

# Old Stratford Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

### Present:

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

Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Kate Hannelly (SNC Assistant Conservation Officer) & Sara Henry (OS School Governor) & 6 members of the public

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mr B Clayton & Mr D Meadowcroft (work commitments), Mr A Walker (NCC) (county scrutiny meetings) & Mrs M Clarke (SNC) (unwell)

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

None

### 3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012

Minutes of the meeting 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record (save spelling amendment and re numbering second Agenda item 7 to read 8(a))

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

#### (a) Questionnaire distribution and collection Min:4(b)

Leader page discussed and agreed - members to advise the clerk re distribution

#### (b) Highways & Drainage update Minute 4(c)

Waiting for NCC/MGWSP details on survey and repairs to drainage – although some highway/footway areas have been repaired others (and new reports have not) – Latest raw sewage problems advised (resident to copy in OSPC his latest complaint to AW) > EA

#### (c) Accident Claim Minute 12(c)

Site meeting with insurance attended 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan - (due to trip hazard (1” on a single stump (3/4” is criteria) have instructed contractor to grind all down to ground level)

#### (d) Towcester Road / Bridge Stores Minute 16(b)

NCC having confirmed bollards (rails?) - deferred > Min:7 & 11(g)

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

Kate Hannelly (SNC Assistant Conservation Officer) – After introducing her roll and prospectus and a brief discussion on Listed and important buildings and old canal she agreed to copy details to the clerk for circulation. She was thanked for attending and left the meeting

### 6. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

Latest SIDs counts (Appliances swapped as agreed) However NCC Counts carried out DATE confirm not only high volume but reinforces data > Action agreed (see also Min:11(b))

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

Complaint re Bridge Stores parking & update from OS Primary School

## **8 District & County Councillor Reports**

### **(a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)**

Reports on Budget and new homes bonus

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

Reports that Route 90 will show improvements.

## **9 Planning**

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

**S/2012/1571/FUL** Two storey side and single storey rear extension. 25 Oxfield Park Drive

\* No comments

**S/2012/1572/FUL** Change of use from vacant light industrial unit (Class B1) to fitness centre and gym (Class D2). Furtho Court, Towcester Road

\* Change of use is supported BUT are 6 dedicated parking spaces enough *as there is no 'on street' parking in the immediate vicinity as indicated at 2.3 of Planning Statement, or available close by*

**(S/2012/1434/FUL** Detached garage 18 Towcester Road – raft details received and discussed

\* Deferred to amended planning application and arboreal survey)

### **(b) Decision Notices**

**Approved** – LB Annex and sub division for a separate dwelling – 27 London Road

**Refused** –Reduction of 13 limes by 15M - 18 Towcester Road

### **(c) Enforcement / Appeals**

None

## **10. Press Notices**

None

## **11. Correspondence (list at meeting)**

### **(a) SNC Head of Finance & procurement**

Request for Parish Precept request 2013-2014 > submitted – changes to Tax Base noted for file

### **\* (b) Northants Police – Specialist Operations**

Community Speed Watch programme – commencing 6<sup>th</sup> April costing OSPC £450 + VAT to participate? > circulated

### **\* (c) MGWSP**

Parish Satisfaction Questionnaire > clerk deals

### **\* (d) NCC**

The Local Deal: Draft Revenue Budget 2013-14 Medium Term Financial Plan 2013-14 > 2015-16  
Comments invited via [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/budget13-14](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/budget13-14) closing 5th February

### **\* (e) URS (for Highways Agency)**

Farm Bridge over A5T Oxfield Park RS15 > RS16 reassessment of weight limit after last vehicle strike/damage and anticipated and future use

### **\* (f) N/CALC**

Update Newsletter & Training Calendar Jan – Mar 2013 > circulated

**\* (g) Letter – Bridge Stores**

Letter re parking issues (previously highlighted) seeking support for suggestion for lay-by

**(h) SNC Chief Executive**

Polling Station Booking – County Elections – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2013 > Memorial Hall is booked

**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: £605.24  
Business Call a/c: £57,726.02 (+ Vat reclaim)  
**Available Capital = £16,596.31(excluding ERs)**

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

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

002176	Clerks Salary:	£637.46
002177	HMRC:	£183.03 (PAYE/NIC)
002178	Petty Cash:	£21.31
002179	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
002180	AH Contractors:	£156.48 (Dog Bins & Litter Pick – Dec)
002181	Aylesbury Mains:	£200.24 (Various repairs)
002182	ACS:	£20.00 (MH Windows Dec/Jan)
002183	British Gas:	£179.31 (MH gas)
002184	Mh-p:	£18.00 (Web fees)
002185	E.ON:	£1,189.08 (PL energy)
002186	Canon UK:	£106.82 (Equipment hire)
002187	Wicksteed Leisure:	£162.00 (Annual Playground Inspections)

**(d) To Adopt Interim Internal Audit Report 2012/13 (circulated with Agenda)**

Copy attached to minutes – no issues and adopted

**13. Street Lighting**

**(a)** PL1 Wheelwrights / PL1 Passenham / PL21 Dickens Drive > ooo

**14. Highways**

**(a)** Deanshanger Road o/s Community Hall speed table at narrows requested > awaits site visit

**(b)** Towcester Road > Bridge Stores > Min:11(g) previous NCC e-mails discussed) after an exchange of views at Min:7 > Meeting with NCC / MGWSP / Police?

**(c)** Passenham Lane causeway edges collapsing after recent flooding

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

**(a)** Bridge Stores parking issue. After further discussion it was agree to arrange meeting with NCC / MGWSP and Police

**16. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

**Old Stratford Parish Council  
Outstanding Activities  
January 2013**

<b>Date first Raised</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Parish Action</b>	<b>Action by Others</b>
Update	<b>Parish Plan Quality Council Neighbourhood Plan</b>	> Actioned - Questionnaire > Action deferred > <i>Action deferred</i>	> <b>Questionnaire ready</b> > <b>deferred</b> > <b>under review (due to cost)</b>
Ongoing	<b>Council Surgeries</b>	Cllr Pateman / Clerk leads OSPC with District Cllr	<b>Cllr Clarke (SNC) monthly Surgeries' 1100 - 1200 dates nb / Website</b> OSPC presence > clerk
Ongoing	<b>Allotments</b>	Oxfield Park – not suitable. 100 acre field > <b>152 acres now in MKPT ownership</b>	<i>Any Allotments conditional to development support therefore declined</i> > <b>MKPT to review</b>
Ongoing	<b>Highway Issues</b>	Deanshanger Road / A422 OS name plate ordered Village enhancement to include Passenheim. London Road HGV volume Subject recent survey	<b>Resiting 30/40mph signs still imminent? MK boundary. Positive result? of Xborder MKC / SNC / NCC meeting reported by Cllr Clarke Awaits action &amp; time scale</b>
Update Ongoing	<b>Drainage problems</b>	Cosgrove Road / London Road - river bridge all main issues – Ongoing. Willow Grove / Mounthill Ave + Deanshanger Road gullies	<b>Some remedial maintenance carried out –meeting with MGWSP/NCC re outstanding flooding issues - Broken blocked gullies noted (after latest survey) &gt; awaits repairs</b>
Ongoing	<b>Speed complaint SIDs</b>	London Road current siting (counts justify action) Police advised request local speed enforcement	<b>Enforcement action chased but still not agreed. Recent NCC Highways Safety Officer (Action) Traffic survey results received</b>
Reviewed Update	<b>Towcester Road Verges</b>	> deferred <i>NCC Budget cuts had reduced funding for local projects?</i>	<b>Outstanding &gt; deferred to site meeting as above and includes o/s shop (urgent resurfacing completed) awaits bollards</b>
Ongoing	<b>Dog Fouling</b>	Cllr Meadowcroft leads	<b>Monitor after additional signs in place &gt; ongoing (Newsletters)</b>
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Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllrs Mrs M Clarke (SNC), Mr A Walker (NCC), Mr P Brodie (OS School Governor) & 2 members of the public

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

Cllrs Mr I Baxter (away), Mr B Clayton (Holiday), Mr G Rogers (unwell) & Mrs S Tait (away)

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

(Note: Latest DCLG advice on D of I re Precept - 'believes' not required > unhelpful?)

None

### **3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

Minutes of the meeting 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013 were approved and signed as a correct record (

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

#### **(a) Questionnaire update Min:4(a)**

Distribution completed – delivery of completed Questionnaires and collection in progress

\* Progress discussed. No's returned so far = 250/864.. Note website re uncollected questionnaires

#### **(b) Highways & Drainage update Minute 4(b)**

Update (+ copy letter from resident to AW awaits reply)

#### **(c) Towcester Road / Bridge Stores Minute 4(d), 11(g) & 15(a)**

Outcome of meeting discussed

#### **(d) Community Speed Watch Minute 11(b)**

£450 + VAT fee to participate now withdrawn due to negative feedback in lieu of 20% (or 500)

resident pledges to support + nominated co-ordinator and 10 volunteers > Noted - NFA

### **5. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)**

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

Presentation on 'World Challenge' and School Governors update on school refurbishment

### **7 District & County Councillor Reports**

#### **(a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)**

Spoke on Planning Matters; MKPT and Allotments; ACE Plant Hire application (housing now included in IRHP); Joint Core Strategy (Aug/Sept); EM Regional Strategy (to be revoked by Easter?); Local Plan & Village Confines; NPPF (Important Open Spaces – asap): SNC considering OS Conservation Area; 6 week consultation on s106 and changes 2014 (CIL); Neighbourhood Plan update (although OSPC > Parish Plan); IRHP Universal Credit outlined (Pilot > Oct 2013) and Consultation papers soon on Funding.

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

Spoke on OS Refurbishment > NCC Funding; Budget Scrutiny with no increase to charge payers.

