

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 10th January 2012 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mr I Baxter, Cllrs Mr B Clayton, Mr D MacDonald, Mr D Meadowcroft, Mr A Pateman, Mr G Rogers & Mrs P Stevenson
Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllr Mrs M Clarke (SNC), and 2 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs S Tomlinson (by way of resignation due to family commitments), Ms K Morris (unwell) & Mr A Walker (NCC)

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

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 13th December 2011

Minutes of the meeting 13th December 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) Allotments Minute 4(a)

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(b)

Report noted > Deferred to AOM.

(c) SNC Lead Officer, Planning Policy & Heritage Minute 10(g)

Clerk gave report on SNC workshop re Neighbourhood Planning > docs circulated for info (Including current OS & Passenham Design statements for info - as part of the Localism Bill)
Localism Briefing note to be copied to members

(d) Passenham – fencing in CA. Minute 13(a)

Result of meeting with MKPT/NCC Thursday 15th December > discussed

(e) Highway Issues Minute 13(b)

Blocked Drains River Bridge chased after heavy rain and flooding – complaint made about Duty of Care re failure to deal with blocked drains (as flood water had dissipated on visit?)

Deanshanger Road & Willow Grove AW investigation found buried blocked manhole affecting part of Willow Grove and apparent cause of flooding > awaits AW report

5. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

SIDs – Wescotec advised action on replacement (operating intermittently). Police have attended re enforcement as part of the SCT Campaign (after ‘Have your say’ event). Update on Neighbourhood / Parish Plans

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

Comments noted

7. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)

Spoke on Falcon Drive issues (copied by the clerk) litter pick arranged; Deanshanger Road (Min:6> 14(a)) raised by the school) would liaise and outlined protocol; Neighbourhood Planning meeting attended by the clerk and SNC PCs (N/CALC view / YG presentation Vanguard Scheme) Housing Needs may dictate and consultation procedure costs = £20 – 63K + referendum (cost implications appear prohibitive despite ‘light touch’ review and working with SNC) > discussed at length New School rumours – Pre App with SNC / Pegasus for 12th Jan cancelled (nothing new on the table); HS2 outlined affecting South Northants; Wind Farms (18 Turbine app Tove Valley); Election Review CClr 77 > 53 Cllrs (7 < 9 SNC); SNC / Cherwell working; SNC by election @ Towcester (Candidates by 9/2); dealing with OS Highway complaints re Speeding/Vibration (Watling Street)/Traffic Counts/A422 & A508 (meeting with SNC/MKC/NCC); Resident issue Willow Grove (AW successfully dealt with; Largest SNC App @ Silverstone (SNC/Aylesbury Vale)

Would chase OS Post Office Review again: Indicated Ward Profile > for discussion (Middleton Cheney error noted)

(b) Cllr Walker (NCC)

Not present – no reports

8. Planning

(a) Applications Received

(b) Decision Notices

None

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Land east of The Meadows – Appeal attended by Chair, Vice Chair, clerk and Cllr Clarke
* Decision awaits

(d) Communities Infrastructure Levy

Consultation docs circulated > SNC advice notes copied and circulated > action deferred

9. Press Notices

None

10. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) NCC/MGWSP Parish Satisfaction Questionnaire**

To be agreed - Completion deferred until highway issues are resolved

(b) N/CALC

Update on New Homes Bonus > circulated for info

(c) SNC Performance, Research & Intelligence Team

OS Ward Profile > circulated for info.

(d) SNC Head of Law & Governance

Charging for Parish Council Elections – OSPC > circulated for info (not budgeted) > for info

(e) Northants Police / Towcester Sector

Update of resources and possible reduction in PCSO funding > circulated for info/action

(f) Clerks & Councils Direct

Circulated for info

(g) CPRE/ NALC

Planning Explained > circulated for info

*** (h) Wicksteed Leisure**

Playground Inspections Reports > Cllr Pateman to advise for next meeting

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)

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Business Call a/c:	£28,436.66
Earmarked Reserves:	£21,044.12 (includes MH income)
Available Capital =	£7,626.67 (excluding ERs)

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

(c) The Payment of outstanding accounts listed below

002027	Clerks Salary:	£637.46
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002029	Petty Cash:	£40.69 (Incl:ISP/Mileage)
002030	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
002031	AH Contractors:	£151.80 (Dog Bins – Dec)
002032	Mh-p Internet Ltd:	£56.35 (Web fees & Annual Registration)
002033	Aylesbury Mains:	£119.02 (PL repairs)
002034	E.ON:	£1,056.14 (PL Energy)
002035	British Gas:	£51.17 (MH Gas)
002036	Canon UK:	£106.82 (Equipment Hire)

12. Street Lighting

(a) Area 7 PLs OS RAB

13. Highways

(a) London Road River Bridge flooding > NCC/MGWSP/Cllr Walker > update

(b) Manorfields Road new build obstruction of footways/bend/wheelchair access by contract vehicles/mud on the road complaint

* The clerk had spoken to site foreman > SNC. Cllr Clarke to chase

(c) Outstanding Highway issues remain > clerk to chase

14. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) Min:6 Litter issues Falcon Drive / Deanshanger Road > Passenham Lane

15. Date of Next Meeting

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**Old Stratford Parish Council
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January 2012**

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Reviewed Update	Towcester Road Verges	> deferred <i>NCC Budget cuts had reduced funding for local projects?</i>	Outstanding
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1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mr D MacDonald (away), Mr D Meadowcroft (course) & Mr C Ward (by way of resignation) (Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC) gave late apologies delayed re NCC Budget Meeting)

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

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Updated > MKPT

(b) Passenham – fencing / Willows in CA. Minute 4(d)

Update given - See Min:8(a) re pollarding

(c) London Road / River Bridge Minute 4(e)

Blocked Drains River Bridge finally cleared – issue with silt left either side of cleared drains and footway (NCC state SNC responsibility > SNC advised on history)

(d) Playground Inspections Reports Minute 10(h)

Cllr Pateman spoke on the reports

(e) Litter issues Minute 14(a)

Falcon Drive Car park etc. cleared by SNC now under Commercial Centre contract. POS when adopted will required litter picking (action agreed > deferred)

Deanshanger Road to Passenham Lane OS School/SNC initiative - No further details (half term)

* Cllr Clarke to advise

5. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

SID returned to Westcotec after fault confirmed (radar unit fault) repaired and returned this day
Further updates given

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

No public present

7. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)

Spoke on meeting at SNC with OSPC, OS School, Persimmon Homes, Pegasus Planning (Agents) and Planning Officers present (Need to be demonstrated for new school of 450. What affects on

recent appeals (as no additional housing is needed) if permission were now to be considered contrary to the Local Plan. Discussed also whether school was currently oversubscribed/projected numbers for the future). Developers had been of the opinion that the meeting was to finalise what development was acceptable but needed to go away and consider options. Has agreed to meet with School after half term

Transport > MKC issues frustrated with NCC (especially over transport strategy) and Old A5 SNC nominated for financial services of the year

Recent appeal - land off The Meadows (circulated) was welcomed and important for SNC strategy Manorfields Road development complaint (the clerk asked to assist further) re access and condition Would chase A422 litter picking

NCC Services affecting SNC District due to budget cuts

Council tax update

Recycling changes to be advised (cardboard and food waste) including weekly collections. SNC to apply to HMG re funding

Cosgrove Road ACE Plant – no movement

Neighbourhood Planning update along with Police Reform and Responsibility Act.

Devolution of Local Transport (Budget by formula)

New Homes debate – more later when position known

** A unanimous vote of thanks was given not only for her action and support on recent appeals, but on her comprehensive reports and commitment to OS since becoming District Councillor*

(b) Cllr Walker (NCC)

Absent - No reports

8. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2012/0107/FUL Garage conversion (retrospective) 26 Chapmans Drive

* Observations: That without detailed specs, whether full building regs have been complied with.

Always a concern when applications are retrospective

S/2012/0137/TCA Pollard 23 no Willow trees. Land east of Passenham

* Fully supported a long overdue undertaking

(b) Decision Notices

LDP Approval 6 Hall Close - Convert loft with two additional bedrooms and additional roof lights.

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Appeal against refusal dismissed. Land east of The Meadows > Decision circulated to members

9. Press Notices

None

10. Correspondence (list at meeting)

(a) NCC Highways

Advice on new Lighting Contract > Balfour Beatty (next 25 years) – Road Lamps only

* Noted for file

*** (b) NJ Blackwell**

Mowing quotes for 2012 (rise of 4% on 2011) for Approval

(c) Came & Company

A Parish Councillor's Guide to Parish Council Insurance > circulated for comment/understanding

(d) Northants Police SCT

Crime & Policing update > circulated

(e) NCC Transport & Infrastructure

On the buses' - How have changes been going – Councillors Newsletter > circulated for info

(f) Andrea Leadsom MP

Drop in and Bookable Dates calendar 2012 > circulated for info / action?

(g) British Gas

MH supply contract renewed for 2 years (same outlay costs)

(h) Northants CPRE – N/CALC

Supporting Communities and Neighbourhoods in Planning > circulated for info

(i) NCC Customer & Library Services Manager

Library opening times – Deanshanger (includes Sunday opening) > circulated for info

(j) MKC

Wind Turbines Policy > circulated for info

(k) N/CALC Update

Circulated for info (includes Electoral Review of Northamptonshire)

(l) Mike Henson - Mh-p

Webmaster offer for 5 year contract at fixed price (Loyalty Scheme) > Cllr Clayton to be agreed

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002043	Mh-p Internet Ltd:	£18.00 (Web fees)
002044	ACS:	£30.00 (MH Window Nov/Dec/Jan)
002045	E.ON:	£136.62 (MH Energy)
002046	Wickstead:	£162.00 (Playground Inspections)
002047	NJ Blackwell:	£748.20 (POS Fencing / Emergency canal tree work)
002048	Aylesbury Mains:	£169.94 (PL outstanding repairs)
002049	Richard Whittaker:	£8.10 (Millage > SNC re PreApp Meeting)

002050	SLCC:	£190.00 (Annual subs / MILCM fees – 50% CosPC)
002051	Anglian Water:	£32.29 (MH Water)

(d) To Note Internal Auditors Report dated 2nd February 2012 (circulated)

Issue arising noted **RESOLVED** to receive and note report > for minutes and file and circulated

12. Street Lighting

- (a) PL4 and 10 Willow Grove (ooo) & PL4 The Meadows (igniter)

13. Highways

- (a) Passenham Lane tipping

- (b) No further movement to London Road boundary issue. MKC E-mail copied to NCC and previously circulated for info

- (c) Outstanding issues remain despite follow up complaints

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- (a) Cllr MacDonald raises condition of highway entrance to St Guthlac's

- (b) Litter picking POSs

- (c) Parish Plan Update by Cllr Pateman

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Falcon Drive Car park etc. cleared now under Commercial Centre contract. POS when adopted will require litter picking & along with other POSs as agreed (Min:14)).

