Developers

(b) Assault Community Hall area and leaflet drop? Those contacted by police not advised?

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1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr D Meadowcroft & Mrs M Clarke (SNC) (away)

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

Chairman on personal application S/2011/0894/TCA

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 12th July 2011

Minutes of the meeting 12th July 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record subject to an *ADDENDUM to Min:14(a) reflecting the considerable concern raised about the behaviour of both NCC (LEA) and Developers (see below Min:4(a))*

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

(a) Rumour of new school Minute 14(a)

OSPC fact finding meeting with developers > Deferred to the end of the meeting

(b) Passenham Lane speed limit outstanding

NCC Highways (CLO) confirmed request for a 40mph Passenham Lane by end of financial year

5. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

Latest SID counts July 35mph+ London Road = 56,432 < SS & 119,970 > SS / Updates noted

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

Reports taken

7. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)

Reports circulated > River Garage deferred to end of meeting

(b) Cllr Walker (NCC)

Spoke on Care Services Directory (> circulated); Bus Services (no complaints from OS but is elsewhere) > 2011 – 2015 use no's will dictate time tables; Street Lighting (OS requested amendment noted) discussed; Confirmed new mobile library time-tables from 3rd August (OSPC website); Cams/Northants LGFF advised and Northants Police news on current unrest

8. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2011/0894/TCA Fell 1no. Sycamore tree – Rectory Cottage, Passenham (Cllr Application)

Cllr Whittaker left the meeting Cllr Pateman took the chair

* No observation (poor photo)

- (b) **Decision Notices**
 - (c) **Enforcement / Appeals**
- None

9. Press Notices

None

10. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) SNC Head of Finance**

Offer to run training sessions for clerks / Cllrs relating to Council Tax setting process

* Discussed (to notify before 26 Aug 2011) > Clerk, Cllrs MacDonald, Whittaker and Pateman

(b) NCC Democratic Services

CCLlr Grant > Passenham nb – Questionnaire Scheme Survey (photo required) > Chairman deals

(c) Resident complaint Mounthill Ave

Overhanging school trees > advised via Cllr Pateman response given Cllr Walker advised

(d) Aylesbury Vale DC

Update on The Vale of Aylesbury Plan > noted for file and circulated for info

*** (e) SN Splat brochure (Summer play activities)**

OS excluded not in Northants? < Response read and copied to SNC for further response > NFA

(f) N/CALC Update

Update > circulated for info

*** (g) SNC Support Officer**

Community Development Grant for Talented Performers > circulated

(h) SLCC Branch Newsletter

Circulated for info

*** (i) Falcon Drive POS**

Docs prior to formal transfer > issues dealt with by the clerk and awaits formal docs for signature

* Update discussed - details noted

*** (j) East Midlands Councils**

Associate Membership Introductory Offer @ £150 (£25 pm) > discussed and circulated

(k) SNC Director of Service Delivery

Animal Welfare and Dog Control > for file - circulated for info > next meeting

(l) SNC Director of Service Delivery

Planning – Changes to Duty Officer Arrangements > noted for file

*** (m) BDO**

Completion of Audit Year Ending 31st March 2011 > notice posted / fees to Min:11(c)

* Restated assets issue highlighted > NFA

(n) Mh-p Webmaster

New updating info / obligations under Freedom of Information Act > for file – copy to Cllr Clayton

(o) RBL Wreath Order Confirmation

* Payment deferred to next meeting (rise in costs noted but no increase in fee)

*** (p) SNC**

Solar Panel offer for Community and Village Halls (and note on value) Registration by 22 Aug

* Copy to OSCH > not suitable for Memorial Hall due to roof structure

*** (q) QAVS Northants via Cllr Walker**

QAVS Local Authority Information Pack offer > circulated

*** (r) N/CALC**

Nomination to Board of Directors (by 22 October) > Cllr Whittaker nominated and agreed to stand

*** (s) CVS Northamptonshire**

Trustee Network Thursday 13th October (6.15 – 8pm @ York House, Wellingborough) > circulated

11. Finance

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001970	EON:	£34.07 (MH Electric)
001971	Kimbolton Fireworks:	£1,047.19 (Village fireworks) *
001972	BDO:	£480.00 (Audit fees Min:11(m))

Note * The clerk advised on S137 account adjustment (re VAT 749 guidelines)