**8. Planning**

**(a) Applications Received**

**S/2012/1588/FUL** Extract duct to west elevation Former Little Chef Restaurant, Old Stratford

\* No objections

**S/2013/0032/ADV** 2 illuminated wall signs & replace 2 free standing illuminated tower signs

Former Little Chef Restaurant, Old Stratford

\* Observations that due to size and colour, the gateway sign especially would be unacceptably intrusive to the street scene on the entrance to the village

**S/2013/0033/TPO** Removal of Horse Chestnut tree Treetops 18 Towcester Road

\* Supported due to condition of TPO tree

**S/2013/0037/FUL** Single storey side extension 18 Dickens Drive

\* No observations

**(b) Decision Notices**

**Approved** Detached garage 18 Towcester Road (corres discussed)

**Approved** Orangery 14 Hall Close (PDR)

**No Objections** Removal of hedges AW main fields > Passenham (OSPC comments forwarded)

**(c) Enforcement / Appeals**

**Appeal** – Gardeners Bungalow, Passenham against refusal for replacement

**9. Press Notices**

None

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

**(a) OS Community Hall Co-Chair / Secretary**

Written apology for omission in Christmas Senior Citizens Dinner Menu of OSPC donations

**(b) Resident Complaint to AW re garden flooding (of raw sewage)**

Copy letter received re regular occurrence > awaits further investigation

**\* (c) 2014 World Challenge**

2 x OS residents request assistance for sponsorship/permission to run events

\* Outlined Min:6 > discussed and action agreed. Clerk to respond by letter / next newsletter

**(d) Care & Repair – Daventry & South Northants**

Leaflet and advice on service for the disabled and elderly > circulated/nb > Annual Newsletter

**(e) Northamptonshire ACRE**

Communities face hurdles to secure Planning Minister's cash handouts (Neighbourhood plans)

\* Noted and circulated for info (supports decision for Parish Plans)

**(f) SNC Public Health**

SNC website for action Info and contact numbers re flooding; Since SNC supply of sand bags were withdrawn 2011 (NCC are now responsible for Strategic planning of flood risk areas); those at risk to register with the EA and info to NCC re (Note: clerk retains some aqua sacks > Newsletter)

**(g) NCC Rights of Way**

Contact details > Noted for file / PPW

**(h) South Northants Homes**

Guide to Welfare Reform > circulated for info (see also M in:11(d))

**\* (i) NJ Blackwell**

Mowing quote for 2013 (2.5 > 2.75% increase) > **RESOLVED** to approve

**\* (j) Resident complaint about Wharf Lane**

Copy letter to all residents/business re condition of Wharf Lane and ownership?

\* Awaits further enquiries and suggested line of enquiry before formal approach to OSPC

**\* (k) NCC/ MGWSP**

S136 Mowing contract for 2013 > to be agreed (Note grant level is held for another year)

\* **RESOLVED** to approve

**11. Finance**

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

**RESOLVED** to approve by unanimous decision

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

Treasurer's a/c:	£406.51
Business Call a/c:	£55,843.39 (+ Vat reclaim)
<b>Available Capital =</b>	<b>£13,856.45 (excluding ERs)</b>

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

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002195	Cosgrove PC:	£97.50 (SLCC Annual Fees 50% CosPC)
002196	E.ON:	£136.03 (MH Energy)
002197	N/ACRE:	£40.00 (Annual subs)
002198	Canon UK:	£296.86 (Copy costs)

***R&P book submitted for signature and signed as part of Internal Audit control***

**(d) To Approve Precept given changes in the Base Rate level and grant** (report attached)

As indicated at 11(a) last meeting regarding reduction in tax base (implications are now known).

**RESOLVED** to accept the reports recommendation and approve budget precept level and accept the CTRS grant (if necessary to offset any rise required 2014/15)

**12. Street Lighting**

No reports

**13. Highways**

**(a) Improved LED NCC Street Lighting in Old Stratford Oct 13 / Mar 14 > Qs to Cllr Walker**

- (b) NCC/MGWSP Enhancement Gangs > reports asap (including Safe Routes to School issues)
- (c) Snow issues raised > gritting, help for the elderly discussed
- (d) Q whether directional sign missing A422 / Deanshanger RAB > OS?
- (e) 40mph sign Passenham Lane lying down near bend

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

- (a) All articles for Annual Newsletter > distribution early April by mid March
- (b) Many complaints about bird scarers > louder and more frequent than previous years > clerk had contact SNC Environmental Health to investigate and advised complainants to do the same  
Q whether criteria and CoP being met
- (c) Cllr MacDonald advised on OS Charity Trustee issue re football club? > discussed
- (d) Q re new recycling > food collection (awaits formal publication)

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### 1. Apologies for Absence

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#### (b) Highways & Drainage update Minute 4(b) & 10(b)

AW reply read > denies ongoing problems? - NCC/MGWSP no progress despite meetings and mail

#### (c) Oxfield Park dirt track Outstanding

Due to weather and ground conditions > update on delay

### 5. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

Latest SIDs counts (SS > OS 19,019 / OS > SS 29,247) Enforcement chased again

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

No public present

### 7 District & County Councillor Reports

#### (a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)

Previous circulation of E-mail advise > nothing further due to short notice of meeting

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

Nothing to report

### 8. Planning

#### (a) Applications Received

S/2013/0125/FUL Rear conservatory - 3 The Meadows

\* No observations

S/2013/0173/SCR New water pipeline - Land at Falcon Drive to Watling Street, Kiln Farm MK

(Meeting held Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March MH with AW/Consultant > detailed maps (12 months from Sept))

\* No objections (Details closure of public footpaths noted)

**S/2013/0182/FUL** New ductwork on north elevation - Former Little Chef Restaurant, Old Stratford  
\* No further observations after elevation change

**S/2013/0196/TPO** Reduce branch of 1 horse chestnut by 5-6M and reduce stem of second by 6-7M and shorten lateral branches by 2M - Treetops 18 Towcester Road  
\* No observations

**S/2013/0242/FUL** Two storey rear extension & first floor extension to rear. Single storey side extension to annex (ancillary) 15 Wharf Lane  
\* Question whether the original footprint, increased by 50% means that the form of the original dwelling will be lost by further extension contrary to planning guidance

**S2013/0237/FUL** Two storey side extension and pitched roof over existing rear flat roof  
40 Cosgrove Road  
\* No observations

**(b) Decision Notices**

**Approved** Illuminated signs (former Little Chef) despite OSPC concerns > decision circulated

**Approved** Removal of horse chestnut tree Treetops 18 Towcester Road

**Withdrawn** Extract duct west elevation (see 0182/FUL above > north elevation)

**(c) Enforcement / Appeals**

**Appeal** – Gardeners Bungalow, Passenham against refusal for replacement (inappropriate design) (Latest: Pre app enquiry re amended plans (circulated) > awaits formal application (dual tracking))

**9. Press Notices**

None

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

**(a) BDO**

Audit Briefing 2013 > noted for file

**(b) Came & Company**

Spring newsletter > circulated for info

**(c) NCC**

Watch council meetings live online > circulated for info

**\* (d) Chair Potterspury Parish Council**

New Homes Bonus consultation – offer for joint PC consultation > deferred

**\* (e) Wicksteed Leisure**

Playground Annual Inspection reports > Clerk/Cllr Pateman deal (Note new swing seats and chains for CH Play area already ordered and received (due to report contents) (already fitted)

**(f) HM Revenue & Customs**

Changes to PAYE (Real Time starts April 13) > already compliant (for file)

**\* (g) NCC/ MGWSP**

S136 Mowing contract for 2013 > to be agreed (Note grant level is held for another year)

\* **RESOLVED** to approve

## 11. Finance

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

**RESOLVED** to approve by unanimous decision

(Note: s137 limit rises to £6.98 per elector from 1 April 2013 (2013/14 accounts will reflect this))

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

Treasurer's a/c:	£413.44
Business Call a/c:	£53,428.91
<b>Available Capital =</b>	<b>£11,110.45 (excluding ERs)</b>

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

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

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002204	NJ Blackwell:	£1,489.20 (Continue POS Tree Maintenance)
002205	Mh-p:	£18.00 (Home page modification fee)
002206	Aylesbury Mains:	£119.02 (PLs10 & 15 Dickens Drive)
002207	Anglian Water:	£34.56 (MH Water rates)
002208	ACS:	£10.00 (MH Windows)
002209	N/CALC:	£29.00 (Training fees Cllr Meadowcroft)
002210	Cllr Meadowcroft:	£11.76 (Mileage re above)
002211	Wicksteed Leisure:	£219.25 (Replacement swing seats etc)
002212	British Gas:	£132.90 (MH Gas)

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1 April 2013

002213	Mh-p:	£672.00 Hosting & Website Plan H fees)
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## 12. Street Lighting

(a) Various reports > dealt with (PL1 Wheelwrights Way proving problematical)

(b) London Road (illumination black spot) > chase response from Cllr Walker

## 13. Highways

(a) Pothole patching discussed especially Towcester Road / Mounthill Ave

(b) OS PS carrying out litter pick OS CH area Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

## 14. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) New Homes Bonus

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# Old Stratford Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

### Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mr B Clayton, Mr D Meadowcroft, Ms K Morris,  
Mr A Pateman, Mrs P Stevenson & Mrs S Tait

Also present was Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllrs Mrs M Clarke (SNC), Mrs L Smith (OS School Governor) & and 6 Members of the public

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr I Baxter (away), Mr D MacDonald (PUC), Mr G Rogers (away) & 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 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013

Minutes of the meeting 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

#### (a) Questionnaire update Min:4(a)

Collection in progress 41% returns (Cut off date AOM in order to commence collation)

\* Website noted

#### (b) Highways & Drainage update Mi:4(b)

NCC/MGWSP site meeting 15<sup>th</sup> before AOM to deal with outstanding issues

#### (c) Oxfield Park dirt track Outstanding

Due to weather and ground conditions > updated (delivery of soil arranged asap)

#### (d) Litter Pick Outstanding

Village Litter Pick by Primary School pre Easter BH did not take place due to weather

#### \* (e) Chapmans Drive Play Area Outstanding

Wet pour surface damage (also to consider matrix' matting on worn grass area to comply with Annual Inspection)> agreed

#### (f) Swan PH Outstanding

Punch Taverns chased on exterior condition adj LBs

### 5. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

Latest SIDs counts - Action Police/NCC discussed.