A422 / OS Primary School offer under review (Cllr Clarke / SNC deals)

(b) Website Loyalty 5 year plan Minute 10(1)

Supported by Cllr Clayton and agreed

(c) Parish Plan Update Minute 14(c)

Cllr Pateman spoke on the item > for Annual Newsletter and Questionnaire for Summer edition

5. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

Updated – no further progress

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

None

7. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)

Not present but previous E-mails updated members

(b) Cllr Walker (NCC)

Spoke on NCC Budget now approved after protracted discussion (4 year plan saving £24 - £28M pa); Joint working with Cambridgeshire (more later); PFI (Street lamps) replacement over the next 3-4 years in consultation with NCC/SNC/PCs (discussed); No changes proposed in Public Transport, Libraries (reduced working week hours with Sunday opening); Boundary Commission proposals agreed? ready by Oct12 for May13 County elections

8. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2012/0251/FUL Demolish existing open porch and replace. 11 Chapmans Drive

* No objections provided matching brickwork. Plan shows different door from that proposed

(b) Decision Notices

Permit - Double Garage rear 52 Mounthill Ave

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

None

(d) Communities Infrastructure Levy

Previously circulated > NFA at this time – but to note Appeal site and ACE Plant site for the future

9. Press Notices

None

10. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) Arnold Thomson (Solicitors)**

Confirmation that transfer of Falcon Drive POS is imminent with housekeeping matters dealt with by the clerk including site maintenance. S106 Commuted sum will require updating (to CR as previously advise until level of funding requirements are known at year end) > noted

*** (b) N/CALC Training Calendar**

Cllrs to note

*** (c) Northants Police**

2012 Police Open Day at Wooton Hall Park HQ Saturday 12 May 11 – 4pm > noted (Newsletter)

(d) SNC

Non Domestic Rates for both the Memorial Hall and Playing Field received – Discretionary Charity Relief claimed = £0 due > for file

*** (e) Donald Ritson for Friends of Passenham**

Complaint on 40mph proposals and white carriageway lining w/o consultation > invited to meeting

* As unable to attend the clerk had advise that 40mph was not instead of 30pmh and the reason

NCC had agreed to MKPT concerns about safety of new fencing to be installed > reply read

(see also Min:13(a))

*** (f) BDO Audit Briefing**

Changes due to the proposed abolition of the Audit Commission > noted

*** (g) Nat West**

Ahead for Business re OSPC account > the clerk advises that he banks with NatWest and to avoid a conflict of interest seeks to remain with Lloyds TSB for approval

* **RESOLVED** to approve clerk's advice

*** (h) Wicksteed Leisure**

Further letter re recent Playground inspection recommendations > NFA at this time confirmed

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002062	K Peach:	£304.44 (MH, Millennium seat and POS N/B Repairs)

Post Dated 1/4/12

002063	Mh-p Internet Ltd:	£672.00 (Hosting & Updated Plan H)*
002064	Came & Company:	£2,032.87 (Village Insurance Premium) :

* Updated (Loyalty) Plan H with a 5 year fixed annual fee for web management (the clerk to E-mail confirmation of agreement seeking advice from Cllr Clayton)

12. Street Lighting

(a) PLs 3 Hall Close & PL7 Oxfield Park Drive ooo

13. Highways

(a) Complaint of litter strewn A5 Northants compared with MKC > SNC and AONE (HA Contractors + signage affecting public safety) Cllr Clarke also advised

(b) Towcester Road verges near shop (caused by parking issues) > site meeting with NCC

(c) London Road verge opposite Swan PH still requires siding out > site meeting with NCC

(d) Complaints of White Lining HGV Deanshanger Road opp Manorfields Road between the build out and the give way markings > Dangerous position

* > Police (Cllr Rogers also to speak to driver living opposite)

14. Litter Picking of POSs

AH Contracts quotation received for approval from 1st April 2012 (Falcon Drive may increase costs once transferred)

RESOLVED to approve for 3 months trial

15. St Guthlac's Church access from Highway Land

NCC advised re Highway land - Awaits PCC response re suggested resolution

16. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) Jubilee Celebrations in Old Stratford?

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4. Casual Vacancy – Co-option

Co-option > Mrs Susan Tait unanimously approved

Declaration of Acceptance (+ Financial Declaration) (with copies of Standing Orders and Code of Practice)

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

(a) Falcon Drive POS Adoption Minute 10(a)

S106 Commuted Sums deposited with Solicitors > awaits final signatories and POS maintenance

* Commuted sum discussed (Q re Dec2010 date which may be a typo error)

(b) St Guthlac's Church access from Highway Land Minute 15

NCC advised re Highway land - PCC Chair request site visit

* Cllrs Whittaker and MacDonald to deal

(c) MKPT Ranger details re unauthorised trespassers 100 acre field

(Dawn Moreland 07770646583) (amended)

6. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

Updated – no further progress: Questionnaire discussed

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

None

8. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)

Notes of her Feb meeting with School Governors circulated

Info re ACE Plant app > Committee 26th April? To be confirmed

(b) Cllr Walker (NCC)

No report

9. Planning

(a) Applications Received

**S/2012/0368/MAR Residential development of 33 dwellings - Land east of Deanshanger Road
(Appeal site – new developer reducing Appeal permission from 35 > 33)**

* Improved layout on previous and is generally supported as is the reduction from 35 > 33
However the following observations are made: There are no 2 bed premises for purchase (only social); there is a need to further protect the hedgerows already cut back by a previous developer and we have yet to be convinced that the existing sewer connections of Deanshanger Road properties will not be affected by or during the proposed development

(S/2012/0365/EXT Extension of time for application for 35 dwellings outline (as above))

* No objection

(b) Decision Notices

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

None

10. Press Notices

None

11. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) New N/CALC Training Calendar**

Cllrs to note > details with the clerk

(b) Anglian Water

Drought situation and imminent hosepipe ban from 5 April explained > previously circulated

*** (c) N/CALC**

Annual Subscription 2012/13 Includes Internal Audit Service for approval

* **RESOLVED** to approve

(d) BDO – Notice of Annual Audit

For file and completion for May meeting

*** (e) SNC > Democratic & Elections Officer**

Use of OS Memorial Hall for Police and Crime Commissioner Election 15 November

* **RESOLVED** to approve @ £200

*** (f) AH Contracts**

Contract renewal (continuing special rate £2.30 per bin+vat) for signature

* **RESOLVED** to approve and signed

*** (g) Northamptonshire ACRE**

SNC HGV Study (Training/Information workshop) 2pm Monday 23rd April @ SNC

(OS is one of 16 Sustainable villages) seeking two local volunteers to conduct manual traffic counts during a week in May 2012 (Important to partake as most affected) as part of the Local Transport Strategy > for autumn 2012 and pilot project for 2013/14

* Attending / Volunteers?

*** (h) MGWSP**

NCC Highways Community Enhancement Gangs – repair request of necessary/outstanding works

* Cllr Pateman deals > with the clerk

(i) N/CALC
Update > circulated

12. 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: £451.91
Business Call a/c: £23,405.88
Earmarked Reserves: £21,855.41 (includes MH income)
Available Capital = £2,002.38 (excluding ERs)

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

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

002065	Clerks Salary:	£637.54
002066	HMRC:	£187.86 (IT/NIC)
002067	Petty Cash:	£58.06 (includes incidental supply/mileage)
002068	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
002069	AH Contractors:	£165.60 (Dog Bins – Mar)
002070	Aylesbury Mains:	£186.10 (PL Repairs)
002071	ACS:	£10.00 (MH Windows - Mar)
002072	Viking:	£180.38 (Office supplies – 50% part by CosPC)
002073	NJ Blackwell:	£606.38 (Mowing)
002074	N/CALC:	£535.57 (Annual subs/Internal audit fees – Min:11(c))
002075	E.ON:	£1,056.14 (Unmetered PL supply)

13. Street Lighting

(a) PL4 Deanshanger Road & PL24 Dickens Drive ooo (reported 9/4)

14. Highways

(a) RS12 cross field path is again ploughed up > FPW deals

(b) Further Highway defects > Cllr Pateman re Community Enhancement Request (Min:11(h))

15. Website Loyalty Scheme for formal approval (no charge)

Previously approved for formal Minute purposes as required by Webmaster

16. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) Q re Parish Plan > for Annual Open Meeting

17. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 17th April 2012 Annual Open Meeting commencing at 7.30pm

Tuesday 8th May (Annual Meeting) commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.31pm

**Old Stratford Parish Council
Outstanding Activities
April 2012**

Date first Raised	Item	Parish Action	Action by Others
Update	Parish Plan Quality Council Neighbourhood Plan	> Actioned > Action deferred > <i>Action deferred until Localism Bill & NPPF</i>	> Review for implementation > deferred > under review (due to cost)
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 presence > clerk
Update	Allotments	Oxford Park – not suitable. 100 acre field > 152 acres now in MKPT ownership	<i>OSPC met with (which may include Oxford Park maintenance) decision awaits</i>
Ongoing	Highway Issues	Deanshanger Road / A422 improvements installed – missing OS name plate. Village enhancement to include Passenham. London Road HGV volume	Passenham 40mph approved awaits installation Resiting 30/40mph signs still imminent? MK boundary
Update	Drainage problems	Cosgrove Road / London Road - river bridge all main issues – Ongoing + (Water Close (watching brief)) & Deanshanger Road	Some remedial maintenance carried out – watching brief on other issues some seen as minor by NCC > chased > site meeting April 12
Ongoing	Speed complaint SIDs	London Road current siting (counts justify action) Police advised request local speed enforcement	Enforcement action chased but still not agreed
Reviewed Update	Towcester Road Verges	> deferred <i>NCC Budget cuts had reduced funding for local projects?</i>	Outstanding > deferred to site meeting and includes o/s shop
Ongoing	Dog Fouling	Cllr Meadowcroft deals	Monitor after additional signs in place > ongoing (Newsletters)
Review	Post Office	Clerk had liaised support with Bridge Stores re 'return' of PO	Positive response awaits outcome with PO (negative). MP/Cllr Clarke assists - No progress to date
June 2011	Localism Bill	Action considered	Enquiries as to proceed as part of the Parish Plan only
Aug 2011/ Feb 2012	New School rumoured Contrary to policy	OSPC Excluded from any consultation. Although fact finding meeting held was inconclusive of proposals	NFA – without Planning Application Pre App meeting held – NFA No further progress

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF OLD STRATFORD ANNUAL OPEN MEETING

Held on 17th April 2012 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mr D MacDonald, Ms K Morris, Mr A Pateman, Mr G Rogers, Mrs S Tait

Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllrs Mrs M Clarke (SNC)), Mr A Walker (NCC), PCSO James Herbert (Northants Police Safe Community Team) and 8 members of the public

1 Apologies

Cllrs Mr I Baxter, Mr B Clayton, Mr D Meadowcroft, Mrs P Stevenson, Mrs Helen Howard (NCC Customer Liaison Officer)

2 Minutes of the 2011 AOM (displayed nb)

Minutes of the AOM meeting had been previously displayed and approved at the May 2011 AGM

3 Any Outstanding Matters

(a) Allotments

Update given and await MKPT decision on lease

(b) Development Issues

Recent appeals decisions against planning refusals were highlighted + current position on the ACE Plant relocation waiting for the outline permission details for the existing site. Also highlighted in the Annual Newsletter were the proposals for a new school which was no further forward

(c) Willow tree removal – Deanshanger Road / Willow Grove replacement

Willow not seen as appropriate - oak replacement agreed > for Autumn planting

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 2010/2011 | } No comments |
| (b) | Observation of Finance 2011/2012 | } Approved |
| (c) | Budget Proposals 2012/2013 | } Approved |

* Unanimously adopted

6 Report from Northamptonshire Police

PCSO James Herbert was introduced and spoke on In Old Stratford and gave updated crime figures

Previous Crime figures >

<i>Burglary Dwelling</i>	2 > 0	
<i>Burglary Other</i>	1 > 3	(from garages and sheds etc)
<i>Criminal Damage</i>	11 > 13	
<i>Drugs</i>	5 > 1	
<i>Violence</i>	6 > 9	
<i>Sexual Offences</i>	1 > 1	
<i>Robbery</i>	1 > 0	
<i>Theft from M/V</i>	6 > 4	

<i>Theft of M/V</i>	<i>0 > 3</i>
<i>Theft / Handling</i>	<i>7 > 12</i>
<i>Deception / Fraud</i>	<i>2 > 1</i>
Total Crimes	47 (a reduction on previous years 42)

With Qs on general policing, operations, school visits, PCSO Herbert Wallace was thanked for attending and he left the meeting

7. Report from NCC Highways

Apologies received – outstanding issues Passenham Speed Limit (delayed by admin error and delayed), MK/NCC Boundary issues (chased by Cllr Clarke) awaits Heads Up meeting TBA

8 Report from District Councillor

It has been my privilege to serve Old Stratford & Passenham since May 2011. My background as Leader and Councillor for the past thirteen years has helped me understand the needs of the ward, deal with your case work and work to resolve your issues promptly.