(d) Receipts and Payment Book submitted for signature

12. Street Lighting

13. Highways

No reports

14. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) Primary Church request for a carol service 18th December FOC in the MH > Agreed

15. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 13th September 2011 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(a) Rumour of new school Fact finding meeting only with developers attended by Chair & Vice Chair, District / County Cllrs on 14th July at SNC

Cllr Tomlinson declared a non pecuniary interest as a School Governor, but was not a member of the New School appraisal group

Report - Complaint that developers should not have reached this stage without engaging with OSPC. Members learnt that the school and LEA had been in consultation since Feb 2011. OSPC were not invited to the May/June pre application consultation despite the false statement that OSPC had declined to attend. The PC had only learned about proposals by the Head Teachers E-mail to the clerk immediately prior the July meeting. Developer plans produced (Contrary to local plan policies) were said to be indicative only as numbers of dwellings had not yet been calculated.

Without a detailed plan the outlined 99 dwellings proposal could be more say 150, 200 or even 250? This was however the first step in that process

Cllr Walker did not remain for the whole of the meeting asking to be kept informed by developers about Highway and NCC issues

* Discussed was the justification for even more housing in OS to fund a new school for 450 places (and whether the need for a new school had been made) > Any OSPC action deferred until more was known

Rumours surrounding River Garage was also discussed

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Cllrs Mr A Pateman, Mr G Rogers & Mr A Walker (NCC) (away) & Mr C Ward (Working away)

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

Cllr Whittaker – personal prejudicial interest re S/2011/1119/TCA as adjoining neighbour

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

(a) Rumour of new school Minute 4(a)

Nothing more heard – advice from SNC Head of Corporate Support relayed to members

* Discussed > Add to Outstanding Items? For reference

(b) SNC Head of Finance Minute 10(a)

Offer to run training sessions relating to Council Tax setting process

* For novice clerks and new members only > therefore NFA

(c) East Midlands Councils Minute 10(j)

Associate Membership Introductory Offer @ £150 (£25 pm) circulated > NFA

(d) SNC Animal Welfare and Dog Control Minute 10(k)

Circulated for info and deferred > Addition signs to Cllr Meadowcroft – report awaits

5. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

Latest SID counts for August (School Hols) 35mph + London Road = 80,909 < SS & 130,188 > SS / Updates noted. Allotments – Reply from NCC on our attempt to get CEMEX to the table via the Gravel Liaison meeting read and contents noted (no mention on the proposed sale of the 100 acre field) – update on those sale details and the registration of OSPCs interest with Agent

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

Reports taken

7. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)

Spoke on: Nothing further heard about new school proposals (temporary kitchen installed at current school) – SNC support ‘principles’ of Buckingham Canal proposals – Local Planning Policy Framework updates (IRHP now 5 > 6 years land bank) – Full Council spending £500K to Voluntary Sector (despite rumours of cuts) – Bill to NCC for paid Youth Projects – Environmental Health – Council Tax & Associated benefits (with protection for pensioners) – Management SNC/Cherwell and Heads of Post – HS2 & SNC objection to route. Q on service delivery and protection discussed

(b) Cllr Walker (NCC)

Reports had included revised 89 and 90/90A services serving OS > circulated

8. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2011/1076/FUL Change of use from car showroom to vehicle rental business (sui generis)
14 London Road

* Supported

S/2011/1092/MAO Outline Residential Development for 35 dwellings & associated infrastructure
Land at Cosgrove Road (ACE Plant)

* **OBJECTION** for the following reasons:

The Environmental Impact Study (S/2011/0660/SCR) failed to take into account the contaminated length of old canal opposite the diesel interceptor and Canalside residential housing, which is considered a serious environment health issue (and the EA have been called x 2 occasions recently). Also the report states that POS is not required, yet the old disused canal (other than the proposed balancing pond) is required to be kept free of development under Local Plan Policies. Additionally there is no evidence to support the justification for 35 dwellings and no case made for that number. The Amphibian Survey is flawed as no proper examination of deeper water could be carried out due to silt, the steepness of the bank and fencing (although the report does state that if Great Crested Newts are found work must stop immediately

However, if minded to approve in outline the above comments should be considered as reserve matters. The Parish Council also request a \$106 sum for the POS maintenance and a donation towards allotments

INTERIM

S/2011/1119/TCA Fell one sycamore and one horse chestnut. The Dovecot, Passenham

* **OBSERVATIONS** What Justification to fell? as report fails to indicate condition or reason Will their removal affect the visual setting of the Passenham CA and setting of the LB?