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

Parking o/s shop and speeding issues raised > Clerk/MGWSP/NCC site meeting 15<sup>th</sup>

School refurbishment, parking and other issues outlined (by School Governor)

### 7 District & County Councillor Reports

#### (a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)

Spoke on Waste Management (Tuesday – Friday collections) OS now Thursdays not Wednesdays & new recycling programme + proposals to consider share Environmental Services with Cherwell;

Planning (EMRP – Joint Core Strategy); SNC Council Tax frozen; April – Localism Act to resolve complaints on Welfare issues (tenants –v- landlords) at local level; Benefits Cap > 15<sup>th</sup> July; SNC Approval NH Bonus (explained); Neighbourhood, Settlement and Parish Plans (Confines) outlined; 4 Parishes had applied for NPlans; Important ‘Issues and Options’ papers soon (8 weeks consult) on Local Plan / Spatial Strategy for Rural Areas; 1,790 dwellings in SNC required – IRHP Hierarchy (Primary Service Villages?) given outstanding dwelling allocation; Call for site review on Village Confines

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

Not present – No reports (see Min:12(a))

**8. Planning**

**(a) Applications Received**

**S/2013/0264/FUL** Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of new dwelling  
Gardeners Bungalow, Passenham (New plans)

\* Unique and imaginative proposal to comply with Policy H6 of the Local Plan which is more acceptable, subject to the reduction in ridge height given the environmental and visual impact adjacent to the Conservation Area and listed building.

**S/2013/0305/FUL** External Chimney stack 25 Oxfield Park Drive

\* No observations

**S/2013/0341/FUL** Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of a single storey rear extension 20 Oxfield Park Drive

\* No observations

**S/2013/0345/FUL** Replace existing temporary building with two storey office/rest area building  
Unit 6 Furtho Court, Towcester Road

\* **OBJECTION** Inappropriate development and design unsuitable in a cramped space. Any transfer of Raffles Taxis from Erica Road, Kiln Farm, Milton Keynes (a wholly industrial area) operated 24/7, to Furtho Court, Old Stratford with restricted parking and which is surrounded by residential properties, should be resisted as the proposal is unacceptable and should be refused on design and environmental grounds.

Note: I have been unable to contact the landowner of Furtho Court who is apparently in Australia

**(b) Decision Notices**

**Withdrawn** Extensions 15 Wharf Lane (OSPC comments on size and mass)

**Withdrawn** New ductwork > north elevation Former Little Chef (although installed?)

**Approved** Replacement dwelling 21 Cosgrove Road (Ridge height and footprint acceptable)

**Approved** Fitness studio 2 Furtho Court (parking issues explained)

**(c) Enforcement / Appeals**

None

**9. Press Notices**

None

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

**(a) NCC / MGWSP Highways**

Bus Shelter survey – Towcester Road adj Mounthill Ave confirmed (by E-mail) as a Parish Asset and maintained by OSPC

**(b) SNC Rate Demand 2013/14 (Non-Domestic Annual Bills)**

Discretionary Charitable Relief claimed for Playing Field & Memorial Hall @ £0

**\* (c) New Homes Bonus Consultation**

Response required by 31 May 2013 > Action to be agreed (discussed > Cllr Clarke)

**(d) SNC Head of Strategic Planning & Economy**

Promotion publications on Heritage, Canals & Family Fun > circulated for info

**\* (e) Northants Police Safer Community Team (South Northants)**

Update on 2012 /13 (part included in Annual Newsletter) > circulated for info

**(f) CPRE**

Planning portfolio > circulated for info

**\* (g) N/CALC**

Update for circulation & Annual Subs + Internal Audit Fees > 31 March 2014 for approval  
**RESOLVED** to approve

**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)(Provisional End of Year Reconciliation)**

Treasurer's a/c: £507.22  
Business Call a/c: £51,230.88 (+ VAT repayment)  
**Available Capital = £9,227.34 (excluding ERs)**

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

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

Paid 1 April 2013

002213	Mh-p:	£672.00 Hosting & Website Plan H fees)
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002214	Clerks Salary:	£716.80
002215	HMRC:	£179.20 (PAYE (NIC > Chq 2226)
002216	Petty Cash:	£18.82
002217	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
002218	NJ Blackwell:	£1,090.20 (Mowing + Fence repairs Oxfield Park )
002219	Aylesbury Mains:	£55.14 (PL 14 Deanshanger Road)
002220	ACS:	£10.00 (MH Windows)
002221	E.ON:	£1,163.23 (Unmetered PL supply)
002222	NCC:	£360.00 (Speed data survey)
002223	Viking:	£112.14 (Office / Memorial Hall supplies)
002224	K Peach:	£102.05 (Play area & notice boards maintenance)
002225	N/CALC:	£550.09 (Annual Fees (Min:10(g))
002226	HMRC:	£35.19 (NIC contribution)

**12. Street Lighting**

**(a)** London Road (illumination black spot) > response from Cllr Walker confirms action

**13. Highways**

**(a)** Northridge Cars. London Road - obstruction dealt with when SID batteries were replaced

- (b) Deanshanger Road o/s Community Hall 20mph limit (Safe Routes to School) discussed \*
- (c) Missing A422 sign > Old Stratford off Deanshanger RAB \*
- (d) River bridge gully grates unswept (covered in debris which will cause road flooding) \*
- (e) A508 ponding caused by blocked gullies \* (All marked \* to Clerks / MGWSP meeting 15/4)

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

- (a) Cllr Mrs P Stevenson (presented a resignation letter as moving away before the end of the month. This creates a Casual Vacancy (notices to be posted).

*The Chairman wished her well on behalf of OSPC and thanked her for all her hard work*

**15. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013 AOM commencing at 7.30pm & Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May (Annual PC meeting) commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

**Old Stratford Parish Council  
Outstanding Activities  
April 2013**

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# Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF OLD STRATFORD ANNUAL OPEN MEETING  
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**Present:**

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mr I Baxter, Mr B Clayton, Ms K Morris, 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 6 members of the public

**1 Apologies**

Cllrs Mr D MacDonald (convalescing), Mr A Pateman (HSE Commitments), Mr D Meadowcroft (work?), Mrs Helen Howard (NCC/MGWSP Customer Liaison Officer)

**2 Minutes of the 2012 AOM**

Minutes of the AOM meeting had been previously displayed and approved at the May 2012 APM

**3 Any Outstanding Matters**

**(a) Allotments**

Update given since MKPT ultimatum, therefore no available land

**(b) Development Issues**

Current position on the ACE Plant relocation & Appeal site (off The Meadows)  
Proposals for a new school shelved (no justified need). Primary School now under refurbishment

**(c) Willow tree Deanshanger Road / Willow Grove**

No replacement agreed

**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:

- (a) To receive Audited Accounts 2011/2012 } No comments
- (b) Observation of Finance 2012/2013 } Approved
- (c) Budget Proposals 2013/2014 } Approved

\* Unanimously adopted

**6 Report from Northamptonshire Police**

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

**Previous Crime figures >**

<i>Burglary Dwelling</i>	<i>0 &gt; 5</i>	
<i>Burglary Other</i>	<i>2 &gt; 2</i>	<i>(from garages and sheds etc)</i>
<i>Criminal Damage</i>	<i>13 &gt; 7</i>	
<i>Drugs</i>	<i>1 &gt; 0</i>	
<i>Violence</i>	<i>9 &gt; 12</i>	
<i>Sexual Offences</i>	<i>1 &gt; 2</i>	
<i>Robbery</i>	<i>0 &gt; 1</i>	
<i>Theft from M/V</i>	<i>4 &gt; 10</i>	

<i>Theft of M/V</i>	<i>2 &gt; 1</i>
<i>Theft / Handling</i>	<i>10 &gt; 5</i>
<i>Deception / Fraud</i>	<i>1 &gt; 0</i>
<b>Total Crimes</b>	<b>45 (an increase on previous years 43)</b>

*With Qs on general policing including the Wards ASB (Anti Social Behaviour) Reports showing a drop from 44 > 14, operations, school visits, 'No Entry' and speed issue offences, PCSO Herbert was thanked for attending and he left the meeting*

## **7. Report from NCC Highways**

Apologies received – The clerk had met with Mrs Howard previous day and commitments agreed. Issues outside Bridge Stores high priority (awaits feasibility for lay-by and costing) Passenham Speed Limit in place and MK/NCC Boundary issues delayed by MKC highway improvements and restructuring after Heads-up meeting attended by District Cllr Clarke

## **8 Report from District Councillor**

It has been my privilege to serve Old Stratford & Passenham over the past year.

As your District Councillor, I have dealt with a variety of casework by visiting a fair number of residents at home and holding monthly surgeries in the Memorial Hall, Old Stratford at 11.00am on the last Saturday of each month. My next surgery is on the 27th April 2013. I would like to thank the Parish Council for allowing me to use the hall.

This year has been another 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 frozen our Council tax again in 2013/14-for the third year running. We will continue to find other innovative ways to protect our services as far as possible. This will be achieved by continuing to work with Cherwell District Council & others to ensure all services offer value for money.

The Council has a strong track record and commitment to delivering efficiencies resulting in an 18% reduction in net expenditure of services since 2009/10 when the net revenue budget stood at £11.6m compared to £9.5m in 2013/14.

With effect from the 2013/14 year the legislation has been changed allowing billing and major precepting authorities to publish explanatory information online rather than in the form of a leaflet. We chose to send out a leaflet again this year. However, every Council Tax payer does retain the right to request the information in a hard copy format which we will comply with.

Our overriding priority over the next ten years will be to promote economic growth - building thriving communities through a strong, sustainable, and dynamic local economy offering our communities more stable, high quality and high value jobs, with increased opportunities for all, and more affordable homes for local people.

At the same time as promoting economic growth, the Council is also committed to achieving the right balance, so that it protects and enhances all that is best about the district's natural and built environment.

South Northamptonshire has determined in the Joint Core Strategy that 8,340 new additional homes will be built between 2001 and 2026, this is an average of 333 per year. The West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy is going through its 'Examination in Public' this week with adoption in the autumn 2013. We are about to issue the Issues and Options paper for our local plan. This is an important document and it will go out to consultation early May 2013 for 12 weeks. The Local Plan will supplement the policies and proposals in the Joint Core Strategy and both will cover the period up to 2026. The Government finally revoked the East Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy last week which will assist the passage of our Joint Core Strategy. Following the 'Issues and Options paper on Rural Settlements and Village Confines' in May 2013 we will publish a proposed pre-submission draft in autumn 2013, aiming for submission of the plan and 'Sustainability Appraisal' in spring 2014. The plan will be examined in autumn 2014 with an aim

for adoption in spring 2015. These documents together with the NPPF will form the framework against which all planning decisions will be assessed.

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 your District Councillor, I take notice of the wider public interest.

Planning, transport and parking issues have figured very highly in your concerns. 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 assist your Parish Council with its Parish Plan. This should help to provide a vehicle for you to set out what you want to see happen around key issues.

In addition, I have had a number of meetings with Milton Keynes Council to address some of the cross boundary highway issues. As a result, they have set aside funding to make the Stony Stratford side of the bridge 30 mph. This should help slow the traffic down on London Road. I remain committed to obtaining solutions to the traffic problems and I will continue to seek much needed improvements in the coming year.