At the start of the year, I listened to your views about the need for improvement to the local support infrastructure and your desire to preserve what is special about the lovely villages of Old Stratford & Passenham. In this connection, I continue to work closely with your Parish Council and the County Council to support their efforts to realise the much needed changes required.

You also expressed concern about the air quality associated with the heavy traffic on Towcester Road and London Road and I have arranged for the Council to monitor this.

Planning, transport and parking issues have figured very highly in your subsequent letters. As the District Council has already started working with other communities to prepare Neighbourhood Plans to address these complex matters, I have asked our officers to work with you and the Parish Council to do likewise. This would provide a vehicle for you to set out what you want to see happen around key issues.

A neighbourhood plan like the one SNC helped Roade prepare will make a difference by developing an integrated approach to delivering local services and it will act as a focus for lobbying for more resources for the community. This is an opportunity to make your voice heard and shape services to meet your needs. I do hope that we can work together to make a difference.

As a ward Councillor, I have helped many of you in a wide range of ways. I have dealt with a variety of casework by visiting residents at home and holding monthly surgeries in the Memorial Hall, Old Stratford on the last Saturday of each month. My next surgery is on the 28th April 2012.

This year has been one of the most challenging in my time as a local Councillor. We continue to receive reduced budget settlements from central government. However we remain committed to providing cost effective services to the community we serve. We understand that individuals and businesses are facing challenging economic times and we have decided to freeze our Council tax again in 2012/13. We will continue to find other innovative ways to protect our services as far as possible.

The Government announced plans to reduce public expenditure in October 2010, but we had prudently planned for this eventuality, taking £1m out of our base budget in June 2010. This began the process of balancing our books. In December 2010, Councillors from both South Northamptonshire Council (SNC) and Cherwell District Council (CDC) agreed to share a senior management team, working across both organisations. Over a five year period, it is anticipated that this will save SNC £1.8 million.

In taking this pro active approach, we find ourselves in a relatively strong position for the next financial year and beyond. This will help us to spend money where it is most needed-on frontline services-and meet the needs of you our residents in South Northamptonshire.

Planning

Old Stratford has been subjected to significant unplanned development in the recent past. It is against this background that I have taken up a number of planning matters on your behalf. SNC are the planning authority and as a District Councillor, I must take notice of the fact that planning

decisions involve considering private development proposals against the wider public interest. Indeed much is often at stake, particularly the financial value of landholdings and the quality of their settings, and opposing views are often held by those involved. It is important therefore, that planning decisions affecting these interests are made openly, impartially, with sound judgement and for justifiable reasons. As your District Councillor, I take account of the many and various views expressed, without favour to any person, company, group or locality, nor put myself in a position where I appear to do so. I am legally obliged to follow the process which should leave no grounds for suggesting that a decision has been partial, biased or not well founded in any way.

Land East of the Meadows

The land east of the Meadows has a chequered history. Planning permission was granted in August 2003 for the redevelopment of Holtons Yard and the erection of 34 dwellings (now known as 'The Meadows (S/2002/1473/P). Then planning permission was granted at appeal for the erection of 35 dwellings on the existing small paddock to the west of the application site (S/2008/0707/PO). This site is still to be developed and a reserved matters application for 33 dwellings on this site S/2012/0368/MAR was received on the 26th March 2012 from Roxley Estates together with S/2012/0365/EXT an extension of time application for (S/2008/0707/PO) residential development for 35 dwellings (outline) was received on the 23rd March 2012 from the same applicant.

Planning permission was refused in April 2010 for outline consent for a further 31 dwellings on an adjacent application site. Permission was refused on the grounds that the cumulative quantum of development, when added to the 35 dwellings on the adjoining paddock (66), would significantly exceed the indicative target set in the Interim Rural Housing Policy (43) and the local need for housing. The development would conflict with sustainable development objectives and the spatial priorities for the region, which seek urban focused development and the protection of villages from inappropriate growth.

In October 2010, I raised a letter of objection to a further outline planning permission (all matters reserved S/2010/0639/MAO) for the erection of 15 dwellings on that part of the existing field that was included within the site that was refused in April 2010. This planning application was refused by SNC. Then an appeal hearing was held on 13 December 2011. Again, I lodged a further objection, and together with the Parish Council we spoke at the appeal as it is always very useful for an inspector to hear from local representatives. On the 11th January 2012 the planning inspector dismissed the appeal.

P/2011/0118/PRM-New Primary School and 99? dwellings

I have attended two meetings about the prospect of a new primary school and 99? dwellings. This is still at the pre-application stage. The applicant has significant work to do before submitting a planning application. When this proposal becomes an application and it is put before the Development Control Committee, I will be able to make my views known. Until then, I must remain impartial and listen to all the arguments. I have recommended that there be a proper open public meeting at which the views of the entire village and all of the stakeholders are presented. I will of course be at that meeting and I will consider all of your views. As the County Council are responsible for education, the Parish Council has taken up the specific queries about the need for a new school or upgraded facilities.

ACE Plant Hire site at Cosgrove Road (S/2011/1092/MAO)

The above application is to be considered as enabling development for the relocation of Ace Plant Hire to the 'Furtho Pit' site S/2010/0923/MAO. If this application is recommended for approval, then I have asked for a Section 106 contribution to cover the preservation of the course of the old canal by providing grassed public open space together with a dedication (information) board on its history retaining the brickwork of the wharf entrance along with the tunnel entrance under Cosgrove Road preserved to properly reflect the historic significance of the Old Buckingham Arm of the Grand Union Canal. I have also requested a contribution towards new play equipment for the play area opposite together with a contribution to a skateboard play area for the youth of the village.

This is the current site of ACE Plant Hire and as such it is regarded as brown field land which will need to be thoroughly decontaminated. In addition, acoustic fencing, 40% affordable housing and a

contribution towards allotment provisions (unless land adjacent is donated) were also requested under section 106. The adjacent footpath RS15 needs to be upgraded and consultation on the boundary vegetation owned by the Parish Council between the old canal and the Canalside development must be carried out.

With enabling development proposals the applicant must provide a property development appraisal setting out the viability of the development which should justify the income from the residential development needed to relocate the existing business to the new site. SNC officers then need to access the viability of the scheme and I have been informed that this is likely to take a further two months which means that this application is unlikely to be considered by the Development Control Committee before July 2012. I will contact you as soon as I have any further news.

Neighbourhood Plans

Yardley Gobion is in the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and on the 5th March 2012, Harpole and Middleton Cheney both villages in South Northamptonshire were successful applicants for government funding to develop a neighbourhood plan. This will help them to manage future development.

I want to draw your attention to the ward profiles for SNC which have been completed and are available for downloading from the SNC website at: <http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/3364.htm> They are intended to be useful for Neighbourhood Planning.

Conservation Areas and village confines

I have been asked to accelerate the delivery of the Conservation Area reviews which were taking place at 5 reviews per annum. With 53 such areas designated in the South Northamptonshire District this is currently scheduled to take 10 years to complete, a long time given the development pressures faced by many settlements. I have specifically asked SNC to look at a method for speeding up delivery of the Old Stratford & Passenham reviews.

Passenham was first designated a Conservation Area in April 1985. However Old Stratford is without a designated Conservation Area or Village Confine. As Old Stratford is one of those areas where there is developer interest, I have recommended that we are considered as a priority for the village confines and conservation area reviews.

Transport matters

I have been asked by a number of residents of Old Stratford and Passenham together with your Parish Council to bring together the relevant parties to discuss suggested improvements to the transport network in and around Old Stratford. To date the perception is that changes seem to be made by each County Council independently.

The areas of consideration are:

- The A422, A508, A5, Deanshanger Road, Towcester Road, London Road.
- Speeding due to different speeding limits on either side of the boundary between Old Stratford and Stony Stratford.
- Significant vibration on Towcester and London Road from heavy lorries affecting the foundations of some houses.
- Parking
- Other improvements are needed if the proposed developments are approved –Ace Plant Hire, Black Horse Field etc.
- Passenham Conservation Area used as a through road from Deanshanger (traffic count 2,500 a day).
- Passenham Road improvements.
- Bridge repairs between Old Stratford and Stony Stratford; and
- Exceptional traffic count on Towcester Road and London Road.

I have now just managed to get a meeting arranged involving SNC, Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) and Milton Keynes Council (MKC). Please let me know if you think I have missed any transport related issues.

In addition, I have been asked to look into Mounthill Avenue traffic calming and after speaking to NCC the safer routes to school team have agreed to look into this when they review their current arrangements later this year.

Enforcement

I have dealt with a number of planning and environment enforcement enquiries. Some have required visits to various sites and the serving of abatement notices. The challenge we face when a property is empty is that we have limited powers in respect of this situation, if empty properties are broken into then we can continue to require them to be secured, but currently we cannot force them into ensuring that the property is occupied. We are exploring the possibility of introducing something more radical to deal with vacant properties more generally, particularly on the back of the Government's new housing strategy.

Keep Old Stratford & Passenheim Tidy

At the request of several residents I have arranged for a number of rubbish clean up operations in Old Stratford. I have also asked the team to revise the frequency of street cleaning here so as to improve things. I am always happy to make sure that additional cleaning takes place if it is required and I will continue to work with the local shops in Towcester Road and Falcon Drive to make sure that things continue to improve. As the local area looks much nicer if we stay on top of things, I would appreciate it if you let me know if you think standards are slipping.

I have also had the twist on twist off litter bin upgraded to a full size lay-by bin outside the general convenience store. As a result of these recent problems I have asked SNC to continue to service this location twice a week. They will also monitor this location for litter and ascertain the effect of the larger bin.

We have performed additional litter picks along the A422 cycle path between Old Stratford & Deanshanger. I have asked SNC to make sure that the footpath is litter picked every three months when Old Stratford and Deanshanger receive their full cleanse. Can I ask you to keep me appraised of any further developments? If you would like to take part in a 'Lose the Litter scheme' then please let me know.

Old Stratford Primary School

It was a pleasure to attend a Governors meeting at Old Stratford Primary School (OSPS) to explain how local authorities work, planning policy and how planning applications are determined.

I also received a kind invitation to the Friday Celebration Assembly on the 2nd March 2012. I really enjoyed being there and meeting the reception class before handing out certificates and medals to the rest of the children. Well done to all the staff and the children at OSPS.

Air Quality Monitoring

Since it is now 5 years since SNC last monitored Old Stratford, I asked the Council to revisit it again. I heard about the increased volume of traffic using both the A5 and the old A5 through the village. The environmental protection team installed new monitoring equipment in Old Stratford in January 2012. Two diffusion tubes were located to assess air quality against the annual mean air quality objective for nitrogen oxide. As we are assessing against an annual mean objective level the location of the diffusion tubes across the district are reviewed at the end of each calendar year. I will keep you informed about the results.

Housing and other related matters

I have carried out confidential case work with certain residents regarding Housing and Health matters and disabled support facilities.

5 year land supply

SNC Housing Land Availability Study now shows greater than 5 years supply of housing land. This represents significant improvement on the 4.1 years in the 2009/10 study and is above the 5 year requirement.

The Core Strategy identifies a number of large strategic sites within South Northamptonshire that together will meet the large majority (3,230) of its 4,613 housing requirements across the District by 2026. Planning applications for three of these have already been submitted, two of which

(Radstone Fields and Brackley Sawmills) have been approved by the Council subject to the completion of a S106 agreement.

Aside from the major applications set out in the core strategy there remains little residual requirements for the remainder of the District (i.e.: urban capacity and the villages). At its base date of 2010 the Plan allowed for 1,060 additional dwellings to come forward in the villages by 2026. In the first year of this period new planning permissions or Masterplan allocations were given for a total of 656 dwellings. This represents 62% of the total residual requirement in a single year.