(b) Decision Notices

Permit – Removal 1no. Sycamore tree - Rectory Cottage, Passenham

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

None

9. Press Notices

None

10. Correspondence (list at meeting)

(a) SNC Communications Assistant

Info on Electoral Registration forms (failure to complete penalty) > nb

(b) Came & Co (Village Insurers)

Advice on Aviva policy and changes to their insurance company structure later due to changes to new European rules coming into force 2013 > noted for file

(c) CPRE

Newsletter and Countryside Voice > circulated for info

(d) N/CALC

Annual conference and 2011 AGM Sat 22nd Oct > Cllrs Pateman, Whittaker and the clerk attend

*** (e) Park Leisure**

Outdoor gyms > NFA (although details circulated)

(f) Danger of Dioxins

Details circulated for info > Newsletter

(g) ICO

Renewal of Registration @ £35 by DD noted > ICO Scheme circulated for info

(h) Aylesbury Mains

Site visit charges increase due to unprecedented rise in prices over 12months > noted for file

(i) Residents letter re 'Lights out'

Support of turn off in Towcester Road and decrease chatter from vicinity of taxi company > noted

(j) NCC Care Choices

Comprehensive guide to choosing and paying for care > circulated for info and for file reference

*** (k) N/CALC Autumn/Winter 2011 Training Opportunities**

New Cllrs 'Off to a flying start' Wed 14 Sept reminder – other opportunities > circulated for info

(l) N/CALC E-Bulletins

Previously copied to members > circulated for further info

(m) South Northants Homes Lifeline Service

Details circulated for info > nb

*** (n) Northants Police Authority**

Have your say questionnaire for completion > Cllr Pateman (Community Liaison)

*** (o) N/CALC**

New 'Landscape for Planning & Development Control' - Community Neighbourhood Plans applications? by 4 November 2011 > Cllr Whittaker deals

*** (p) Fields of Trust Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge**

Further corres re registration of outdoor recreation spaces > discussed NFA

(q) NCC Librarian

Results of consultation (not mobile libraries) > circulated for info

(r) Resident request for Memorial Hall Use for a Craft Club

Monday pm between 2 – 4.30pm agree FOC > Commence date TBA

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001983	Canon UK:	£87.49 (Copy Costs)
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(d) Notice of Conclusion of Audit Year Ending 31st March 2011

Inspection periods passed (no applications to view) > posted to the website

12. Street Lighting

- (a) PL2 Deanshanger Road ooo (repaired) – PL14 Mounthill Ave ooo
- (b) Falcon Drive POS although not yet adopted 3 x PLs were out

13. Highways

- (a) Uprooted Bollard Dickens Drive corner a trip hazard reported by the clerk 28th August
Cones placed prior to permanent repair – requirement for presence discussed

14. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

- (a) National Planning Policy Guidance (given the plethora of info and ‘The Big Society’)
- (b) Allotments > WP for next Agenda and the way forward

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

None

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

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(a) Rumour of new school Minute 4(a)

* Update and deferred to Min:7(a)

(b) SNC Animal Welfare and Dog Control Minute 4(d)

* New signs displayed – monitor effect >-report deferred

(c) Allotments Minute 14(b)

Update on the sale of 100 Acre+ field (and bankers order deposit required)

* Discussed > the clerk to further respond on Declaration of Interest (agents copy to Cllr Clarke)

5. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

Update on SIDs and Police proposals for speed enforcement

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

None

7. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)

Reported on Shop Litter; SNC Job Club; Director post heads; LG Resources Committee – response by SNC for 2013: Liaison with MKC; Application (Transport Study); Moat Lane update; Heritage / CAs 2011/12 criteria discussed (concern that Passenham not being treated as part of OS the dealt with planning issues ACE Plant relocation and OP (for 35 dwellings / desk top study, loss of employment?) enabling development > OSPC wish list; School site (nothing heard) developer approach was not proper consultation. Justification need for new school / Drop of and access); The Meadows Appeal > Tuesday 13 December (meeting TBA before); NPPF also discussed at length

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Reports for info previously circulated including Village SOS funding

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* Now Approved

S/2011/1128/LDP Single storey rear extension. 47 Towcester Road
* No observations

S/2011/1146/DEM Demolish single storey building. 14 London Road (River Garage)
* Permission not required - Site now proposed as used car showroom (hours?)