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 challenges 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. However, we have secured a vacant property in Old Stratford using our community safety funding powers.

At the request of several residents I have arranged for a number of rubbish clean up operations in Old Stratford. I have also revised 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.

The Council has agreed a two stage waste and recycling collection service improvement. The first stage is to move to a four day collection week (Tuesday through Friday) to provide a more consistent and efficient service. The change was implemented from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013. The second stage will be from June when the new recycling collection service involving separate food waste recycling and a wheelie bin for dry recycling rather than boxes will be introduced.

Our finance and procurement service won the 'Finance Team of the Year'; a national award scheme led by the Local Government Chronicle and for 2012-13 the Council was shortlisted as finalists in the same awards in the Business Transformation and Central Services Team of the Year categories. I look forward to meeting you at one of the monthly Parish Council meetings or at one of my surgeries soon.

Councillor Mary Clarke

Leader of South Northamptonshire Council

Ward member for Old Stratford & Passenham

**I can be contacted on:-Telephone 07747 7757524 or E-Mail [mary.clarke@southnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:mary.clarke@southnorthants.gov.uk)**

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

## **9 Report from County Councillor**

We (the Conservative Administration at NCC) introduced a four year plan last year whereby £28M had to be saved, year on year and as of to date we are on course to do this. We managed to have a neutral budget this year and continue with a 0% increase in Council Tax. This year it has been all about consolidating that plan, so no further front line services are affected. Yes reorganisation of Buses and Mobile Libraries, as well as switching off strategic Street Lights to achieve this, have had to occur. Voluntary Organisation reforms and savings in Preventative services have also helped us to achieve this. We have also entered into a Local Government Services agreement with

Cambridgeshire, which has saved in duplication of staff.

We as Councillors reviewed our Allowance scheme to make it more equitable, (I mentioned this in my report last year) with a reduction of some £100,000+. Scrutiny (which I control as Scrutiny Champion) made the larger share of this by some £44,000. The reduction in Councillor Numbers under new Boundary Commission reducing from 73 Councillors to 57 Councillors will account for further savings of some £96,000. This is due to come into effect after the May elections. "Would you believe I have been your County Councillor for the last sixteen years"?

In essence this means each Councillor will have a bigger area to service and more residents to look after. No major changes will be made to the Deanshanger Ward except I will gain Alderton, Ashton, Grafton Regis & Paulerspury. I represent at present some 8,500 residents this will increase to around 9,950 residents.

I think I have served this community well over the years and hopefully you will agree.....

Things have never been harder for all of us. We are now living in austere times. No matter who was in power due to lack of new money towards local government funding, they would be in the same position, and most of you were around to see what the last lot did???

We do live in a beautiful part of the UK and as such except for the occasional hiccup we don't do to badly. Our young people do have pretty good schools in this area and from my experience (as a previous Chair of Governors at Elizabeth Woodville School) their Education is second to none. NCC 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 VUNERABLE" in this County, in fact we have put an extra £3M into the budget for Social Services alone this year.

Unfortunately the weather has not been kind again this winter so our contractor May Gurney has been out and about doing extra road repairs. Road gritting on the major roads has been successful and "NO WE ARE NOT SHORT OF GRIT either" "Although some may try to convince you otherwise" the bad weather over the last few years has been exceptionally well planned for..... 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 the only effect you will see is on the "A" roads. If you drive around outside of Northamptonshire you will see all other councils have followed suite irrespective of what political party is in power.

We have a new Crime Commissioner and his budget for the police force was £0%

We have our own LEP called Northampton Local Enterprise Partnership. This has brought in over 1000 extra jobs, with 3000 more in the pipeline. We are considered to be the most enterprising place in Great Britain. We have transformed services within the County and have other Councils now looking at our innovative ways of working. Just look at who is flourishing... Carlsberg, Mercedes AMG and Silverstone to name but a few. None of this would have happened without this administrations forethought over the last seven years.

I still have the important role of Scrutiny Champion for NCC, ex officio Cabinet member, sitting in on cabinet briefings and advising and helping to make decisions 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 overview Four Scrutiny Committees that in their own right, look after, Health & Social Services, Customer & Communities, Environment & Transport and Finance & Performance.

I was again elected Chair to the Local Government East Midland Scrutiny Network. I attend regular meetings in London with Parliamentarians on Scrutiny within the UK

There has been a reduction in the Empowering Councillors Scheme to (£6,000) but I did donate money to the Old Stratford Parish Plan Update (Questionnaire & Publicity)

My activities locally as your County Councillor have involved; Advising on Transport the 89 & 90 bus routes Neighbourhood Planning (which Yardley Gobion is a pilot for SNC) Deanshanger Planning App (278 agreement) dispute, Road resurfacing, Housing, Benefits, Libraries Social Services and Education. Also Care for the Elderly in the Community.

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 at your bequest...

**I can be contacted on :-**

**Telephone 01908 – 260302**

**E -Mail [awalker@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:awalker@northamptonshire.gov.uk)**

*There were no Qs*

## **10 Any Other Business**

(a) After a general discussion on OS issues. The number of residents attending was again disappointing given that every household had received the Annual Newsletter and Invitation to attend.

With no other business the meeting close at 8.35pm

# Old Stratford Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

### Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mr I Baxter, Mrs N Laurence (From Min:4), Mr D MacDonald, Mr D Meadowcroft, Ms K Morris, Mr A Pateman, Mr G Rogers & Mrs S Tait  
Also present was Mr D Everett (Clerk), Ms Rainbow (OS School Governor) and 5 Members of the public

*Before the meeting was opened two class 6 pupils from OS Primary School addressed OSPC regarding the schools recent litter pick and recycling request*

### 1. Election of Chairman

Proposed by Cllr Pateman 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 Whittaker seconded by Cllr Morris that Cllr Pateman continue as Vice Chairman  
\* Cllr Pateman accepted the nomination and signed the Declaration of Acceptance

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

Cllrs Mr B Clayton (work commitments away), Mrs M Clarke (SNC) & Mr A Walker (NCC)

### 4. Casual Vacancy by Co-option (CV Circulated)

Proposed by Cllr Pateman seconded by Cllr Whittaker and unanimously approved that Mrs Nicky Laurence be co-opted onto the council (filling a long term vacancy) who signed the Declaration of Acceptance, Financial Interests and was passed relevant documents  
(Another vacancy remains with permission to co-opt expected for next meeting?)

### 5. Election of Working Groups and Representatives

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

<b>Planning:</b>	Full council following current practice
<b>Finance:</b>	Cllrs Whittaker, MacDonald, Rogers, Pateman & Laurence
<b>General Purpose:</b>	Cllrs Baxter, Pateman, Rogers & Meadowcroft
<b>Scrutiny Committee:</b>	Cllrs Clayton, Pateman, MacDonald, Tait & Whittaker
<b>Transport Representative:</b>	Cllr Rogers (with the clerk)
<b>Pocket Park:</b>	The clerk
<b>Parish/Neighbourhood Plan:</b>	Cllr Pateman (and others as required)
<b>OS &amp; Passenham Charities:</b>	Cllr MacDonald
<b>Parish Path Warden:</b>	(?) Mrs B Bucknell resigned (letter sent) > next meeting
<b>Whalley's Charity:</b>	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)

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

None

**7. Adoption of Standing Orders, Revised Code of Conduct, Financial Regulations & Risk Assessments for 2013/2014**

**RESOLVED** to adopt

**8. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

Minutes of the meeting 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

**(a) Questionnaire update Minute 4(a)**

Cllr Pateman gave a progress report

**(b) Highways & Drainage update Minute 4(b)**

Since Minor Works list reminder – MGWSP have advised that teams will be in OS for 1 day only (works prioritised as pot holes and siding out of London Road). Gully works on separate schedule?

\* Discussed - Comment made about the single day only and prioritisation > Cllr Walker

**(c) Oxfield Park dirt track Minute 4(c)**

Delivery this weekend (delay advised)

**(d) Litter Pick Minute 4(d)**

Village Litter Pick by Primary School deferred after Easter BH cancellation > report

**RESOLVED** that previously agreed donation of £50 now be paid

**\* (e) Chapmans Drive Play Area Minute 4e)**

Wet pour surface damage (also to consider matrix' matting on worn grass area to comply with Annual Inspection) > quotations to be agreed (Surface damage only at this time) > Discussed

**RESOLVED** that wet pour surface be repaired. The other quote for artificial grass deferred

**(f) Swan PH Minute 4(f)**

Punch Taverns chased on exterior condition adj LBs chased again > still no reply

**(g) New Homes Bonus Minute 10(c)**

Approval in principle agreed to Consultation Proposals

**(h) Passenham Gravel Meetings Outstanding**

Next meeting of the Local Liaison Group Meeting Memorial Hall 2pm Wed 15<sup>th</sup> May

**10. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Annual Open Meeting dated 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

Minutes of the meeting 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

None - other than the poor attendance despite promotion in the Annual Newsletter and website

**12. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)**

Latest SIDs counts - Action Police/NCC discussed.