The Council is formally commencing work on its Rural Settlements Development Plan document. This will ensure that detailed work in amending confines to allow for housing to meet any residual housing requirement for the rural areas is completed in a timely way. Based on this clear evidence and referring to Para 70 of the PPS 3 the Council does not consider it necessary or appropriate to grant planning permission for new housing on sites contrary to the current development plan as it has a robust 5 year supply of housing land and the replacement suite of Local Development Framework documents are on course for a timely completion to ensure this is maintained and that the District will meet its housing requirements up to 2026 in a timely manner.

The Council has a continuous and robust 5 year supply of housing land. However, this position is likely to be tested at appeal and there remains a small possibility that if the 5 year supply information is successfully challenged then by retaining the Interim Rural Housing Policy (IRHP) the Council would then be able to prevent an unnecessary policy vacuum based on an appeal decision against the Council that could undermine the housing supply calculation. In that event it may be necessary at least for the short term to revert back to the IRHP and any remaining capacity therein.

With the issue of the Localism Act and the NPPF we will need to work quickly to get our Local Plan in place as the presumption in favour of sustainable development may threaten our Greenfield and open spaces right across the district.

I can be contacted on:-Telephone 07747 7757524 or E-Mail mary.clarke@southnorthants.gov.uk

There were no Qs but members and those present wished to register there thanks for her commitment to OS

9 Report from County Councillor

If last year was bad then this year has been even worse. Recession and cut backs have been the order of the day at the County. We managed the £69M savings I mentioned last year, albeit some serious decisions had to be made to front line services. Buses, Mobile Libraries, Voluntary Organisation reforms, Crime & Prevention, not to mention the savings required in Street Lighting.

This last year we conservatives decided to go for a four year plan of savings (we have to still find another £110M between now and 2015/16) therefore savings of approx £28M per year will be sought. This will definitely put underlying pressure on all our services.

The budget for this year has been agreed and new ways of working are being introduced.

Everyone has to take a hit from the CXO down to the proverbial cleaner employed by the council. We as Councillors will also be reviewing our Allowance scheme to make it more equitable. Reduction in Councillor Numbers under new Boundary Commission changes from 73 Councillors to 57 Councillors will also occur. This is due to come into effect for the May elections of 2013. In essence this means each Councillor will have a bigger area to service and more residents to look after. This is being done in the name of Value for Money (which I agree with). No major changes should be made to the Deanshanger Ward except I will gain a couple of District wards. I look after 8,500 residents at present this will increase to between 9,500 and 10,000 residents.

The Council tax is again frozen this year and ways of cutting out more waste are being explored. "I do wonder if this can be maintained for our front line staff, before services to you the public are seriously hindered"

Although a long introduction I felt it necessary to give you an overall picture of the County Councils dilemma, and the decisions I have to take on your behalf. There are those out there that say it can be done better and not so hurtful. Well they are not the ones making the decisions and it's

easy to be popular by criticising without giving a true picture.

I have represented you all for some 15 years now and times have never been harder for all of us. My record goes before me as your elected County Councillor to diminish as much hardship as possible for all of you. Whether it is through Council Services or Individual assistance with taxes, benefits, lifestyles etc. I can be relied upon to give my time and energy to solving most problems.

My overall assessment is that we live in a beautiful part of the UK and as such except for the occasional hiccup we don't do too badly. Our young people do have decent schools and from my experience their Education is second to none. Us pensioners although not living the high life can and do get by and the County Council is doing all it can for people to be independent (Not being forced into Care homes against their wishes)

The vulnerable are where we continue to put money into, albeit in a different way. Don't be taken in by others **WE ARE NOT CUTTING SERVICES TO THE VULNERABLE** in this County.

We are still maintaining the program of 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 in their own homes. Ok those with a high income are going to have to pay more for this service but that assists those that cannot.

Fortunately the weather has been kinder this winter so our contractor May Gurney has been able to get on with road repairs.

Equally we took the decision to reduce Street lighting to make savings. In most of this ward the lights are owned by the Parish Councils (so there are savings to be made if you're prudent). Most other councils also followed suite irrespective of what political party is in power.

We are still sharing a number of back office functions with Cambridgeshire to reduce both our costs IT, HR.

Yes we stopped the £500,000 to the Police Authority for PCSO's. This was only ever a three year deal and the Police themselves are cutting officers. Through negotiations with the Police Authority and Government funding grants we (NCC) have put back £300,000 to assist with violent crime within the county. The police have matched this to spend on operational problems.....

We renegotiated Bus services to make travel more accommodating. Not everyone agreed but it was mostly by those that did not use the services and to be honest most rural routes are underused at tremendous cost. Mind you some communities actually did better.

I still have the important role of Scrutiny Champion for NCC, ex officio Cabinet member, sitting in on cabinet briefings and advising where necessary. If anyone has been following this then this year has been more transparent than ever to see how we arrived at our Budget.

I was again elected Chair to the Local Government East Midland Scrutiny Network.

During the year I gave up my role as Chair of Governors/Governor after 11 years at Elisabeth Woodville school due to a conflict of Interest as your County Councillor

There has been a reduction in the Empowering Councillors Scheme to (£7,000) but I did donate money to help Old Stratford PC, for a Children's Play Scheme.

My activities locally as your County Councillor In Old Stratford this has involved Street Lighting on the (A5 Watling Street). Local Bus services, 89/90. Road Maintenance in and around the area. Bus Stop (Deanshanger Rd). Verges A5 Watling Street. No Entry Right Turn off A422 into Old Stratford. Travellers (Shady Corner). Passenham Traffic speeding concerns. As well as attending as many PC meetings as possible to understand and resolve local issues.

On a brighter note it is the Queens Jubilee this year and I look forward to attending some of the activities that will be going on throughout the Ward.

My local work activity for parishioners remains high yearly mainly due to the recession and red tape. I still manage to maintain a turn around to all enquiries in 24hrs of 100%

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

I can be contacted on:- Telephone 01908 – 260302

E-Mail awalker@northamptonshire.gov.uk

There were no Qs and Cllr Walker gave apologies and left the meeting

10 Any Other Business

(a) After a general discussion on OS issues the Q of the number of newsletters delivered and the number attending was disappointing. One suggestion was that the front page of the Annual Newsletter be used to advertise the AOM with reference to the agenda on the back page

With no other business the meeting close at 9.30pm

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 8th May 2012 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 S Tait

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

1. Election of Chairman

Proposed by Cllr MacDonald seconded by Cllr Rogers that Cllr Whittaker continue as Chairman

* Cllr Whittaker accepted the nomination and signed the Declaration of Acceptance

2. Election of Vice Chairman

Proposed by Cllr Rogers seconded by Cllr Baxter that Cllr Pateman continue as Vice Chairman

* Cllr Pateman accepted the nomination and signed the Declaration of Acceptance

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr B Clayton (away) & Mrs P Stevenson (unwell)

4. Election of Working Groups and Representatives

The following working parties and representatives were then agreed 2012/2013

Planning:	Full council following current practice
Finance:	Cllrs Whittaker, MacDonald, Rogers & Stevenson
General Purpose:	Cllrs Baxter, Pateman, Rogers & Meadowcroft
Scrutiny Committee:	Cllrs Clayton, Pateman, MacDonald, Tait & Whittaker
Transport Representative:	Cllr Rogers (with the clerk)
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 member)

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

None

6. Adoption of Standing Orders, Revised Code of Conduct, Financial Regulations & Risk Assessments for 2012/2013

7. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 10th April 2012

Minutes of the meeting 10th April 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) Falcon Drive POS Adoption Minute 5(a)

S106 Commuted Sums waits final signatures after POS maintenance completed

(b) St Guthlac's Church access from Highway Land Minute 5(b)

NCC advised re Highway land - PCC Chair request site visit / Update on proposals

* Cllrs Whittaker and MacDonald deal NFA at this time

(c) SNC HGV Study Minute 11(g)

Training/Information workshop rescheduled > 2pm Monday 21st May @ SNC > Cllr MacDonald

(d) Website Loyalty Scheme (no charge) Minute 15

Previously approved but not available due to Contract? > Cllr Clayton NFA

(e) Litter pick outstanding

Village litter pick carried out by Primary School > report from Cllr Tait

* **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 £50.00 + letter of thanks

9. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Annual Open Meeting dated 17th April 2012

Minutes of the AOM 17th April 2012 were approved

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

(a) Comment on attendance Minute 10(a)

Suggestion re lead page of Annual Newsletter > Approved clerk to note and implement

11. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

Recent SID counts noted > Cllr Clarke – Cllr MacDonald to note HGV survey from MK

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

Weed issues noted

13. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)

Spoke on the sad death of SNC Vice Chairman / Annual Council Meeting delayed; SNC Business workshop 28th May (5.30pm Local Businesses); Proposed changes to Committees structure; Funding of SNC; Strategic and Rural Planning; NPPF; No progress on School or ACE Plant site applications; Flooding discussed at length and advice on Emergency Planning; Travellers on OSPC boundary (Shady corner); MKC/SNC/NCC has called meeting 17th May re OS issues; Food waste (implemented by HMG); Code of Conduct (appealed by Localism Act) with new Code (through Standards Board) to be adopted asap when published.

(b) Cllr Walker (NCC)

Not present – no reports

14. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2012/0394/ EXT Extension of time for application for pair of semi-detached dwellings outline (S/2009/0155/PO) 5 Cosgrove Road

* With the state of the dwelling and poorly enclosed garden (overgrown rubbish tip), the effects on the party wall through damp, dry or wet rot and the insecure derelict building attached to no 9 Cosgrove Road who's residents are in continual fear of both continual vermin infestation and the dangers of fire (arson) despite the meagre inadequate efforts to secure the premises. Attempts for enforcement have only meant the least of efforts to comply before the next time. This situation should not be allowed to continue. A requirement should now be made to properly clear the site

and make the premises secure and threat free to the adjoining property. The state of the property market should not be allowed to dictate the applicant's future action

MKC-12/00786/MIN Variation of condition 35 (end date) of 04/02194/MIN to extend period necessary to complete (restoration etc) Land at Calverton east of Passenham Sand and Gravel Pit **S/2012/0506/PC (For information only)** NCC (Minerals) consultation to vary condition 2 (end date) of permission S/05/395C for the retention of the processing plant in relation to the above Passenham Quarry, Buckingham Road, Deanshanger (part of the NCC Mineral & Waste Plan)
* Comments to be made about the neglected area and process plant exit

(b) Decision Notices

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

None

15. Press Notices

None

16. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) OS Community Hall**

Successful afternoon teas held in the MH (as a 1 off) requested for regular last Friday of the month

* Use approved > FOC

(b) NJ Blackwell

Certificate of Public and Product Liability Insurance = £5,000,000 > noted for file

*** (c) N/CALC re Whole Council Development**

Tailored training session on roles and responsibilities > circulated for info

(d) SNC Communication Assistant

Big recycling changes on the horizon > previously circulated and noted for file

*** (e) Warwickshire/Northamptonshire Air Ambulance**

Donation request of £32

* **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 £32.00

(f) External Auditor BDO retain Northamptonshire

Last act of soon-to-be abolished Audit Commission - in procuring BDO for the next 5 years > noted

*** (g) Came & Company (PCs Insurers)**

As a result of an SLCC Insurance workshop the Q of end of year accounts –v- Renewal date arose Insurers have agreed to extend cover from 12 > 16 months at no extra charge (Fixed contract fee remains) = Next renewal date is 1 Oct 2013. Agreement attached

* Agreement is recommended for approval

*** (h) SNATS (South Northants Neighbourhood Watch Support Team)**

Newsletter support for £10 requested > for Approval (Budget supports)

* **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 £10.00

*** (i) NCC Pocket Parks Officer**

The Great British Elm Experiment

17. 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: £438.41
Business Call a/c: £35,924.39
Earmarked Reserves: £15,335.41 (includes MH income)
Available Capital = £21,027.39 (excluding ERs)