S/2011/1192/FUL Works to rear elevation (convert barn doors into timber frames glazed wall with external door and replace existing door with window. Barn Cottage, Shrobb Lodge Farm
* No observations

(b) Decision Notices

Withdrawn – Change of use from car showroom to vehicle rental business. 14 London Road

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Appeal – A/2010/0639/MAO Land east of The Meadows (informal hearing now Public Inquiry)
Any further response by 19th Oct (Discussed NFA)

(d) National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG)

Reports circulated and discussed at length. As sustainability is not properly defined Cllr MacDonald / Whittaker to suggest points for the clerk to respond by 17th October. Request for Dist Cllr to assist

9. Press Notices

None

10. Correspondence (list at meeting)

(a) NCC Head of Planning Services

Adoption of Northamptonshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework (MWDF): Control & Management of Development, Development Plan Documents > noted for file

(b) RBL Head of Poppy Appeal

Official Receipts and thanks for donation > circulated for info

(c) N/CALC Mailbox

E-Bulletin > circulated for info

(d) Northants Police Community Connect Scheme

Dog Watch scheme – Dog walkers encouraged to extend eyes and ears of the police > circulated
* To Newsletter

*** (e) MGWSP**

Parish Enhancement Gang Feedback 2011 > clerk waits for list of completions –v- requests

*** (f) Wicksteed**

Annual Safety Inspection of Play Areas > recommended –agreed

(g) N/CALC Update

Update circulated for info

(h) CPRE

How to respond to Planning Applications (now compromised by Draft NPPF) > circulated

*** (i) Boundary Commission for England**

2013 Review of Parliamentary constituents for England (no change for SNC) > NFA

*** (j) MPs Diary Secretary**

New contact noted for records - offer for Newsletter article > next Annual considered

(k) ICO

Renewal by DD of £35 5th November 2011 > noted for file NFA required

*** (l) NCC Traffic Orders Section**

Proposed 40mph Speed Limit for Passenham Lane (Road) > for approval

* Speed limit proposals approved request to extend beyond Mill > MKC boundary

*** (m) NCC Flood and Water Management**

Northamptonshire Flood Fair Wed 2 Nov – Fri 4 Nov > attendees and feedback form NFA

*** (n) Pageantaster, The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons**

A Guide to Taking Part > Registration form / action/ involvement > NFA

*** (o) Marcus Young Landscapes Ltd**

Offer for Dog Waste emptying and 3 year contract (@£1.50 pb (Current contract runs until 3/2012 @ £2.30 pb) > Offer noted for file

(p) NHS Northamptonshire

Winter Well Guide > circulated for info

(q) SNC Economic Development Officer

Job Club info > newsletter (endorsed by Dist Cllr)

*** (r) South Northants Area Support Team**

As Government has withdrawn funding for NW Schemes > OSNW request donation

*** 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 donations of £10.00

(s) M-hp

Community Website Launched > copied to Cllr Clayton for comments

(t) Northants Community Connect

New 101 national police non-emergency number being launched > circulated for info

(u) Sustainable gov

The extent of fraud in the public sector / Sustainable Gov > circulated for info

(v) Rural Services Network

News Digest > circulated for info (see rural Pos, Best Practice, Rural Growth etc.)

(w) Buckinghamshire Minerals & Waste Core Strategy

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(b) River bridge outflow – no evidence of maintenance (silt and flooding remains)

(c) Rivercrest / Manorfields Road kerb damage (due to new build contract vehicles)

(d) Passenham Lane RTA

14. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) Residents Mounthill Ave complaint re School trees overhanging gardens

* School Governors decline work due to cost and after Risk Assessment > request copy

(b) Request for skateboard park > for next agenda – invite with parent (s) to next meeting

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

Cllr Morris declared a personal prejudicial interest on S/2011/1352/FUL (immediate neighbour)

Cllr Meadowcroft declared a personal interest on the same application

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

Minutes of the meeting 11th October 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) Rumour of new school Minute 4(a)

Report from Cllr Clarke circulated – contact by Agent for informal chat! with OSPC

* Action discussed – the informal meet was declined until plans or details proposals were produced

NCC had yet to justify the need for a new school – especially as non residents still attend

(b) Allotments Minute 4(c)