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

Report from School Governor on refurbishment progress and small fire

**14 District & County Councillor Reports**

**(a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)**

No reports due to vehicle breakdown

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

No reports after re-election

**15. Planning**

**(a) Applications Received**

**S/2013/0447/FUL** Single storey side and rear extension 31 Towcester Road

\* No objections

**S/2013/0467/FUL** Demolition of existing conservatory and replace with single storey sun room extension and convert existing garage to habitable living space 38 Chapmans Drive

\* No observations

**S/2013/0481/FUL** External extract duct to north elevation (retrospective)

Former Little Chef Restaurant Towcester Road

\* Noted

**S/2013/0491/FUL** Proposed side extension to annex (ancillary) 15 Wharf Lane

\* No observations

**S/2013/0541/FUL** Two storey side extension and pitched roof over existing rear flat roof

40 Cosgrove Road

\* Observation – Given the previous refusal, whether the impact on the area remains, given the scale, mass and frontage width which is out of scale with the street scene

**INTERIM**

**S/2013/0584/TCA** Fell 1. No Old horse chestnut tree The Old Rectory, Passenham (for info only)

\* NFA required

**S/2013/0560/MAO** Residential development of up to 125 dwellings with new access and associated infrastructure (outline) Land south of Towcester Road (Blackhorse Field)

\* Detailed response deferred to June meeting (with SNC consultation prior – date tbc) (Jun 3 – 7)

**(b) Decision Notices**

**Withdrawn** Temporary unit replacement Unit 6 Furtho Court, Towcester Road

**Refused** two story side extension 40 Cosgrove Road (see 0451/FUL above)

**Approved** Demolition of Gardeners Bungalow, Passenham Lane and replace > subject to conditions (reports circulated)

**(c) Enforcement / Appeals**

None

**16. Press Notices**

None

**17. Correspondence (list at meeting)**

**(a) Aylesbury Vale DC**

Publication of Vale of Aylesbury Plan Strategy – Proposed Submission

\* CDRom circulated for info

**(b) Passenham United Charities**

PUC Annual Report > circulated for info

**\* (c) OS Footpath Warden**

Path report prior to resignation > circulated for info – letter of thanks sent for her committed work

**(d) CPRE**

How to improve travel choices – CPRE’s new toolkit > circulated for info

**(e) NCC / MGWSP**

S171 Highways Act 1980 (Road Opening Licence Procedure) > for file

**(f) Buckingham & River Ouzel Internal Drainage Board**

Notification of Watercourse maintenance Programme 2013/14 in Old Stratford > noted for file

**18. Finance**

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

**RESOLVED** to approve by unanimous decision

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

Treasurer’s a/c: £505.36  
Business Call a/c: £67,513.00 (+ ½ Precept and CTRS Grant > CRs)  
**Available Capital = £26,894.91 (excluding ERs)**

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

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

002227	Clerks Salary:	£716.80
002228	HMRC:	£214.39 (PAYE /NIC)
002229	HMRC:	£187.86 (Underpayment 2012/3)(Advised)
002230	Petty Cash:	£121.06 (Incl:Mileage/Norton/ISP)
002231	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
002232	NJ Blackwell:	£813.42 (Mowing)
002233	Aylesbury Mains:	£246.33 (PL repairs)
002234	E.ON:	£149.38 (MH Energy)
002235	AH Contracts:	£156.48 (Environmental contract)
002236	Mh-p:	£90.00 (Web fees)
002237	Nationwide BS:	£210.00 (Clerks Pension)
002238	Canon UK:	£106.82 (Equipment Hire)
002239	OS Community Hall:	£2,500.00 (s137 Donation > rent subsidy)
002240	OS Primary School:	£50.00 (s137 donation Min:9(d))

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

R&P Book presented along with Audit Declaration and Accounts for signature. (Internal Audit now due 30<sup>th</sup> May) > Copy of Accounts for members

**19 Street Lighting**

**(a)** Deanshanger Road PL? sensor obstructed by ivy

**(b)** London Road – dark area after PL switched off – assurance from CCllr Walker awaits confirmation of action

**20. Highways**

Further discussion about MGWSP work gang for 1 day only > CCllr Walker to explain

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

None

**22. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June commencing at 7.30pm**

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.48pm

**Old Stratford Parish Council  
Outstanding Activities  
May 2013**

<b>Date first Raised</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Parish Action</b>	<b>Action by Others</b>
Update	<b>Parish Plan Quality Council Neighbourhood Plan</b>	> Actioned - Questionnaire > Action deferred > Action deferred	> <b>Questionnaire returns</b> > <b>deferred</b> > <b>under review (due to cost)</b>
Ongoing	<b>Council Surgeries</b>	District Cllr / OSPC	<b>Cllr Clarke (SNC) monthly Surgeries' 1100 - 1200 dates nb / Website OSPC presence &gt; clerk</b>
Ongoing	<b>Allotments  Deferred UFN</b>	Oxfield Park – not suitable. 100 acre field > 152 acres now in MKPT ownership	<b>Any Allotments by MKPT conditional to development support therefore declined</b>
Ongoing	<b>Highway Issues</b>	Village enhancement to include Passenham. Gateway signs on order London Road HGV volume Subject recent survey > NCC/MKC	<b>Resiting 30/40mph signs still imminent? MK boundary. Positive result? of Xborder MKC / SNC / NCC meeting reported by Cllr Clarke Awaits action &amp; time scale</b>
Update Ongoing	<b>Drainage problems</b>	Cosgrove Road / London Road - river bridge all main issues – Ongoing. Willow Grove / Mounthill Ave + Deanshanger Road gullies	<b>Some remedial maintenance carried out –meeting with MGWSP/NCC re outstanding flooding issues - Broken blocked gullies noted (after latest survey) &gt; awaits repairs (chased)</b>
Ongoing	<b>Speed complaint SIDs</b>	London Road current siting (counts justify action) Police advised request local speed enforcement	<b>Enforcement action chased but still not agreed. Recent NCC Highways Safety Officer (Action) Traffic survey results received</b>
Reviewed Update	<b>Towcester Road Verges</b>	> deferred <i>NCC Budget cuts had reduced funding for local projects?</i>	<b>Outstanding &gt; deferred to site meeting as above and includes o/s shop (urgent resurfacing completed) (lay-by feasibility)</b>
Ongoing	<b>Dog Fouling</b>	Cllr Meadowcroft leads	<b>Monitor after additional signs in place &gt; ongoing (Newsletters)</b>
Review	<b>Post Office</b>	Clerk had liaised support with Bridge Stores re 'return' of PO	<b>Positive response awaits outcome with PO (negative). MP/Cllr Clarke assists - Still No progress</b>
Feb 13	<b>New School? Contrary to policy</b>	No justification for new school on back of housing NCC agree refurbishment	<b>OS School repairs now agreed In progress</b>
Ongoing	<b>Planning   NEW</b>	1. Land off The Meadows 2. ACE Plant site and relocation. Outline approval for housing subject to s106 agreement New MAO Blackhorse Field	<b>1. Appeal site awaits start 2. No progress to date on housing development of Industrial site Meeting with Planners held and requirements agreed &gt; deferred Response to be considered</b>

# Old Stratford Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

### Present:

Cllrs Mr D MacDonald (in the chair), Mr I Baxter, Mr B Clayton, Mrs N Laurence, Ms K Morris, Mr G Rogers & Mrs S Tait

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

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mr R Whittaker (holiday), Mr D Meadowcroft (work/charity event), Mr A Pateman (work) and 6 Objecting Members of the public (including 1 letter of objection) re Min:8(a)

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

None

### 3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 14<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Minutes of the meeting 14<sup>th</sup> May 2013 were approved and signed as a correct record subject to accounting error on Running Balance

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

#### (a) Questionnaire update Minute 9(a)

Cllr Pateman has forwarded a progress report re housing for Min:8(a)

#### (b) Highways & Drainage update Minute 9(b)

Minor Works team attended OS for the 1 day only (works prioritised as pot holes and siding out of London Road and sign cleansing?). Gully works on separate schedule? Request to speak to Highways Supervisor (N/R) > Cllr Walker

#### (c) Oxfield Park dirt track Minute 9(c)

Spoil heaps delivered > track in use

#### (d) Chapmans Drive Play Area Minute 9(e)

Wet pour surface damage repaired - quote for artificial grass awaits (discussed)

#### (e) Swan PH Minute 9(f)

Exterior condition adj LBs completed (red paintwork which has attracted adverse comments) > still no reply from Punch Taverns direct

#### (f) Passenham Gravel Meeting Minute 9(h)

Latest meeting of the Local Liaison Group held < circulated for info

#### (g) OS Footpath Warden Minute 17(c)

To confirm FPWs > Cllrs Laurence and Tait

#### (h) SNC Planning

Notification of Local Plan delay mainly due to Inspector comments > Min:7(a)

### 5. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

Latest SIDs counts – Defective unit awaits maintenance

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

None

## **7. District & County Councillor Reports**

### **(a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)**

Spoke on the enquiry re Transport > Sponne School for OS pupils; SNC Waste & Environmental Recovery soon (22<sup>nd</sup> July) with new Blue bin and food waste caddies; Spoke on Appeal that was lost (Passenham CA Bungalow) and support for SNC decision: The withdrawal of the Taxi firm app Furtho Court (which would have been refused) chased about current operation; Fridays meeting with planners (Blackhorse Field); Public meeting re Council Structure; Junction improvements (at last) Stony Stratford High Street and 30mph extension; Finance and talk of HMG further cuts of 25% in next Parliament; Local Plan – on shore wind farms (and policy + recent DCLG statement re local objections!) and appropriate sites to be identified; Letter re s106 conditions and request to intervene – declined; Looking into use conditions Guest House Deanshanger Road; Delay in SNC Local Plan due to Inspector requirements for more evidence; > discussed.

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

OS Ward > programme of highway maintenance (chased) > requesting a rolling programme) and looking into lack of response to OSPC request re outstanding issues. Area Customer Support Officer Helen Howard now > MGWSP noted

## **8. Planning**

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

**S/2013/0560/MAO** Residential development of up to 125 dwellings with new access and associated infrastructure (outline) Land south off Towcester Road (Blackhorse Field)

\* **OBJECTION** to include 'Access contrary to SHLAA and Highway policy (+ traffic counts and previous OSPC/NCC traffic census); Not sustainable given lack of school access and added pressure on school placements; Failure to properly consult with both OSPC and residents contrary to The Localism Act; Lack of planning gain (inadequate Allotment provision) and s106 commitments; Drainage issues; Housing needs survey (indicating no perceived need); Previous pre-app (for new school + housing) stated that if no school justified then no justification for additional housing (which is supported by Parish survey and limited developer consultation).