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

(c) The Payment of outstanding accounts listed below

002076	Clerks Salary:	£637.38
002077	HMRC:	£178.20 (IT/NIC) (NI Adjusted)
002078	Petty Cash:	£38.76 (includes incidental supply/mileage)
002079	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
002080	AH Contractors:	£132.48 (Dog Bins – Apr)
002081	Aylesbury Mains:	£85.33 (PL Repairs)
002082	ACS:	£10.00 (MH Windows - Apr)
002083	NJ Blackwell:	£724.52 (Mowing)
002084	NWBS:	£210.00 (Pension contribution)
002085	OS Community Hall:	£2,500.00 (s136 Donation towards user groups)
002086	Mh-p:	£18.00 (Web fees)
002087	E.ON:	£144.68 (MH energy)
002088	Canon UK:	£106.82 (Equipment Hire)
002089	OS Primary School:	£50.00 (s137 Donation Min:9(e))
002090	WNAA:	£32.00 (s137 Donation Min:17(e))
002091	SNATS:	£10.00 (s137 Donation Min:17(h))

(d) To Approve End of Year Accounts for Audit (including R&P Book for signature)

End of Year Accounts 31st March 2012 presented for signature including the Receipts and Payments Book and Accounts for Audit (Internal audit completed this day)

18. Street Lighting

No reports

29. Highways

(a) Major flooding Mounthill Ave Cul-de-sac involved the clerk Sunday pm > defective system forcing storm water to back up flooding 4 properties > details given (along with 50% PCs Aqua sack allocation used)

* Blockage cleared, broken pipes repaired – further heavy rain highlighted additional problems Deanshanger Road (again) and Mounthill Ave cul-de-sac No's 81 (previous blockage Willow Grove/Deanshanger Road? > MGWSP

(b) Further long term blocked drains increase flooding issues to be further highlighted

(c) Towcester Road gully collapse reported due to danger/road safety

(d) OS RAB > complaint made re Bill Boards affecting road safety

- (e) Street closure regs for Jubilee relaxed > details circulated
- (f) Site meeting with NCC/MGWSP re outstanding items to be arranged
- (g) Rivercrest Road / Manorfields Road kerb damaged due to reversing HGVs and parked cars
- (h) Safe Routes to School blocked during recent wet weather and standing water

20. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) Noted were the sad deaths of Violet Ratcliffe at 92 (a former member of the Village Association and great influence on village life in the past) and the sudden death of OSs oldest resident at 102 Edith Knibbs > Passenham Charities

* The clerk had sent Condolences on behalf of the OSPC .

21. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 12th June 2012 Annual Open Meeting commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

**Old Stratford Parish Council
Outstanding Activities
May 2012**

Date first Raised	Item	Parish Action	Action by Others
Update	Parish Plan Quality Council Neighbourhood Plan	> Actioned > Action deferred > <i>Action deferred until Localism Bill & NPPF</i>	> Review for implementation > deferred > under review (due to cost)
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 presence > clerk
Update	Allotments	Oxford Park – not suitable. 100 acre field > 152 acres now in MKPT ownership	OSPC request land (which may include Oxford Park maintenance) decision awaits
Ongoing	Highway Issues	Deanshanger Road / A422 improvements installed – missing OS name plate. Village enhancement to include Passenham. London Road HGV volume	Passenham 40mph approved awaits installation Resiting 30/40mph signs still imminent? MK boundary. Awaits result of Xborder MKC / SNC / NCC meeting arranged by Dist Cllr Further
Update	Drainage problems	Cosgrove Road / London Road - river bridge all main issues – Ongoing + (Water Close (watching brief)) & Deanshanger Road	Some remedial maintenance carried out – watching brief on other issues some seen as minor by NCC > meeting with MGWSP/NCC to be arranged + outstanding flooding issues
Ongoing	Speed complaint SIDs	London Road current siting (counts justify action) Police advised request local speed enforcement	Enforcement action chased but still not agreed
Reviewed Update	Towcester Road Verges	> deferred <i>NCC Budget cuts had reduced funding for local projects?</i>	Outstanding > deferred to site meeting as above and includes o/s shop
Ongoing	Dog Fouling	Cllr Meadowcroft deals	Monitor after additional signs in place > ongoing (Newsletters)
Review	Post Office	Clerk had liaised support with Bridge Stores re 'return' of PO	Positive response awaits outcome with PO (negative). MP/Cllr Clarke assists - No progress to date
June 2011	Localism Bill	Action considered	Enquiries as to proceed as part of the Parish Plan only
Aug 2011/ Feb 2012	New School rumoured Contrary to policy	OSPC Excluded from any consultation. Although fact finding meeting held was inconclusive of proposals	NFA – without Planning Application Pre App meeting held – NFA No further progress

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 12th June 2012 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mr I Baxter, Mr B Clayton, Mr D Meadowcroft, Ms K Morris, Mr A Pateman, Mr G Rogers, Mrs P Stevenson & Mrs S Tait
Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk) and 0 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr D MacDonald (injured), Mrs M Clarke (SNC)(Work) & Mr A Walker (NCC)(Holiday)

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

None

3. Adoption of New Code of Conduct commencing 1st July 2012 (Localism Act 2011)

That the Code of Conduct annexed and expected to be adopted by South Northamptonshire Council be adopted as the code for members and co-opted members of the Old Stratford Parish Council with effect from 1 July 2012, or such other date as may be specified in regulations *, to replace the current Code of Conduct; and

The Clerk be requested to notify the Monitoring Officer of South Northamptonshire Council of the passing of the above resolution”

* **RESOLVED** that the new Code of Conduct be adopted as of the 1 July 2012 (copies issued)

4. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 8th May 2012

Minutes of the meeting 8th May 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) SNC HGV Study Minute 8(c)

Discussed > clerk to advise times

(b) OS Primary School Minute 8(e)

Letter of thanks for donation re Litter Pick > noted for file

(c) Warwickshire Northamptonshire Air Ambulance Minute 16(e)

Letter of thanks for donation towards WNAA running costs > noted for file

(d) The Great British Elm Experiment Minute 16(i)

Application accepted – Project name required

(e) Falcon Drive POS Outstanding

Formal transfer to OSPC dated 17/5/2012 > signed sealed and returned to Solicitors

* Commuted Sums deposited (see Min:12(d)) - LR Title awaits registration

(f) Passenham Liaison Group Outstanding

Meeting held this day updating on Planning Applications and life of site extension

6. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

Latest SID counts noted > awaits police action previously requested (CPSO Visit 11/6/12)

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

8. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)

Report given on cross border meeting she attended > for file

(b) Cllr Walker (NCC)

No reports

9. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2012/0634/NA Vary condition 35 (end date) of permission 04/02194/MIN to extend the period necessary to complete sand and gravel extraction with restoration to agriculture using imported inert materials by a further 5 years. Land at Calverton, east of Passenham sand and gravel pit

* NCC will be recommending approval (reduction in operating times and site supervision to take note of OSPC and local complaints (see Min:5(f))

(b) Decision Notices

Approved - Extension of time for application for pair of semi-detached dwellings outline (S/2009/0155/PO) 5 Cosgrove Road (without OSPC requests on enforcement)

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

None

10. Press Notices

None

11. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) SNC Communications Assistance**

Big recycling changes on the horizon > previously circulated for info and discussed at length

(b) External Auditor BDO retain Northamptonshire

Last act of soon-to-be abolished Audit Commission - in procuring BDO for the next 5 years > noted

*** (c) Woodland Trust**

Dedication of trees and woodland > circulated for comment / involvement

(d) NCC Empowering Councillors & Communities Scheme

Return for NCC Grant completed 24th May

(e) NALC Head of Legal Services

Comments of template proposal for code of conduct for parish council > for file

(f) SNC Head of Law & Governance

Localism Act 2011 – New Code of Conduct to be adopted before 1st July (see Min:3)

(g) N/CALC

Additional advice appears to indicate that new Register of Interests forms to be completed

* Awaits confirmation?

12. 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:	£425.24
Business Call a/c:	£52,362.04 (+ VAT repay & Commuted Sum > Min:12 d))
Earmarked Reserves:	£39,894.41 (includes MH income & Commuted Sum)
Available Capital =	£12,892.87 (excluding ERs)

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

(c) The Payment of outstanding accounts listed below

002092	Clerks Salary:	£637.38
002093	HMRC:	£183.03 (PAYE/NIC)
002094	Petty Cash:	£87.07 (includes Firewall/incidental supply/mileage)
002095	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
002096	AH Contractors:	£189.60 (Dog Bins & Litter Pick – May)
002097	Aylesbury Mains:	£353.20 (PL Repairs)
002098	ACS:	£10.00 (MH Windows - May)
002099	NJ Blackwell:	£688.52 (Mowing)
002100	Anglian Water:	£35.90 (MH Water Rates)
002101	British Gas:	£117.27 (MH Gas)
002102	N/CALC:	£58.00 (Cllr Training fees Cllrs Morris/Tait)
002103	Cllr Morris:	£34.50 (Millage as above))

(d) To determine destination of s106 Commuted Sums (Falcon Drive POS)

RESOLVED that monies taken at 1st April 2012 from the Memorial Hall Fund (£5,800) & Lighting Fund (£1,800) to boost unacceptably low Capital Reserves at 31st March 2012 be repaid with the remaining £12,709 placed in a renamed Earmarked Reserve Fund 'Project / Emergency Fund'

13. Street Lighting

(a) PL2 Mounthill Ave > repaired; PL4 Hall Close (igniter); PL5 Oxfield (ooo) & PL10 Mounthill Ave (ooo)

14. Highways

(a) Highway Inspection with NCC/MGWSP delayed as MGWSP Area Manager leaves on 19th June > Chased as outstanding matters are seen as urgent (due to neglect and regular reports)

(b) Poor state of footway o/s shop > o/s No 2A Towcester Road and danger discussed
* NCC to be given notice to avoid accident claims and request footway closure until repaired

(c) Passenham – concerns that due to new boundary fencing Passenham Lane NCC are filling in gaps with the unacceptable result that the Lane is being widened contrary to previous agreements

(d) Leylandii hedge planted adjacent to footpath?

15. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) Summer Newsletter discussed at length – suggesting contents

16. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 10th July 2012 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

**Old Stratford Parish Council
Outstanding Activities
June 2012**

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Ongoing	Planning	1. Land off The Meadows 2. ACE Plant site	1. Development awaits 2. No progress

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 10th July 2012 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 – Vacancy remains
Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllr Mrs M Clarke (SNC) & and 1 member of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr B Clayton (work), Ms K Morris, Mrs S Tait & Mr A Walker (NCC) (family commitments)

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

None

3. Completion of new Declaration of Personal Interest (DPI) forms

Further to the new Code of Conduct approved last meeting ‘The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 require new DPIs to be completed before 28th July 2012 to comply with the Localism Act (and delivered to SNC- failure is an offence)

4. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 12th June 2012

Minutes of the meeting 12th June 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) SNC/NACRE LGV Study Minute 5(a)

Completed > results sent and circulated for info (thanks to those participating) > results circulated

(b) Passenham Quarry – Liaison Group Minute 5(f)

Minutes of the meeting circulated for info

(c) Summer Newsletter Minute 15(a)

Suggested contents or Questionnaire only as not a lot of progress on outstanding planning issues

(d) Leylandii hedge Mounthill Ave? Minute 15(d)

Only issue arises when too high or obstructing footpath width

(e) The Swan PH outstanding

Exterior condition previously discussed. Clerk had e-mail ‘Punch Taverns’ – read along with reply confirming investigation pending > copy to Landlord

(f) 7 Cosgrove Road outstanding

Further advice (thanks to Cllr Baxter) for occupying neighbours + Liaison with Cllr Clarke

(g) Webmaster Report outstanding

Excel -vs- Works Spreadsheet discussed (+ Microsoft Works/Office) and PDF conversion required by webmaster

6. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

Latest SID counts noted > awaits police action previously requested (CPSO Visit 11/6/12)

Draft Questionnaire circulated for comment and/or approval

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

Comments noted and discussed

8. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)

Update on Transport Issues and consultation with NCC/MKC (+Leader) proposed 30/40mph at SS High Street imminent? > OS and River Bridge (Inspection overdue). OS RAB also discussed along with Passenham (proposal!). 7 Cosgrove Road update, along with ACE Plant relocations proposals. District wide review re NPPF (housing alleviation policy); Welfare and Government reforms; Funding notification re supporting people; and changes in Finance grants (meaning a serious reduction in funding from County Council). Meetings also being held to consider needs (including housing)

(b) Cllr Walker (NCC)

No reports

9. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2012/0778/FUL Extension to garage to form games room/gym and use of roof void for storage
32 Oxfield Park Drive

* No objections – observations about roof lights / exterior access to roof space to comply

(b) Decision Notices

Passenham Quarry – Permission granted to Vary Condition 7 (end date) and retain two bailey bridges (to begin within 2 years of permission and completed by end date 31 May 2017). (Note: Operating hours are also reduced from 7.30am – 5pm Mon-Fri (no workings at weekends or BHs))

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

None

10. Press Notices

None

11. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) Royal British Legion**

Annual Wreath Order > for approval @ £17.00 (Usual budgeted Donation £50)

*** (b) CPRE**

Annual subs @ £29.00 for approval

*** (c) Regional Manager (East Midlands)**

Fields of Trust enquiry re nomination of sites

*** (d) Northampton & District Citizens Advice Bureau**

Request to display poster seeking volunteer advisers > nb to be agreed

(e) NCC Libraries

New timetable and facilities - for display > nb and website

*** (f) NCC Highways**

Works planned and completed SN District > nothing south of Potterspury (developer sponsored) In past 6 months noted (however see Min:14(a)) - **Cllr Walker advised**

(g) N/CALC

Training Calendar July – December 2012 > circulated for info and action?