Update on 100 Acre Field sale > further Declaration of Interest logged

* CEMEX to meet OSPC/NCC (for Gravel Liaison Meeting Thursday 15th Dec for update)

Although rumour was that that the field (and larger lot) had been sold

(c) Dog Bin Contract Minute 10(o)

Offer previously noted for file – existing contractors report circulated for info

(d) Request for skateboard park Minute 14(a)

Invitation with parent(s) to attend

* Presentation discussed and the current OSPC position especially parish finances and the position on grants. After an exchange of views it was agreed to consider a WP chaired by Cllr Meadowcroft who would liaise and report back

5. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

Localism / Neighbourhood Plan (Due to delay in YG Vanguard Scheme) Letter sent to SNC Heads to be considered for 'Front Runner Scheme' and finance from New Homes Bonus read and approved. Highway issued chased see Outstanding Issues update

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

None

7. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)

Absent - although had reported (previously circulated) on Heritage /CAs 2011/12 Passenham as

urgent given the areas development pressures; ACE Plant relocation updates and latest layout (see Min:8(a)) and The Meadows Appeal > Tuesday 13 December (OSPC / SNC meeting 1st December)

(b) Cllr Walker (NCC)

Spoke on Boundary Commission NCC 73 > 57; PCT (MK/Northampton/Bedford); PL lighting on A5 (Balfour Beatty are PFI contractors); Public Transport update; Passenham Liaison meeting; NCC Budget > discussed; Village confines he supports (with Cllr Clarke): OS School; (Empowering CCllr request awaits)

8. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2011/1271/FUL Single storey rear ext/part demolition of existing concrete section garage and replace with new detached garage. 70 Mounthill Ave

* No Objections

S/2011/1256/LDP Double garage rear 52 Mounthill Ave

* Planners to note that old land drains from Blackhorse Field run through the site in the area of the proposed garage (after the recent demolition) and may pose a flood risk to the area that the new occupier is unaware of

S/2011/1294/FUL Change of use from office (B1) to Clinic/physiotherapy practice (D1).
Suite F OS Business Park, Falcon Drive

* No Objections

S/2011/1092/MAO Residential layout for up to 35 dwellings (Outline plan / additional info req'd)
(ACE Plant) land at Cosgrove Road (Reports circulated by E-mail)

* **OBJECTION** the list of points previously stated have not been considered and the layout as proposed is unacceptable especially the build over the old canal and basin. We also question the position of the balancing pond and would prefer it to be near the old Wharf wall

Cllr Morris left the meeting as the immediate neighbour

S/2011/1352/FUL Single storey front and rear extension. 87 Deanshanger Road

* **OBJECTION** The application is contrary to saved Local Plan Policies which seek to protect the local environs. In this instance the proposal would harm the character and appearance of the street scene by an unsympathetic and an incongruous intrusive form, with a dominating footprint and an inappropriate porch, which is both unneighbourly and out of keeping with the street scene. The porch if permitted would also create an unacceptable precedence

(b) Decision Notices

None

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Appeal – A/2010/0639/MAO Land east of The Meadows (informal hearing now Public Inquiry)
Further reports circulated re Hearing 13/12/11 (Meeting with Cllr Clarke / SNC 1/12/11)

* Cllrs Whittaker, Pateman, MacDonald and the clerk attend

(d) Neighbourhood Plans

Discussed - Consultation circulated for completion by next meeting

* As some of the guide Qs were absent > the clerk to seek advice from SNC Policy Officer

9. Press Notices

None

10. Correspondence (list at meeting)

(a) Came & Company

PC Insurers Autumn Newsletter > circulated for info

*** (b) Northants Police**

Have Your Say > Cllr Pateman deals

(c) MGWSP

Comments survey on services > the clerk deals

(d) Communities and Local Government

Introduction to neighbourhood planning > previously circulated for info (see Min:8(d))

(e) SNC Economic Development Officer

Further promotion of Job Clubs (including Parent Pathways for young mums) > Community Hall

(f) Mh-p Internet Ltd

Wed manager advises no increase 2012 (+ updates FOC) > noted for file

*** (g) OS Primary School – Treasurer SPC**

Request to add to news page events to PC Website.> agreed

*** (h) NCC Development Control Officer**

Passenham Gravel Local Liaison Meeting – Thursday 15th December 2011 @ 3pm MH > noted

(i) PRS / PPL

Changes in licensing to include requirement to also hold PPL due to changes in copyright law (12m grace prior to new joint licence on renewal 2012 > noted for file