\* Verbal objectors were encouraged to write to SNC > chase

(Note: OSPC meeting with SNC Planners Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June (attended by the clerk, Cllrs Clayton, Pateman, MacDonald and Baxter)(Cllr Whittaker is away)

### **(b) Decision Notices**

None

### **(c) Enforcement / Appeals**

**Appeal Dismissed** Against refusal for replacement house. The Bungalow Passenham Lane supporting OSPC/SNC objections (although dual track app for reduced height dwelling has already been approved)

## **9. Press Notices**

None

*Cllr Walker gave apologies and left the meeting (but reminded of Min:12(a) & 13(b))*

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

### **(a) Aviva**

Guidance on Managing Flood Risk > circulation file

**\* (b) CPRE Northamptonshire**

Branch AGM 5pm Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July > attending? (Outlook Newsletter circulated)

**(c) NCC Highways (Rights of Way)**

Details noted of Interim manager after resignation of RoW Manager Jim Cosford

**(d) SNC Waste & Recycling Service**

Info prepared for Old Stratford - new Blue Wheelie bins and Food Waste boxes > Householder info 2 weeks before implementation > circulated for info

**(e) Northants Police & Crime Commissioner**

Newsletter message calling for volunteers (1000 Special Constables?) > circulated for info

**(f) N/CALC**

Update circulated for info

**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)(Provisional End of Year Reconciliation)**

Treasurer's a/c: £557.82

Business Call a/c: £63,414.15

**Available Capital = £22,540.79 (excluding ERs)**

Note: OS Craft Club had donated £100 for use of the hall Mondays > letter of thanks sent

Proposed by Cllr Clayton seconded Cllr Tait and unanimously carried for approval

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

002241	Clerks Salary:	£716.80
002242	HMRC:	£214.39 (PAYE /NIC)
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002244	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
002245	NJ Blackwell:	£776.64 (Mowing)
002246	Anglian Water:	£35.35 (MH Water Rates)
002247	AH Contracts:	£189.60 (Environmental contract)
002248	ACS:	£20.00 (MH windows)
002249	Wickstead:	£1,243.20 (Repair – Chapmans play area)

**(d) To Adopt Annual Internal Audit report (circulated with Agenda)**

**RESOLVED** to adopt – there were no outstanding issues

**12. Street Lighting**

**(a)** London Road – dark area after PL switched off – assurance from CCllr Walker awaits

**(b)** PL outside 33 Deanshanger obstructed by vegetation

**13. Highways**

**(a)** Further discussion about MGWSP work gang for 1 day only > CCllr Walker to explain

**(b)** RAB issues > Area 7

**(c)** Passenham Lane / Beachampton Road (MKC) obstruction overhanging vegetation

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

**(a)** 33 Deanshanger Road (Hostel?) > SNC

**(b)** Letter from Primary School children using Chapmans Drive re play area (Discussed)

\* Next Agenda

**15. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July commencing at 7.30pm**

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Mr D Meadowcroft, Mr A Pateman, Mr G Rogers & Mrs S Tait  
Also present was Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllrs Mrs M Clarke (SNC), Mr A Walker (NCC), Mrs H  
Miller (School Governor) and 2 Members of the public

### 1. Apologies for Absence

None

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

None

### 3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Minutes of the meeting 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

#### (a) Highways & Drainage update Minute 4(b) & 13(a)

> Cllr Walker – awaits promised contact by MGWSP (discussed)

#### (b) Hall Close resident Outstanding

Complaint about canal trees rear of garden (previous visit discussed > legal responsibility –vs- ?)

\* Arboreal report to be arranged

#### (c) Bridge Store parking Outstanding

Scheme still not forwarded (discussed further > (a))

\* NCC CE & David Farquhar (A/Director of Services & Transportation); all parties to be copied in

#### (d) Blackhorse Field update

Discussed > deferred to Min:8

#### (e) SID repair

No apparent fault – battery? Replacement @ £80 suggested > Approved

#### (f) Highway Issues

Despite Cllr Walkers assurance of contact – none made > Min:(a) & (c)

#### (g) Hostel Deanshanger Road?

\* No further info

### 5. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

No updates

### 6. To Consider Chapmans Drive Play Area request for improvements

Report by Cllr MacDonald. Discussed with proposals > Cllr Tait to report to school.

\* Decision to Astroturf or install baby swings > deferred

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

Update on School refurbishment and Bridge Stores

## **8. District & County Councillor Reports**

### **(a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)**

Planning; JPU Core Strategy requires review by Inspector re strategy / environmental /sustainability obligations re housing numbers (completed late summer?) before consult again; Blackhorse Field update (awaits SNC appeal decisions). Any highway approval (clerk has submitted comprehensive traffic counts and contrary argument re application – no decision yet, but S106 issues may need to be considered shortly); A Major Appeal (for 300 dwellings) is with Eric Pickles; Partner councils to review NPPF position as Appeal inspectors are failing to consider Local Plan Policies - legal advice being sought to any successful appeals after refusal; Passenham Appeal against Bungalow refusal was lost (new plans already approved); New Homes Bonus - consider a scheme now rather in 6 years, due to budgetary pressures and HMG changes in allocation which will change 2015/16; Rogue landlords review; New SNC/Cherwell Waste Partnership > new Blue Bin / Food caddy delivery soon; ACE Plant s106 discussed; Football complaint Willow Grove noted

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

Budgeting issue are causing problems with further savings required. No proposal to switch PL7 London Road back on - safety issues will remain when dark; Passenham Lane safety discussed after car through fencing. Q - SRTS Audit / A - no budge; Education Inspection and site visits outlined

## **9. Planning**

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

**S/2013/0708/LDP** Lawful development Certificate? single story rear extension 15 Wharf Lane (Note: Although increase in footprint by yet another extension. Application challenges restrictions under revised LDR) > NFA

**S/2013/0728/SCR** Screening opinion for a proposed solar farm. Knotwood Fields Farm (Watling Street, Old Stratford) *Environmental Impact Assessment Not Required at this time*

**Pre App info - Anglian Water Service** details of construction of temporary access and site compound east side of A422 (part of 100 acre field) just after Deanshanger Road exit A422  
\* Pedestrian and cycle safety (not evident in the report) > to be dealt with by detailed permission

### **(b) Decision Notices**

### **(c) Enforcement / Appeals**

None

## **10. Press Notices**

None

## **11. Correspondence (list at meeting)**

### **\* (a) CPRE**

Annual Subs @£29.00 > **RESOLVED** to be approve

### **(b) RoSPA**

Information sheet on Routine Inspections of Play Areas (CosPC by Wicksteeds) > circulated

### **(c) NCC Adult Learning Team**

Brochure for Autumn 2013 – Spring 2014 > Promotional event 13 July @ Guildhall, Northampton

\* Details nb / circulated for info

**\* (d) Letter from Mr Bill Paterson**

Letter requesting permission to use part of the playing field for Archery > Insurance attached  
\* Public liability cover appropriate for occasional use BUT refused due to exclusivity and HS

**\* (e) SNC Waste Management Officer**

Blue bins and food caddies for delivery w/c 22 July > Website Home Page noted re commencing Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August. Householder instructions delivered with new bins/caddies > website  
\* Disposable food waste bags available locally except OS > Cllr Clarke to note

**(f) Aylesbury Vale DC**

Draft Householder Extensions Local Development Order > noted for file

**(g) SNC Finance Dept**

Non-Domestic Rates for Memorial Hall & Playing Field > Discretionary Charitable Relief = £0

**(h) NCC**

My Council > watch council meetings on line > circulated for info (not Parish Councils)

**\* (i) N/CALC / Northamptonshire PCC**

Small grants scheme launched by Police & Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire  
\* Cllr Pateman deals

**(j) Clerk & Councils Direct**

For circulation

**(k) N/CALC**

Training Calendar July - October 2013 > Cllr Laurence

**\* (l) Mh-p**

Webmasters advice to Cllrs on Data Protection Act > advice to be discussed and resolved  
\* Any corres through the clerk as OSPC is licensed Data Holder

**(m) SLCC The Clerk Magazine**

Circulated for info

**(n) HSE**

Five steps to risk assessment > Cllr Pateman to advise any action

**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)(Provisional End of Year Reconciliation)**

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

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002256	AH Contracts:	£156.48 (Environmental contract)
002257	CPRE:	£29.00 (Annual subs s137 – Min 11(a))
002258	BDO LLP:	£360.00 (Annual Audit fees)(see Min:12(d))
002259	British Gas:	£146.58 (MH Gas)
002260	K Peach:	£280.99 (MH repairs – main wall gladding)
002261	SLCC:	£63.00 (New Local Council Administration (50% Cos))

**(d) To Adopt Audit for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013**

**RESOLVED** that the Annual Return be Approved and Accepted

\* Issue arising – Fidelity Guarantee level (suggesting that cover is for maximum level held at any one time (they have included 2 year Fixed Term Investment). Called Employee dishonesty by Insurers @ £150,000.00 > Discussed and issue resolved. Reaffirming Risk Assessment and that the level is acceptable. To be further reviewed on next insurance renewal

**13. Street Lighting**

(a) Willow Grove defect > Cllr Tait to advise

**14. Highways**

(a) London Road pot hole and subsidence at junction

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

(a) Football Field use – rumoured demise of existing OSFC

**16. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August commencing at 7.30pm**

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

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# Old Stratford Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

### Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mrs N Laurence, Mr D MacDonald & Mr D Meadowcroft  
Also present was Mr D Everett (Clerk) and 3 Members of the public

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr I Baxter, Mr A Pateman, Mrs S Tait & Mrs M Clarke (SNC) (Holidays), Mr B Clayton (working away) & Ms K Morris (Pre-school meeting), Mr G Rogers & Mr A Walker (NCC) (unwell)

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

Cllr Whittaker S/2013/0888/TCA Fell horse chestnut / sycamore (Cllr Application)  
Cllr Meadowcroft (Minute 4(b)) member of SSTFC  
Cllr Laurence (Minute 5) as immediate neighbour

### 3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013

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

(a) **Highways & Drainage issues** Minute 4(a), (c) & (f)  
MGWSP / NCC officers attend next meeting

(b) **Hall Close resident** Minute 4(b)

\* Arboreal report to be agreed Min:6

(c) **Community Hall Play Area** (Outstanding)

After the replacement of 2 x flat seats and chains, recent inspection show confirm previous inspect report (that within 12 months) 2 x cradle seats should now be replaced (@ £ 216.00

\* **RESOLVED** to approve replacement seats as recommended

(d) **OSFC demise (Cllr Meadowcroft)** Minute 15(a)

After full and frank discussion and exchange of views it was **RESOLVED** that SSTFC (provided contract with Community Hall for use of changing rooms) that a nominal £10 per session over the 14 week?\* season for the use of the Football field, would be acceptable to OSFC towards maintenance costs (SSTFC to put any acceptance in writing) \* *Later amended to 32 weeks*

### 5. To Approve Chapmans Drive Play Area improvements (Cllr MacDonald)

Cllr Tait absent (without report back from OS School) > Deferred

### 6. To Consider Arboreal Reports (circulated with Agenda)

Clerk recommended action on both reports as circulated (urgent work (canal) + complaint (field))

\* **RESOLVED** that the recommendation in the attached reports be agreed

### 7. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

SID returned (no defect?) new battery > to be monitored; Planning issues updated

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

## 9. District & County Councillor Reports

### (a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)

Last surgery dealt with Willow Grove complaint about football PCSO / Complainant present  
Kept OSPC up to date with planning issues

### (b) Cllr Walker (NCC)

Support for meeting with NCC Highway / MGWSP arranged > Min:4(a)

## 10. Planning

### (a) Applications Received

**S/2013/0560/MAO** Outline for up to 125 dwellings with new access and associated infrastructure.  
Land south of Towcester Road - ***Revised access arrangements to allow RT into Hyundai***  
(To also consider s106 heads re development given recent Appeal decisions)

\* There was some disquiet about being required to consider s106 heads at this stage, however

\* **OBJECTION** remains to the outline access.