*** (h) Local Boundary Commission**

Electoral Review Northamptonshire > for comment by Cllrs required by 13th August

(i) Local Councils Update

Circulated for info

(j) Environment Agency

Improvements to the flood warning service and maps > circulated for info

*** (k) L&E Consultancy**

Proposed lighting scheme for development off The Meadows

(l) NCC Planning Services

Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework Partial Review > circulated

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RESOLVED to approve by unanimous decision

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002111	NJ Blackwell:	£1,138.11 (Mowing)
002112	E.ON:	£1,056.16 (PL unmetered energy)
002113	Cosgrove PC:	£50.00 (SLCC/CALC Conference fees) (50% CosPC)
002114	Kimbolton Fireworks:	£1,127.22 (Village Fireworks)
002115	RBL Poppy Appeal:	£67.00 (Wreath + donation Min:11(a))
002116	CPRE:	£29.00 (Annual Subs Min:11(b))
002117	Aylesbury Mains:	£59.51 (PL Repairs)
002118	Anglian Water:	£35.90 (MH Water Rates reissued Chq: 002100 lost)

13. Street Lighting

No reports

14. Highways

(a) Highway Inspection with NCC/MGWSP carried out Thursday 28th June.

* Cllr Pateman u/a - Report given by the clerk - Poor state of footway o/s shop > o/s No 2A
Towcester Road marked up for resurfacing and kerb raising. Barriers not agreed

15. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

- (a) CClr Enhancement grants application > Questionnaire costs
- (b) Questionnaire draft > separate meeting to be arranged before next meeting
- (c) Information noted re OS Primary School oversubscribed current year but under subscribed from 20 Sept. Also parking problems outside the school at drop off / pick up times

16. Date of Next Meeting

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Outstanding Activities
July 2012**

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Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk) Mrs M Clarke (SNC) and 1 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr B Clayton (working away), Mr I Baxter & Mr D Meadowcroft (holidays), Ms K Morris & Mrs P Stevenson (family commitments); Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC) (on holiday)

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

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 10th July 2012

Minutes of the meeting 10th July 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) The Swan PH Min:5(e)

'Punch Taverns' – had given a telephone commitment about exterior maintenance (request for written confirmation again chased) – The Swan now closed since 13th August > further E-mail to Punch Taverns copied to members and SNC / Cllr Clarke

(b) Webmaster Report Min:5(g)

Further corres from webmaster discussed with Cllr Clayton who deals and will recommend action

(c) Questionnaire draft Min:15(b)

WP held after last meeting and agreed amendments (being collated prior to publication and print)

(d) WN Joint Core Strategy Pre Submission Draft Workshop see Minute 8(a)

Attended by Clerk and Chairman who spoke on the item

5. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

Updated

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

None

7. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)

WN/JCS Local Plan reduces housing allocation from 85,300 >79,300; Spoke on review of growth and occupation (and that 22.5% of SNC residents are over 60); Advised vigilance on JCS details when published; Formal response to planning issues (circulated); Spoke on case work locally; Youth employment scheme/jobs vest; New college at Silverstone (2013?); Core strategy discussed at length - OSPC encouraged to respond (see Min:8(a)); 2001-2006 housing figures (discounted less completions) = Residual 3,800 dwellings required SNC (357? per year): Given OSs growth and sustainability increase during plan period – unlikely?: Would advise SNC to approach Punch Taverns re Swan closure

(b) Cllr Walker (NCC)

No reports

8. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2012/0957/FUL Single storey rear and side extension 13 Mounthill Ave

* No Objections

S/2012/0964/FUL Change of use of part of the house from residential to commercial use as a wedding venue for civic ceremonies Passenham Manor

* **OBJECTION** inadequate parking and facilities for a wedding venue (refer to previous apps S/1991/0174LB, S/1991/0175FUL, S/1991/1121LB & S1991/1113/FUL + a 1990 pre-application for a nursing home which was withdrawn due to objections on access and parking etc.) Current application as a wedding venue has inadequate facilities (Portaloos / no washing facilities) How are guest numbers to be restricted to 40 - 60 when off street parking for only 15 – 18 vehicles (including wedding cars?). Passenham Lane is narrow with soft verges only

S/2012/0972/LBC Installation of suspended timber floor, re open and re-use original doors, make safe steps, repair & renew missing roof tiles & use of pigeon proof mesh Passenham Manor

* **OBJECTION** Part Retrospective – Whether proposals are in keeping with a Grade 1 listed building of National Importance (new floor part installed and whether wooden lintel above old doorway blocked up which is part of the listed history and whether it will survive a new door opening) Other than maintenance of stairs and roof which is a LB requirement, such alterations will seriously affect the Grade 1 status given the 1999 planning history of refusal to alter. There is also no bat survey.

In the circumstances surrounding the application, we request English Heritage be consulted

West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan Proposed changes to the Pre-submission Joint Core Strategy

* OSPC support the proposals in principal > but comment is deferred until Cllrs MacDonald and Pateman respond by the next meeting on circulated documents

(b) Decision Notices

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

None

9. Press Notices

None

10. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) Northampton Institute for Urban Affairs**

Debate Friday 7th September 6.30pm – 8pm @ Daventry iCon Centre on Wind Turbine Planning
When LPAs refuse but permission allowed on Appeal > discussed no attendees

*** (b) CPRE**

Planning Roadshow 20th November @ ? > NFA

(c) Northants Police (SN Towcester SCT)

Latest newsletter circulated for info + Have our say at Towcester 15th August o/s Aldi 9 – 1pm

*** (d) Department for Communities and Local Government**

Openness and transparency on personal interests > interests noted and circulated for info

(e) NCC Transport & Highways

Proposed 7.5T weight limit on Bridge No 4151 Puxley Road over disused canal > no exemptions
* Noted for file

(f) Rural Service Network - Online

Review of South Northamptonshire > circulated for info

(g) SNC Chief Executive

Electoral Register – Annual Canvas noted + Clerks registering requirement

*** (h) Rural Service Network Online**

Will neighbourhood planning benefit rural communities? > circulated for info

*** (i) Parish Payments Consultation**

Proposed removal of two councillor signatories (the clerk spoke on the paper) > response agreed

(j) Aylesbury Vale DC

Vale of Aylesbury Plan – Affordable housing plan > Noted for file

*** (k) Arnold Thomson (OSPC Solicitors)**

Falcon Drive POS title received for file (originals stored at Arnold Thomson) > noted for file

11. Finance

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(c) The Payment of outstanding accounts listed below

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002126	Canon (UK):	£106.82 (Equipment hire)
002127	Mh-p:	£36.00 (Web fees)
002128	BDO LLP:	£480.00 (Audit Fees)
002129	R Whittaker:	£10.00 (Mileage to SNC meeting see Min:4(d))

(d) Completion of Audit Year Ending 31st March 2012

Notices Posted (Only issue arising was amended FAR 2011 > 2012 of £1) – Noted / NFA required

(e) Receipts and Payment Book submitted for signature

12. Street Lighting

No reports

13. Highways

(a) Outstanding issues discussed

14. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

None

15. Date of Next Meeting

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August 2012**

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Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk). No members of the public were present

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Cllrs Mr B Clayton (work commitments abroad), Mr D Meadowcroft (School Governors meeting), Mrs M Clarke (SNC) (late apologies delayed in London) & Mr A Walker (NCC) (on holiday)

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

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 14th August 2012

Minutes of the meeting 14th August 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) The Swan PH Min:4(a)

Latest E-mail from 'Punch Taverns' circulated. Action awaits (and clarification of action)

(b) Webmaster Report Min:4(b)

Further corres from webmaster discussed with Cllr Clayton who deals and will recommend action

(c) Questionnaire draft Min:4(c)

WP agreed amendments > for circulated

(d) WN Joint Core Strategy Pre Submission Draft Workshop Minute 4(d) & 8(a)

OSPC supported the proposals > circulated - Cllrs MacDonald and Pateman had nothing to add
* Support confirmed

(e) Highways & Drainage issues Minute 13(a)

Clerk spoke on further site meeting 5/9 with MGWSP (Karl Evans) re complaints (noted). Footway repair and closure o/s Bridge Stores without notice complaint dealt with. Drainage complaint on Conways' listed defects. KE returned following day with Conways supervisor who apologised re failure to meet expected standards - Conways returned 7/9 to deal TMO Towcester / London Roads blocked gullies. Village to be redone to deal with outstanding issues re flooding (awaits report)

(f) NCC / Empowering Councillors & Communities Scheme

Grant Agreement (Cllr Walker) for £900.00 towards Parish Plan update & publication

5. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

Updated especially SID counts > Police for action (which still awaits enforcement action)
Traffic contents discussed especially cyclist on the footway due to HGV danger > MKC

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

None

7. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)

Circulated E-mails on issues discussed previously

(b) Cllr Walker (NCC)

Reports on Route 90 circulated

8. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2012/0987/FUL } Replace existing with stable door, reposition existing fence and gates

S/2012/0988/LBC } The Old Coach House, 9 London Road

* No objection

S/2012/1002/FUL Demolish bungalow & construct detached dwelling with detached single garage
Gardens Bungalow, Passenheim

* **OBJECTION** Inappropriate re-development in a Restraint Village within the Conservation Area due to size and scale Contrary to Policy H6 (I) (II) & (IV) of the saved South Northamptonshire Local Plan. H6 (I) & (II) there being no Agricultural or specified need, (IV) exceeds the original footprint and is not of the same general size.

Whilst (Pre App P/2012/0115/PRW indicated the proposal if reduced in size and scale would be considered acceptable), this bungalow was occupied until recently and a question remains whether there is an agricultural tenancy attached to the dwelling.

This proposal should be refused as it will adversely affect the character of Passenheim and the Conservation Area unless the scale is reduced and is of a design that is more in keeping and appropriate

S/2012/1019/FUL } Change of use from office to residential granny annex. New door and

S/2012/1020/LBC } window on rear elevation, new roof lights and internal alterations.

Firs Farm House, 27 London Road

* No objection in principal although the application contained an unsatisfactory heritage report for a Curtilage Listed Building

S/2012/1015/FUL Single storey rear extension, demolish existing garage and replace
68 Mounthill Ave

* No objections

(b) Decision Notices

Withdrawn 32 Oxfield Park Drive – Garage extension to form games room/gym etc.