*** (j) Utility Gateway Ltd**

Development off The Meadows compromise existing PL > awaits new application from Bloors (new developer) after pre-app meeting with SNC and comments made by SNC on latest layout

(k) Lloyds TSB / Commercial

Changes to way payments are made > circulated for info

(l) British Gas Business

Memorial Hall is a Non-Macro Business > noted for file

(m) Rural Services Network

Newsletter / Digest > circulated electronically for info

(n) NCC Plan-net

Newsletter > circulated for info

*** (o) NCC / MGWSP**

Urban Highway Grass Mowing 2012 – s136 Agreement (Noted: Reduced 3 cuts grant remains at £712.61) > for approval and consideration next budget (Payment not until late October again Qs)

***RESOLVED** that s136 contract be agreed

(p) Northampton BC

Publication of Schedule of Focused Changes to Pre-Submission Draft Northampton Central Area Action Plan development Plan Document > circulated for info

*** (q) Local Government Boundary Commission**

Electoral Review of Northamptonshire commenced > www.lgbce.org.uk (Brief circulated)

* Noted that NCC have agreed to reduce CCllrs from 73 > 57? for comment – appears no change SN locally > NFA

11. Finance

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

RESOLVED to approve by unanimous decision

(b) To Approve Current State of Finance (Reconciliation)

Treasurer's a/c:	£302.70
Business Call a/c:	£31,842.04
Earmarked Reserves:	£20,479.68 (includes MH income)
Available Capital =	£11,665.06 (excluding ERs)

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

(c) The Payment of outstanding accounts listed below

DD 3/11	ICO:	£35.00 (Annual Subs re Data / Info retained)
002000	Clerks Salary:	£637.46
002001	HMRC:	£187.85 (IT/NIC)
002002	Petty Cash:	£54.22 (Incl:2012 stationary/ ISP /Mileage)
002003	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
002004	NJ Blackwell:	£758.94 (Mowing)
002005	AH Contractors:	£121.44 (Dog Bins – Oct)
002006	Mh-p Webmaster:	£18.00 (Web fees)
002007	Aylesbury Mains:	£279.19 (Various)
002008	ACS:	£10.00 (MH Windows Oct)
002009	E.ON:	£33.67 (MH Energy)
002010	Viking:	£209.46 (Office supplies/Paper/Chair (as agreed HS))
002011	N/CALC:	£29.00 (Cllr Meadowcroft Training fees)
002012	Cllr Meadowcroft:	£27.45 (Mileage re above)
002013	OS Community Hall:	£627.34 (Village Events less Firework costs)
002014	OS Community Hall:	£500.00 (Crime & Disorder donation – lighting)
002015	Deanshanger DC:	£600.00 (Donation Min:11(b))

(d) To consider request for Donation to Deanshanger Day centre

2 attendees from OS only - £600 allocated

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 donation of £600.00 (with a letter that due to falling numbers will be difficult to justify level of support in the future (advertise next newsletter)

12. Street Lighting

(a) PL12 Willow Grove fault appears to be dead supply despite number of visits

* Central networks advised (within 25 days from 24/10)

(b) Cosgrove Road number of PLs 000

(c) ATS at XRoads green man out after recent fault rectified

13. Highways

(a) FPWs report received > thanks to Mrs B Bucknell for her continued support

(b) Existing / outstanding faults listed > sent to NCC /MGWSP - cc CCllr Walker

(c) Salt bin surround Passenham Lane still not rebuilt

14. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) **Remembrance Sunday 13th November @ 1055 MH**

(b) **Precept – date for Finance meeting** > Clerk to advise Monday dates

(c) **Report on Pensions Bill 2010/11** The Clerk reported that mandatory schemes for parish councils are not currently intended to come into force until 1 August 2014 (or later depending on an individual's tax coding) and even then the employer's contribution will be at 1% (building up to 3% by 2018). This is all for "eligible" employees with one of the eligibility criteria being an annual salary in excess of £7,475 (rates to be laid down in regulations). The clerks existing contractual gratuity appears OK? > NFA

15. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 13th December 2011 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