Also without further input from NCC Highways, an opportunity will be lost if further recontouring and road widening is not considered at this outline stage, between the proposed entrance and the Old Stratford Roundabout, where tailbacks and congestion are caused by the affect of a single file into three towards the stop line of Towcester Road/RAB.

Comments in our original objection also remain relevant despite the views of County Highways and the Highways Agency which we consider to be flawed.

*\* Further meeting arranged with all parties including County Highways, Highways Agency, Environment Agency and Education Officers > Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August @ 2pm SNC (Cllrs Whittaker, Pateman & MacDonald + clerk attend)*

**S/2013/0887/ADV** One internally illuminated fascia and totem pole River Garage  
Suzuki Northridge 14 London Road (***now retrospective***)

\* With street lamps switch off to save energy – suggested time limit for illumination as it is intrusive at night

**S/2013/0888/TCA** Fell horse chestnut / sycamore (Cllr Application) Rectory Cottage, Passenham

\* For Information only > NFA

**S/2013/0906/FUL** Construction of temporary access to serve site/compound (2 years)  
Land adjacent to east side of A422 (AW Improvements)

\* Details noted

**S/2013/0935/FUL** First floor side extension 18 Towcester Road

\* No observations

**S/2013/0960/FUL** Single storey rear extension 15 Wharf Lane

\* Question whether the further increase to the original dwelling (by 50%) means that the form of the original dwelling will be lost by further extension contrary to planning guidance and create an unacceptable precedent in this village location

### (b) Decision Notices

**Refused** - Lawful Development Certificate? single story rear extension 15 Wharf Lane (Not LD)

\* See above

### (c) Enforcement / Appeals

None

## 11. Press Notices

None

## 12. Correspondence (list at meeting)

### \* (a) Came & Company

OSPC Insurers Annual Renewal = £2,093.86 > **RESOLVED** to approve

### \* (b) SLCC / NALC

National clerks pay award @ 1% backdated to 1 April

\* **RESOLVED** that the clerks salary be increased by 1% back dated to 1 April 2013

### \* (c) SNC Head of Public Protection & Development

Request to assist and remove expired site planning notices > Clerk willing to assist

### \* (d) Robinson & Hall Chartered Surveyors (Circulated)

E-mail re land rear of The Meadows / Manorfields Road despite two lost appeals > noted **NFA**

### \* (e) Department for Communities & Local Government (Circulated)

Post Office Community Enterprise Fund > copied to Shop Owners (sub-postmaster elsewhere) & advised that OSPC support the return of PO counter even if limited (Village Questionnaire) > Noted

### (f) Cllr Walker / SNVB (Circulated / nb)

Vacancy for part-time driver in SN (Minimum 10 hours pw @ £7.80 ph) > noted

### \* (g) Information Commissioners Office

Freedom of Information Act Environmental Information Regulations > OSPC are compliant

\* To note – further advice about Cllrs using portable devices to store information > circulated

### (h) Conservation Studio (Circulated)

SN Grand Union Canal Conservation Area review proposals (incl: Disused Buckingham Arm?)

### (i) West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit

Update on progress of Joint Core Strategy Local Plan (part 1) > noted as previously reported

### (j) Rural Services Network (Circulated)

Rural Opportunities August 2013 > no issues raised

## 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)(Provisional End of Year Reconciliation)

Treasurer's a/c: £565.04

Business Call a/c: £58179.50

**Available Capital = £16,240.50 (excluding ERs)**

\* VAT of £1,270.08 claimed

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

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

002262 Clerks Salary: £716.80

002263 HMRC: £214.39 (PAYE /NIC)

002264 Petty Cash: £32.83 (Incl: mileage)

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002266	NJ Blackwell:	£882.54 (Mowing)
002267	E.ON:	£95.87 (MH Electric)
002268	AH Contracts:	£156.48 (Environmental contract)
002269	Canon UK:	£106.82 (Equipment Hire)
002270	Aylesbury Mains:	£59.51 (PL12 Willow Grove repair)
002271	Mh-p:	£54.00 (Web fees)
002272	Westcotec Ltd:	£126.00 (Sid check / new battery)
002273	Kimbolton Ltd:	£1,012.80 (Village Fireworks)
002274	ACS:	£10.00 (MH Windows)
002275	Brokers Networks Ltd:	£2,093.86 (Came & Co Annual Insurance – Min:12(a))
002276	Royal British Legion:	£17.00 (Annual Wreath Order)

**14. Street Lighting**

(a) No reports

**15. Highways**

(a) Issues being dealt with next meeting

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

(a) Replacement MH lighting to be agreed

(b) Cllr MacDonald asked for an update on the Parish Plan

(c) Summer Recession and or January for discussion

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**Old Stratford Parish Council  
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# Old Stratford Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on 10th September 2013 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

### Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mr I Baxter, Mrs N Laurence, Mr D MacDonald, Ms K Morris, Mr A Pateman, Mr G Rogers & Mrs S Tait  
Also present was Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllrs Mrs M Clarke (SNC) & Mr A Walker (NCC), Mr D Farquhar (Director NCC Highways), Mrs H Howard (MGWSP/NCC Community Liaison) and 5 Members of the public

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr B Clayton & Mr D Meadowcroft (working away), Paula Simpson (Chair of Governors OS Primary) report attached at Min:12(j)

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

Cllr Meadowcroft (Minute 4(b)) member of SSTFC  
Cllr Laurence (Minute 5) as immediate neighbour

### 3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 13<sup>th</sup> August 2013

Minutes of the meeting 13<sup>th</sup> August 2013 were approved and signed as a correct record  
*Cllr MacDonald requested that his comment about not accepting any planning gain be included at Min:10(a)* > Deferred to Planning

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

#### (a) Highways & Drainage issues Minute 4(a)

MGWSP / NCC officers attended > Update on July letter of complaint and discussed at length with issues highlighted for report and action: No resolution for the parking issues o/s Bridge Stores; £19K for a single lay-by not cost effective. OSPC when asked had to rely on NCC/MGWSP advice for any Bridge Stores resolution, although a suggestion by Officers was agreed for investigation

#### (b) OSFC demise (Cllr Meadowcroft) Minute 4(d)

\* Deferred – no report

#### (c) Planning Issue – Blackhorse Field application Reappraisal Minute 10(a)

Dist Cllr Clarke chaired meeting with SNC Planners; County Highways; Highways Agency; Environment Agency and Education Officers on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August (Cllrs Whittaker & MacDonald + clerk attended) > Report given (Minutes not yet provided)  
\* Discussed (see Min:10(a))

#### (d) MH Lighting Minute 16(a)

Replacement MH lighting – type to be agreed > deferred after discussion

#### (e) Summer Recess Minute 16(c)

Due to minimum quorum number in August - summer recess discussed and  
**RESOLVED** that there would no August meeting (planning and finance issues agreed)

### 5. To Approve Chapmans Drive Play Area improvements (Cllr MacDonald)

Cllr Tait reported back from OS School with preference > circulated and discussed  
\* Cost of astro turf not justified? > deferred for members to look at the area and report back

## 6. To Consider Arboreal Reports (previously circulated)

Update – report and affect on any tree reduction rear of Hall Close (site visit am 8/9)

**RESOLVED** To support survey recommendations (That no work required or justified at this time)

Recommendation that whole tree line to be reviewed in 18m noted. > report circulated

\* Copy of report > Hall Close complainant

(Note: Arboreal work in canal basin starts shortly) issues at the rear of 9 Hall Close also discussed).

\* Members to visit site – date / time tba)

## 7. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

Planning issues updated – SIDs back on to gauge MKC improvements at Stony Stratford

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

### 9. District & County Councillor Reports

#### (a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)

Spoke on the Environmental issues; Interim Financial Officer; further HA consultation (A43) and A5 OS RAB; Towcester expansion and effects; Small Business initiatives (7<sup>th</sup> Dec); Planning issues; Affordable Housing % being reduced from 40% > 10% in places by developer pressure due to cost; Silverstone appeal result affecting Blackhorse Field app: SNC meeting with consultees attended by OSPC - HA & NCC comments on capacity (safety audit and sensitivity reports before approval); Q Degradable liners - shop owner to apply (Cllr Pateman deals)

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

Spoke on his attendance at the SNC consultee meeting and supports OS Objection re entrance; Also on the education projection

*Cllr Walker gave apologies and left at this point*

## 10. Planning

### (a) Applications Received

**Review of S/2013/0560/MAO Residential development of up to 125 dwellings with new access and associated infrastructure (outline) Land south of Towcester Road**

\* **OBJECTION** remains especially as the SLHAA dismissed development of the site due to the lack of a suitable entrance. Without the recontouring of the verge between the proposed entrance and Old Stratford RAB this can only exacerbate the current peak time congestion, especially as the HA at a recent meeting, agreed that their formal comment that the majority of traffic leaving the proposed site would turn RIGHT was unfounded.

We would therefore request that a Safety Survey be properly conducted before permission is granted and not after, along with a Sensitivity Report on the affect that the entrance will have on existing traffic especially on entering or exiting the RAB. Milton Keynes Council should also be consulted due to cross border issues through the village to Stony Stratford.

The other **OBJECTION** is the effect on the village school, due to this development on top of the proposed 65 dwellings on two sites elsewhere in Old Stratford, which appears unsustainable?

The original IHP allocated a percentage of development to Old Stratford already exceeded and we remained concerned about Sustainability as we have little facilities left from the original survey.

\* S106 heads discussed as Cllr MacDonald had proposed that OSPC should not seek any planning gain due to objections. Cllr Pateman proposed seconded by Cllr Rogers, that OSPC continue to seek planning gain if the application was approved.