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

None

9. Press Notices

None

10. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) South Northants Leisure Trust**

Charitable company set up for the benefit of SNC area - circulated by e-mail for info > Cllr Tait

*** (b) Adam Simmonds**

Letter re his candidacy > Police & Crime Commissioners 15th November 2012 and an invitation to meeting Wootton Sports & Community Centre 5-7pm > previously circulated > NFA

*** (c) SNC Lead Officer Planning**

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Supplementary Planning Document (Draft)

* The clerk spoke on the item and on the Planning Doc (165 pages) details circulate & noted > NFA

(d) N/CALC Update

Circulated for info

(e) WPD UMSO

Amended unmetered supply certificate > see Min:11(c) re previous invoice adjustment

*** (f) Chubb Fire**

Inspection Certificate dated 20/08/2012 > comments noted and discussed (Cllr Pateman)

* Action as agreed

(g) Mh-p Internet Ltd

Website Manager – improve your communications > Cllr Clayton

(h) Audit Commission

Limited Assurance Audit (I&E less than £6.5M) remains with BDO LLP (2016/17) > noted

*** (i) Northamptonshire ACRE**

Invitation to AGM Wed 12th September @ Hunsbury Hill Centre 6.30 – 8.30pm > previously circulated > NFA

*** (j) N/CALC**

Invitation to AGM @ Raunds Saturday 20 Oct 10 – 1pm > Discussed (awaits)

(k) NCC School Administrations

Notice for parents required to register interest in OS School for Sep 2013 > nb & preschool

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002137	ACS:	£30.00 (MH windows Jul/Aug)
002138	Chubb Fire:	£91.38 (MH annual Fire Inspection)
002139	NJ Blackwell:	£832.40 (Mowing)

12. Street Lighting

- (a) PL13/15 Oxfield Park Drive; PL26 Dickens Drive & PL1 Rivercrest Road (ooo)
- (b) PL9 Mounthill Ave loose lens
- (c) PL? – Towcester Road (RAB) > A422 is dayburning

13. Highways

- (a) see Min:4(e)
- (b) Mounthill Ave near Towcester Road footway subsidence at site of Gas Repair
- (c) Northgate Car Sales, London Road often obstruct footway > Police for attention

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

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Swan open for business (For Sale)

(b) Webmaster Report Min:4(b)

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(c) Questionnaire draft Min:4(c)

WP agreed amendments > for circulated

(d) Highways & Drainage issues Minute 4(e)

Footway repair o/s Bridge Stores left with muddy verge (due to vehicle overrun). Conways' had returned to redo village and those TMO blocked drains (Watling Street). E-mail requesting date / result of promised drainage investigation and repairs awaits response.

* Suggested bollards to protect damaged verge?

(e) NCC / Empowering Councillors & Communities Scheme Minute 4(f)

Grant Agreement (Cllr Walker) for £900.00 received > Min:14(b)

5. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

Police attend 11th October re SID evidence (Cllr Pateman & clerk). Awaits Min:7 update and Planning issues ACE Plant

6. Village Questionnaire update (amended version circulated later)

Discussed – completed by Cllr Pateman for immediate circulation

7. Village School update (Refurbishment supported by NCC)

Mrs Tween spoke on the item (with nothing heard since Feb meeting with OSPC, SNC and Persimmon Homes (except an E-mail 16 Aug between Persimmon Homes and NCC))
Two things had happened since a September meeting with NCC & School Governors.

1: OS school was confirmed as big enough with no further threat of oversubscription. Therefore NCC no longer supported the need for a new school

2: Refurbishment of existing OS School (next on the list) with funds agreed for major repair work would now take place

* Discussed and Qs on 2012 / 2013 intake and what ifs for the future

Mrs Tween and Governors were thanked for the presentation and information and left the meeting

8. Crime & Disorder Act initiative Oxfield Park (BMX cycle facility for discussion)

The clerk outlined OSPC responsibility to consider initiative since the removal of the Skate Board Ramp after damage of walkways were found (and filled in) and suggested a solution;

A young resident gave an interesting power point presentation with suggestions which were accepted in principle and deferred (and would be kept informed of decisions)

* The resident and his parent were thanked for attending and left the meeting

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

Complaint re overhanging trees Deanshanger Road rear of Hall Close > deferred

10. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)

Spoke on Local Partnership; Council Funding; A43/A5 (M40/J10) improvements; Economic development awards; Council Tax rates held 2013/14; NPPF has affected planning (major developments) and SNC had issued an Interim Affordable Housing Policy (Housing Allocation Policy); Business rates & balancing finances; 3 planning representations in Passenham (discussed) Another Planning issue deferred to the end of the meeting

(b) Cllr Walker (NCC)

Spoke on the financial constraints affecting NCC were causing concern; No proposed HMG grant; Council tax held; Health/Ambulance/NHS etc have imposed cuts with pressures for regional Health Authority A&E closures?; Public Transport X4 Yardley Gobion / Cosgrove service which could improve OS services; and spoke on the Police & Crime Commissioners Elections 15th Nov 2012

11. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2012/1149/FUL Extension to garage to form games room/gym and use of roof void over for storage 32 Oxfield Park Drive (Previous S/2012/0778/FUL was withdrawn)

* Inadequate plans supplied

S/2012/1160/FUL First floor extension over study room 14 Hall Close

* Supported - complies with NPPF Policies

INTERIM

S/2012/1193/FUL Detached bungalow rear of 4 Hawkwell Estate (Web copies only)

* Principle previous approved (now expired) > deferred to next Agenda

(b) Decision Notices

- **Approved** Replace existing with stable door, reposition existing fence and gates 9 London Road

- **Approved** Single storey rear extension, demolish existing garage and replace 68 Mounthill Ave

- **Approved** Suspended floor Tithe Barn, Passenham Manor (door opening withdrawn prior to meeting) (not to be associated with wedding venue application)

- **Withdrawn** Wedding Venue Passenham Manor (until detailed permission is agreed / confirmed)

- **Refused** Replacement bungalow Passenham (contrary to officer recommendation)

(c) **Enforcement / Appeals**

None

12. Press Notices

None

13. Correspondence (list at meeting)

(a) **N/CALC Update**

Circulated for info

* (b) **Jim MacCarthur**

Letter re his candidacy > Police & Crime Commissioners 15th November 2012 and an invitation to meet (previously circulated) > NFA

* (c) **NCC Marketing Specialist**

Campaign to promote online services i.e. Street Doctor > rather through the clerk agreed

* (d) **SNC Press Release**

Important benefit changes – have your say > noted for file / nb

(e) **SNC Press Release re Towcester Extension**

Affecting OS > circulated by web for info

(f) **ICO**

Reminder of Annual Renewal 5th November @ £35 (by DD) > Noted / NFA

* (g) **MK Community Foundation**

Previously advised o/s MKUA area > Cllr Meadowcroft deals

(h) **Poppy Press**

Putting the Family 1st > circulated for info and comment

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

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

Paid 13/9/12

002140	D M Everett:	£299.00 (Personal cheque re 24sevenpccare.com 3 year IT warranty (anti Microsoft protection?)* see note

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002146	Aylesbury Mains Ltd:	£567.95 (10 x PL repairs)
002147	NJ Blackwell:	£1,227.31 (Mowing + POS Maintenance)
002148	E.ON:	£1,189.08 (PL Unmetered supplies)
002149	British Gas:	£67.37 (MH Gas)

* Note: To avoid PC Attack (after possible Intrusion) advised re further IT security check below
Paid 10/10/12

002150	Club-Tech Support:	£60.00 (PC security check)(Issues installed removed)
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15. Street Lighting

- (a) PL Mounthill Ave o/s 17 ooo; PL3 & 7 Willow Grove ooo; PL1 Manorfields Rd ooo

16. Highways

- (a) Utility Trench Towcester Road off RAB breaking up and subsiding
- (b) RAB ATS – red high level A5 Dual and A5 into RAB out
- (c) Pelican Crossing Towcester Road and Cross Roads ATS previously reported

17. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

- (a) Min:8 discussed further. A working party headed by Cllr Meadowcroft, Pateman (Health & Safety), Morris and the clerk (Public Liability) would meet on site and report back
- (b) Min:9 Clerk to seek arboreal advice and report back
- (c) Pre Planning meeting @ SNC pm 7th November > Cllr Whittaker, Pateman, MacDonald and the clerk attends
- (d) Allotments

18. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 13th November 2012 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9pm

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.

Min:10 - Cllr Clarke spoke on ACE Plant site planning issues after a revised Affordable Housing model was being discussed, along with s106 and those concerns expressed by OSPC.

Meeting date and attendance was as Min:17(c)

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Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on 13th November 2012 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mr I Baxter, Mr B Clayton, Ms K Morris, Mr D Meadowcroft, Mr G Rogers, Mrs P Stevenson & Mrs S Tait
Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk). Jane Martin (OSPS Governor) & 2 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr D MacDonald (Passenham Charities), Mr A Pateman (unwell) & Mr A Walker (NCC) (> Corby)

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

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 9th October 2012

Minutes of the meeting 9th October 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) Report on Allotment & Planning meetings Minute 17(c)&(d)

Deferred to the end of the meeting due to confidential contents

(b) Webmaster Report Min:4(b)

Cllr Clayton who deals and recommended action

(c) Questionnaire draft Min:4(c)

Printing in progress > for circulation after Xmas? (collection details to be agreed)

* Suggested deposit points; Shop, Community Hall and School (Cllr Tait to advise)

(d) Highways & Drainage update Minute 4(e)

Despite continual request for updates - no further info > Cllr Walker to pressure results

(e) Canal trees Deanshanger Road Minute 7

No arboreal officer advice – SNC to be requested again

(f) Remembrance services

The clerk had attended the schools MH service on Friday 9/11 and had been presented with a booklet of poems compiled by year 6 (for circulation before > SNC)

The OSPC service 11/11 was attended by 29 Cllrs and residents (including Northampton relatives of COMS Wilmin (WWII) 5th year). Last post and wreath laying followed:

5. Oxfield Park (cycle track facility) Report by Cllr Meadowcroft

Item deferred due to Oxfield Park maintenance issues and MKPT consultation.