**Old Stratford Parish Council
Outstanding Activities
November 2011**

Date first Raised	Item	Parish Action	Action by Others
Update	Parish Plan Quality Council Neighbourhood Plan	> Action deferred > Action deferred <i>To progress asap Neighbourhood plan prior to Localism Bill & NPPF?</i>	Hold Hold Reviewed – action agreed as YG Vanguard Scheme had faltered Clerk to advise next meeting
Update	Council Surgeries	Cllr Pateman leads OSPC (SCT > Street Meetings) District Cllr new surgeries (web site noted)	Cllr Clarke (SNC) monthly Surgeries’ 1100 - 1200 last Saturday of the month OSPC bi-monthly being considered
Update	Allotments	Oxfield Park – not suitable. 100 acre field > CEMEX initial support but NFC (requested NCC liaison meeting asap?) Rumours!	CEMEX land for ‘sale’. Interest in 4 acres notified with land agent > General Purpose WP (Deferred to next gravel liaison meeting)
Ongoing	Highway Issues	Deanshanger Road / A422 improvements installed – missing OS name plate. Village enhancement to include Passenham. London Road HGV volume	Passenham 40mph approved. Resiting 30/40mph signs still imminent MK boundary? New Bus Shelter s106 monies returned to developer
Update	Drainage problems	Cosgrove Road / London Road - river bridge all main issues – Ongoing + (Water Close (watching brief)) & Deanshanger Road	Some maintenance carried out – watching brief on other issues seen as minor by NCC > chased * May 2011 Site visit highlighted outstanding issues > action awaits
Ongoing	Speed complaint SIDs	London Road current siting (counts justify action) Police advised request local speed enforcement	To liaise with Police and Highways Safety Officers Action and senior officer contact still awaits > chased
Reviewed Update	Towcester Road Verges	> deferred	NCC (Verge repair?) Clerk had applied for Enhancement Grant Visit awaits and gave update 2011/12 financial year
Ongoing	Dog Fouling	Cllr Meadowcroft deals	Monitor after additional signs in place
Review	Post Office	Clerk had liaised with Bridge Stores re ‘return’ of PO	Positive response awaits outcome with PO (negative). MP/Cllr Clarke assists * No progress todate
June 2011	Localism Bill	Action considered	Enquiries as to proceed as part of the Neighbourhood Plan - Update
Aug 2011	New School rumoured	OSPC Excluded from any consultation. Although fact finding meeting held	NFA – without Planning Application despite request for ‘chat’ > Agent / Chairman

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on 13th December 2011 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mr I Baxter, Mr D Meadowcroft, Ms K Morris, Mr A Pateman
Mr G Rogers & Mrs P Stevenson

Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllrs Mrs M Clarke (SNC), Mr A Walker (NCC)
(Min:7(a)) and 2 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr B Clayton & Mr D MacDonald (working away), Mrs S Tomlinson (Family commitment)

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

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 8th November 2011

Minutes of the meeting 8th November 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) Allotments Minute 4(b)

Meeting held with MKPT the new owners of 152 acres between OS and Passenham

* Awaits appraisal on OSPC request

(b) Request for skateboard park Minute 4(d)

Interim report from Cllr Meadowcroft and discussed along with funding, options and an exchange of views.

5. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

SIDs – further counts London Road to/from Stony Stratford indicate high numbers offending > SS
The clerk to seek advice from Wescotec as replacement now appears to be operating intermittently.
Police have still not responded to request for enforcement despite high rate of offenders

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

Comments noted

7. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)

Spoke on the Appeal heard this day which centred around whether SNC had a 5 year land supply;
also spoke on Neighbourhood Planning and the SNC Workshop; Empty property Cosgrove Road
subject to enforcement (Nuisance notice served – update); New Year and Localism Bill; The
Meadows PC consulted on latest plans; Ace Plant outline for up to 35 dwellings (nothing further);
No movement or application re school; Allotments and meeting with MKPT (site meeting on
Highway issues – SNC/CO unable to attend – meeting later with MKPT/Friends of Passenham);
SNC had met Government

Cllr Walker arrived at this point

(b) Cllr Walker (NCC)

Spoke on NCC Budget consultation > circulated; Policing Area reduction in PCSOs as both Police
and NCC had reduced further funding; Spoke again on Boundary Commission proposals for NCC

8. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2011/1389/FUL Vari condition to S/2010/1250/FUL one pair semi-detached houses with garages with no visibility splays. Unit 2 1A The Meadows