* Title amended (from BMX track) to avoid misconception of small scale proposal

6. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

Updates - Allotments / Planning – NCC vehicle count results awaits. SIDs prior to next meeting

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

8. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)

Planning issues had been updated

(b) Cllr Walker (NCC)

Updated on highway issues at 4(d) and will progress > higher management

9. Planning

(a) Applications Received

Note: S/2012/1149/FUL Extension to garage to form games room/gym and use of roof void over for storage 32 Oxfield Park Drive (Previous S/2012/0778/FUL was withdrawn)

* Full plans received after meeting (shows issues raised 0778 dealt with) > no observations

S/2012/1193/FUL – Detached bungalow with habitable room in the loft

Land rear of 4 Hawkwell Estate

* Principle previous approved (now expired) > no objection

S/2012/1276/FUL – Removal of Condition to allow building to be sold as an independent residential unit. Firs Farm 27 London Road

* **OBJECTION** Cramped subdivision affecting the setting of a Listed Dwelling. As a curtilage listed building recently given permission for a change of use from office to ancillary living accommodation associated with the main dwelling, is a small two storey barn conversion inappropriate as a standalone dwelling within the confines of the main dwelling. It is disturbing to see that it is already being marketed for sale with permission

S/2012/1340/TPO – Reduction in height of 13 limes trees by 15M and removal of deadwood 18 Towcester Road

* **OBJECTION** No attached arboreal report to justify reduction which is seen as considerable and unnecessary. However if granted permission, access through the private Wharf Close must be conditioned

S/2012/1351/FUL – Proposed demolition of existing timber frame bungalow and erect new detached dwelling 21 Cosgrove Road

* **OBJECTION** As footprint of the proposed new dwelling is greater than the original, means that the ridge height of the roof is higher and dominates the street scene against similar conversions

S/2012/1354/FUL – Conversion of garage to a habitable room, new window to replace garage doors (retrospective) 30 Chapmans Drive

* Retrospective – Alarmed that work is already done? Does it comply with building regs and is there adequate off street car parking now that the garage is lost

(b) Decision Notices

Refused - First floor extension over study room 14 Hall Close (overbearing on neighbour)

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

None

10. Press Notices

None

11. Correspondence (list at meeting)

(a) SNC Assistant Conservation Officer

Request to attend OSPC re a review of Old Stratford CA > 11th December meeting

*** (b) NCC/ MGWSP Rights of Way**

Urgent call to tree wardens (the Clerk) re ash tree decease > advice noted and circulated

*** (c) ICO / Webmaster**

New guidelines on information held (PC / Website) and available on request

* Scrutiny Committee / clerk deals

*** (d) Broadband update > fibre optics**

ISP offer to update to EE Broadband before 14th December > clerk

(e) Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association – Annual Report

Circulated for info

*** (f) SNC Standards Committee**

Co-opted member required from Town / Parish Councils > before end on November > NFA

*** (g) Came & Company**

OSPCs insurers Bi-Annual newsletter > circulated for info

(h) HMRC

PAYE Real Time information > for file and action as required by RFO/Clerk

(i) Local Government Boundary Commission

Electoral Review of Northamptonshire – Final recommendations > circulated

(j) Liability Risk – Bluefin

AH Contracts copy insurance > for file

(k) SNC Head of Strategic Planning & Economy

South Northamptonshire Settlements and Development Management DPD: - Local Plan

Update on meeting > noted for file along with officer details for Confines Review

(l) CPRE

Countryside Voice & Outlook > circulated for info

*** (m) SNC Community Safety Officer**

Community Safety Officers offer to attend PC meeting re problems with anti-social behaviour in playgrounds, especially the location of new equipment > for file

(n) BDO LLP

Audit contact details noted > for file

(o) ICO Notification Department

Confirmation of annual renewal > record and accounts noted

(p) PSDA

PSP Association offering advice, support and info to people living with PSP and CBD > circulated

(q) PRS

MH joint music licence PRS / PPL action required > Review completed awaits formal invoice

12. Adoption of amended Code of Conduct (circulated with Agenda)

*** RESOLVED “That**

- 1 the revised code of conduct adopted by the South Northamptonshire Council be adopted as the revised code for members of the Old Stratford Parish Council With effect from 13th November 2012, or such other date as may be specified in regulations, to replace the current code of conduct, and
- 2 the clerk be requested to notify the Monitoring Officer of South Northamptonshire Council of the passing of the above resolution.”

13. 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: £740.48
 Business Call a/c: £61,683.13 (+ Mowing grant)
 Earmarked Reserves: £41,497.25 (includes MH income)
Available Capital = £20,926.36 (excluding ERs)

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

(c) The Payment of outstanding accounts listed below

002151	Clerks Salary:	£637.46
002152	HMRC:	£183.03 (PAYE/NIC)
002153	Petty Cash:	£45.17
002154	Cos PC:	£45.00 (50% fess re VAT workshop)
002155	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
002156	AH Contractors:	£156.48 (Dog Bins & Litter Pick – Oct)
002157	Aylesbury Mains Ltd:	£422.30 (10 x PL repairs)
002158	NJ Blackwell:	£694.86 (Mowing)
002159	ACS:	£20.00 (MH Windows Sep/Oct)
002160	E.ON:	£66.56 (MH Energy)
002161	Canon (UK):	£106.82 (Equip Hire)
002162	R Whittaker:	£22.24 (Mileage Min4())
002163	spoilt PRS is now to include PPL fees	
002164	OS Community Hall:	£560.65 (Village events less fireworks)
002165	OS Community Hall:	£500.00 (Donation C&D Act re CH Car Park lighting)
002165	Viking Direct:	£202.83 (Paper/stamps/MH supplies (<CosPC £35.97))
002166	Viking Direct:	£41.09 (Office sundries)

(b) Agree date of Budget meeting to set precept for December / January full council

Finance WP agreed > 7.30pm 4th December

14. Street Lighting

No further reports

15. Highways

(a) Signal faults (x3) at crossroads reported

(b) Bridge Stores issues > request from NCC for formal request for bollards

(c) RTA Deanshanger Road / Dickens Drive (DUI) > No Entry layout questioned > Dec meet

(d) Footpath Wardens report > for file and circulation

16. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) Issue raised by 2 residents re Oxfield Park > Formal Proposal next meeting

17. Date of Next Meeting

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Minute 4(a)

Allotments After a meeting with MKPT on Thursday 8th November 2012 it was evident that any allocation for allotments was to be controlled by them (in layout, fencing and shed allocation) but could only occur if housing development was supported. There was also an attached report on Oxfield Park maintenance also dependent on that housing support – review of options discussed

* Any additional housing especially in open countryside could not therefore be supported

ACE Plant redevelopment land at Cosgrove Road

* After a meeting with planners Wednesday 7th November 2012 a unified response was agreed prior to a Committee decision 29th November

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm

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Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on 11th December 2012 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mr I Baxter, Mr B Clayton, Mr D MacDonald, Ms K Morris, Mr D Meadowcroft, Mr G Rogers, Mrs P Stevenson & Mrs S Tait
Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk). Cllrs Mrs M Clarke (SNC) & Mr A Walker (NCC) & 9 members of the public (including 3 youths Min:7)

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mr A Pateman & Kate Hannelly (SNC Assistant Conservation Officer)(unwell)

2. Members Declaration of Interest and any requests for dispensation (for items on the Agenda)

Note: Despite an amended unified Code of Conduct there is, due to the implementation of the Localism Act 2011 an anomaly affecting councillors who are charge payers when dealing with setting the councils precept.

Cllrs Mr I Baxter, Mr B Clayton, Mr D MacDonald, Ms K Morris, Mr D Meadowcroft, Mr G Rogers, Mrs P Stevenson, Mrs S Tait & Mr R Whittaker, therefore declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in setting the budget

* **RESOLVED** that the Council delegates the power to grant dispensations to the Clerk. The power rests with the relevant authority under section 33(1) of the Localism Act 2011 and the basis is set out under section 33(2); and

As the proper officer, grants dispensation (for a maximum period of 4 years).

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 13th November 2012

Minutes of the meeting 13th November 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) Report on Allotments & Oxfield Park maintenance Minute 4(a) & 11(b)

Allotments: MKPT CEO had contacted OSPC by phone this day and after an exchange of views the clerk advised that a lease of land was still what was required e.g. 20 years without ties.

MKPTs proposal and conditions were unacceptable and contrary to their aims and practices. MKPT have agreed to revisit request?

* Confirmation of decision that there can be no support for housing.

Oxfield Park: Both MKPT and NCC Wildlife Officers reports, indicate the need for some arboreal work on existing trees (awaits contractors quotation). Ash trees also inspected

(b) Questionnaire Min:4(c)

Printing near completions > for circulation next meeting (collection details to be confirmed)

(c) Highways & Drainage update Minute 4(d)

Waiting for NCC/MGWSW details on survey and repairs – although some highway/footway areas are marked for repair

(d) Canal trees Deanshanger Road Minute 4(e)

No SNC arboreal officer advice available – site inspected by Cllr Meadowcroft / clerk
Verbal report given

5. Presentation by SNC Conservation Officer on proposed review of Old Stratford

Apologies for absence given > January meeting

6. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

Date for SIDs (battery replacement) agreed

7. Oxfield Park maintenance and proposals to be considered

Report by Cllr Meadowcroft circulated and outlined an amended proposal and on maintenance and recommended approval > Deferred to Minute 8

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

With no opposition to the revised siting of the dirt track the meeting was reopened

8(a). Oxfield Park proposed dirt track

* **RESOLVED** by unanimous decision that the proposed Dirt Track be approved and deferred for implementation (Risk Assessment and construction) along with monitoring strategy

9 District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)

Detailed report previously circulated after last meeting. Cllr Clarke also spoke on the ACE Plant application > Planning Committee – Approved subject to compliance (under discussion after comments by applicant on s106; There will be Policy decision on tenure of homes (under review); Development pressures (applications) evident due to CMG comments re new home requirements

(b) Cllr Walker (NCC)

NCC Budget for consultation (£10m further saving required); PT issues re Centrebus contract; Band D Budget decisions (after CMG forecast 19th December) and implications outlined; Increase in Cllr pay due to increase electorate (after review) & £300K > police support is held 2013/14; New Police & Crime Commissioners (and Deputies) roll explained; Will continue to monitor Highways repairs and drainage issues.

10. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2012/1465/HRN Removal of hedge for construction of new reinforced water main - Field between Old Stratford and Stony Stratford (100 acre field)

* **OBSERVATIONS** There is no indication what reinstatement procedure is, or archaeological supervision is proposed, as this site is archaeological sensitive (roman horde etc.)

S/2012/1434/FUL Detached garage. 18 Towcester Road

* Insufficient details on the construction (whether raft or footings) as the proposed siting is considered to be detrimental to TPO trees (subject of S/2012/1340/TPO)

S/2012/1411/LDP Lawful development for proposed orangery to rear 14 Hall Close

* No formal plans received > LDP?

Review – S/2012/1002/FUL Replacement dwelling gardeners bungalow. Passenham

(Previously refused as inappropriate in CA – Officer requests OSPCs view on pre-app plans)

* OSPC views for a single storey dwelling have not changed despite this amended plan, as a similar proposal was refused. If an acceptable design cannot be agreed then it should be referred back to the planning committee

(b) Decision Notices

Approved – Detached bungalow with habitable room in the loft. Land rear of 4 Hawkwell Estate
Approved -Extension to garage to form games room/gym etc. 32 Oxfield Park Drive

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

None

11. Press Notices

None

12. Correspondence (list at meeting)

***(a) Wicksteed Playscapes**

Annual play area inspections > approved

(b) PRS for Music

Licences for PRS & PPL (fee for PPL backdated to Jan 12 as advised) > for file (see Min:14(c))

*** (c) MRH Solicitors (+ copy from SNC)**

Re accident Chapmans Drive Play Area > Acknowledgment to MRH / Statement and evidence to OSPC Insurers

(d) SNC Corporate Communications Manager

Info on Food Waste Collection Scheme > previously circulated / for file

(e) SNC Economic Development Officer

Job Club meet alternate Tuesday 11.30am – 1.30pm @ SNC > Posters to nb

*** (f) NCC Senior Traffic Engineer**

Annual waiting restrictions review 2012/13 > Discussed - the clerk to deal

13. Adoption of amended Code of Conduct (circulated with Agenda)

Note: Unified countywide model now approved > for website and file

14. 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: £615.99
Business Call a/c: £59,278.51 (+ Vat reclaim)
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(c) The Payment of outstanding accounts listed below

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002174	Anglian Water:	£28.83 (MH water rates)
002175	PRS / PPL:	£145.68 (New joint MH music Licence)

(b) To Approve Precept for 2013/2014 (WP proposals circulated with Agenda)

PRECEPT

RESOLVED: That the precept be issued for the sum of £38,000

15. Street Lighting

- (a) PL1 The Meadows; PL1 Canalside; PL9 Mounthill & PL? Falcon Drive POS > 000

16. Highways

- (a) Village (footways especially) have been marked for attention/repair?/ > monitor
- (b) Bridge Stores issues > NCC confirm bollards (rails?) early in new year
- (c) Pedestrian ATS (Green man o/s Swan PH) damaged
- (d) Deanshanger Road narrows o/s Community Hall road safety issues raised and discussed

17. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

- (a) Cllr Rogers asked that OSPC formally thank the Community Hall committee for another wonderful Senior Citizens Xmas Dinner
- (b) Issue of Cold Calling (and vulnerable residents) raised and discussed > clerk / NW
Door Step Crime – call

17. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 8th January 2013 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the Chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas and Health New Year and closed the meeting at 8.55pm (and adjourned for Xmas cheer)

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