* **OBJECTION** Application cannot be supported where an original condition was for vision splays. The comment about the garages opposite has little relevance as that boundary is set back more than a metre from the footway edge nor the intention to build a further dwelling on adjacent land (which the land owner has chosen not to sell) as it did not form part of the original application. Without compromise this would if permitted create a dangerous and unacceptable precedent

S/2011/1407/TCA Removal of four holly trees The Old Rectory, Passenham

* No Objections SNC noted

S/2011/1488/FUL Two storey side and rear extension 36 Cosgrove Road

* No Objections

(b) Decision Notices

No Objections – removal of holly trees The Old Rectory, Passenham

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Appeal – Land east of The Meadows against refusal for 15 dwellings (13th December) Report given

9. Press Notices

None

10. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) Northants ACRE**

Annual subs £34.00 to be agreed

RESOLVED that N/ACRE subs be agreed

(b) N/CALC

Update > circulated for info + New Cllrs Training Calendar for 2012 @ N/CALC Litchborough
Off to a Flying Start Wed 1st Feb 7 – 9pm or 2 day course Sat 3rd & 24th Mar 10 - 3pm

* Cllr Morris to advise

(c) CPRE

Countryside Voice > circulated for info

(d) Aylesbury Vale DC

The Vale of Aylesbury Plan – Public Consultation > noted for file / circulated for info

(e) NCC Leadership Support & Delivery

Empowering Cllrs & Communities Scheme application for funding towards the refurbishment of play area > £1,000 received – Thanks to Cllr Walker sent

(f) Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association (NRHA)

Annual Report > circulated for info

*** (g) SNC Lead Officer, Planning Policy & Heritage**

Update on Neighbourhood Planning 9th January 2012 6 – 8pm @ SNC > the clerk attends

(h) NCC Head of Planning Services

Northamptonshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework (MWDF) : Development & Implementation Principles Supplementary Planning Document > adoption noted

(i) Northampton BC

Publication of changes to Pre-Submission Draft Northampton Area Action Plan Development Plan Document update > previously circulated and admin error noted

*** (j) SNC Economic Development Officer**

Further Leaflets on Job Clubs > nb's and circulated

(k) Came & Company (OSPC Insurers)

Advice on previous Employers Liability Certificates and changes required by the FSA

* ERN (Employers PAYE) submitted for storage on Employers' Liability Database

(l) SLCC Northants

Branch newsletter > circulated for info

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(b) To Approve Current State of Finance (Reconciliation)

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Business Call a/c:	£30,135.49 (Incl:VAT + NCC CCLlr Grant)
Earmarked Reserves:	£20,325.54 (includes MH income)
Available Capital =	£10,098.63 (excluding ERs)

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

(c) The Payment of outstanding accounts listed below

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002022	Mh-p Internet Ltd:	£144.00 (Web fees)
002023	Aylesbury Mains:	£315.57 (Various PL repairs > Min:12(a))
002024	Anglian Water:	£31.42 (MH Water Rates)
002025	Canon UK Ltd:	£106.82 (Equipment Hire)
002026	Northants ACRE:	£34.00 (Annual Subs Min:10(a))

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

RESOLVED: That the Precept be issued for the sum of £36,575 (Minor accounting error noted)

12. Street Lighting

(a) PL6, 7 & 10 Cosgrove Road : PL6, 9 & 16 Dickens Drive : PL12 Willow Grove ooo

(b) PL2 Manorfields Road & PL8 Deanshanger Road ooo

13. Highways

(a) Passenham – fencing in CA. Meeting with MKPT/NCC/SNC Thursday 15th December

- (b) Blocked Drains River Bridge, Deanshanger Road & Willow Grove await maintenance
- (c) Mounthill Ave o/s 13- 15 tarmac repair showing signs of distress (concrete base?)
- (d) Cllr Rogers reports that the kerbs Manorfields Rd / Rivercrest have been repaired
- (e) The clerk had dealt with fallen tree Deanshanger Rd near A422 w/e (> NCC)
- (f) Passenham Lane had been further widened by infill > complaint to NCC/MGWSP

14. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

- (a) Communities Infrastructure Levy – Consultation docs circulated > for next Agenda
* Cllr Clarke to assist with SNC advice notes

- (b) Residents of Old Stratford thank OSPC for their support for another successful Senior Citizens Xmas Dinner > Thanks to Community Hall Trustees

15. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 10th January 2012 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the Chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas and Health New Year and closed the meeting at 8.40pm (and adjourned for Xmas cheer)

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