**RESOLVED** by vote by 5 to 3 to continue with S106 heads:

Therefore, if minded to approve, a suitable sized allotment garden should be provide as there are no allotments in the village. This should be of 0.467 hectares (1.152722 Acres) to be fenced and secured (which does not take account of the additional 65 dwellings yet to be completed); we would

also wish to see a suitable access to the village school from the site in order to avoid additional vehicle movements (and are disappointed at the lack of input from the Education Authority); An acceptable installed Play Area with commuted sum for maintenance and the supply and installation of Dog Bins. We would also request an additional commuted sum for village improvements, as the 1919 built Memorial Hall needs to be reroofed (at an estimated cost in excess of £12,000) The total number of dwellings in Old Stratford if this proposed development is approved will be 1054.

**(b) Decision Notices**

**Refused** - First floor side extension 18 Towcester Road

**(c) Enforcement / Appeals**

None

**11. Press Notices**

None

**12. Correspondence (list at meeting)**

**\* (a) SLCC CPD Financial Management**

Clerk attends 16<sup>th</sup> September 50% fess > CosPC

**(b) Aylesbury Vale DC**

Householder Extension LDO > noted for file / reference

**(c) Chub Fire**

Annual Inspection Certificate (19<sup>th</sup> August)

**\* (d) SNC Director of Resources**

A Guide to Community Grants next deadline is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October (includes New Homes Bonus)

\* WP (Cllrs Whittaker, Pateman, Morris & Tait) to consider with recommendations

**(e) SNC Elections Team**

European Elections Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014 > MH provisionally booked @ £200

**(f) ACRE Village Viewpoint**

Circulated for info > see grants / Ground works etc.

**\* (g) NCC Planning Policy**

Northamptonshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework Partial Review: Local Plan Final Draft (Proposed Submissions Document) > does not affect OS area

**(h) Clerks & Council Direct**

Circulated for info

**(i) PRS / PPL**

Review form completed

**\* (j) OS Primary**

Update on completion of the Schools refurbishment > open day invitation Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

**13. Finance**

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

**RESOLVED** to approve by unanimous decision

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Treasurer's a/c: £533.14

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

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002282	Anglian Water:	£36.49 (MH Water Rates)
002283	Aylesbury Mains:	£120.92 (3xPLs Oxfield Park Drive)
002284	Cosgrove PC:	£47.50 (CPD fees Min:12(a))
002285	Chubb Fire:	£137.70 (Annual Inspection > MH Min:12(c))
002286	Wickstead:	£294.25 (Replacement swing seats (Min:4(c) Aug))

**14. Street Lighting**

**(a)** PL 11 Oxfield; 2xMounthill to be advised

**(b)** PL o/s B&B – Ivy has been severed but still obstructs photocell > clerk deals

**15. Highways**

**(a)** Issues being dealt with as at Min:4(a) plus others outstanding including ponding o/s 22 Mounthill and potholing o/s 15

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

**(a)** Empty property Cosgrove Road > discussed

**(b)** Remembrance Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November – School Monday 12 Nov @ 11am > Clerk deals

**(c)** Autumn Newsletter due next month

**17. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 commencing at 7.30pm**

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# Old Stratford Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

### Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mr I Baxter, Mr B Clayton, Mrs N Laurence, Ms K Morris, Mr A Pateman, Mr G Rogers & Mrs S Tait

Also present was Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllrs Mrs M Clarke (SNC), Mr A Brodie (OSPS Governor) and 1 Member of the public

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Mr D MacDonald (returning from Holiday),

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

None

### 3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Minutes of the meeting 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

#### (a) Highways & Drainage issues Minute 4(a)

MGWSP / NCC officers attended previous meeting > Report received and circulated

#### (b) SSFC (Cllr Meadowcroft) Minute 4(b)

No further reports although request re mowing / white lining > assumption that playing w/e

#### (c) MH Lighting Minute 4(d)

Replacement MH lighting > High Frequency Florescent Lighting agreed

#### (d) Trees Minute 6

Site visit discussed (not all attended) > any action deferred to Annual Meeting

#### (e) SNC Director of Resources Minute 12(d)

A Guide to Community Grants next deadline is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October (includes New Homes Bonus)

\* Cllr Pateman produced resume and requirements (WP did not take place in clerks' absence)

#### (f) Cycle Trail outstanding

Since importation of soil – little evidence of use (other than carpet as work by users promised appears lacking) > Action deferred

### 5. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)

Updates discussed

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

School Governor updated OSPC on refurbishment; New occupier of Firs Farm appraised of traffic issues and welcomed to OS

### 7. District & County Councillor Reports

#### (a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)

Approach from church groups re OS/Deanshanger food bank (justified need) and need to support;

Towcester food bank now closed (search for premises); Blackhorse Field further pre app meeting held (attended by the clerk / Cllrs); request for safety Audit and appraisal received (clerk had circulated); Stony Stratford Health Centre had responded an met with developers (awaits report); MKC had not yet

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

No reports

**8. Planning**

**(a) Applications Received**

**S/2013/1210/FUL** New 3 bed detached dwelling etc. 6 Wheelwrights Way

\* **OBJECTION** Contrary to the original developments design statement. It also fails to meet NPPF by poor and cramped design. Is incongruous and would seriously compromise the street scene.

**S/2013/0560/MAO** Reconsultation due to amended Masterplan (Blackhorse Field)

Land Towcester Road

Road Safety Audit received along with Design Assessment and circulated for info. Further site meeting 9.30am 15<sup>th</sup> October

\* **OBJECTION** remains and we remind you that at 7.9 reference is made to the previous Local Plan appeal where, despite the Inspectors recommendation for development for this site, Planners refused the application as there was no suitable access reinforced later by SHLAA. Other than an increase in traffic volumes nothing has changed. We have received a Safety Audit and Designers Response. Highlighted in both reports is the restricted visibility which may contribute to pull-out collisions. De-cluttering drivers' view of existing or emerging traffic is further compromised by the inclusion of a bus stop opposite (which is not required) and the number of road arrows and the right turn pockets off the RAB will be full at times of the day, compromising road safety further by tail backs into the RAB. We support a central island NW of the proposed access as this will stop overtaking tailback traffic approaching the RAB onto the oncoming exit from the RAB on the blind bend, especially as at 2.3.1 of the designers' response, states 'that there is insufficient space available to comply with the design statement' and any further white lining will be provided at further design stages when, if approved WILL BE TOO LATE and IS FOLLY as any decision on this Application should be deferred until all feasibility on design and safety issues have been properly investigated.

**(b) Decision Notices**

- **Approval** River Garage Signage (Illuminated signs to be switched off between 2200 – 0800) as per OSPC request

**(c) Enforcement / Appeals**

None

**9. Press Notices**

None

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

**(a) Sure Start**

Permission given 28 Oct > 1 November (Half Term) use of Playing Field

\* **(b) Northants Police Territorial Policing**

Invitation to be involved with 2014/5 Community Speed Watch Programme; requires (500 signatures or 20% of electorate + 10 volunteers for training) – reply by 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 > NFA

**\* (c) SNC Head of Strategic Planning & the Economy**

SN Local Plan – Issues Paper Consultation > briefing 12 (2 - 4pm) or 13 November (6 – 8pm) @ SNC for update as to the progress of the LP and introduction to consultation documents

**\* (d) NCC Public Consultations**

Highway Planning and development > circulated for info - NFA

**(e) Information Commissioners Office**

Notification of DD 5 November > NFA required

**(f) Lloyds Bank**

Advice that accounts now at Lloyds Bank (not Lloyds TSB) > noted for file

**(g) Gas Safety Certificate for Memorial Hall**

Service / Safety Check carried out > awaits invoice

**\* (h) N/CALC**

Reminder of AGM Saturday **19 October 2013** at the Saxon Hall, Raunds with business starting at 10:00 a.m. and ending by 1:00 p.m. > Attending ?

**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)(Provisional End of Year Reconciliation)**

Treasurer's a/c: £542.77  
Business Call a/c: £74,010.18 (2/2 Precept + CS/FR Interest)  
**Available Capital = £32,401.45 (excluding ERs)**

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

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

002287	Clerks Salary:	£724.00
002288	HMRC:	£231.48 (PAYE /NIC (+ adjustment)
002289	Petty Cash:	£93.72 (Incl: mileage / PC Service < ER)
002290	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
002291	NJ Blackwell:	£943.38 (Mowing)
002292	E.ON:	£1,191.12 (PL Energy)
002293	Aylesbury Mains:	£119.02 (PL repairs)
002294	AH Contracts:	£346.08.(Environmental Contract Aug/Sep)
002295	Tree Profiles Ltd	£450.00 (Arboreal tree report)
002296	N/CALC:	£29.00 (Training Fees Cllr Laurence)
002297	Cllr Laurence:	£10.78 (Mileage re above)
002298	Shaw & Sons:	£70.80 (New R&P Book)
002299	SNC:	£67.32 (Bulky Waste removal > Memorial Hall)
002300	OS Community Hall:	£500.00 (C&D Act donation)
002301	OS Community Hall:	£656.00 (S137 donation Village events less Fireworks)

**12. Street Lighting**

**(a) PL7 Mounthill Ave 000**

**(b) Falcon Drive POS PLs (5 000) > adoption ?**

**13. Highways**

(a) Footpath / Cycle track > Passenham still overgrown

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

(a) Remembrance Sunday – Memorial Hall 10<sup>th</sup> November @ 10.45 for 11am

**15. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013 commencing at 7.30pm**

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

**Old Stratford Parish Council  
Outstanding Activities  
October 2013**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Parish Action</b>	<b>Action by Others</b>
Update	<b>Parish Plan Quality Council Neighbourhood Plan</b>	> Actioned - Questionnaire > Action deferred > Action deferred	> <b>Results being collated &gt; deferred &gt; under review (due to cost) and status</b>
Ongoing	<b>Council Surgeries</b>	District Cllr / OSPC	<b>Cllr Clarke (SNC) monthly Surgeries' 1100 - 1200 dates nb / Website OSPC presence &gt; clerk</b>
Ongoing	<b>Allotments  Deferred UFN</b>	Oxford Park – not suitable. 100 acre field > 152 acres now in MKPT ownership	<b>Any Allotments by MKPT conditional to development support therefore declined</b>
Ongoing	<b>Highway Issues</b>	Village enhancement to include Passenham. Gateway signs on order London Road HGV volume Subject recent survey	<b>Resiting 30 completed after improvements Stony Stratford Congestion remains</b>
Update Ongoing	<b>Drainage problems</b>	Cosgrove Road / London Road - river bridge all main issues – Ongoing. Willow Grove / Mounthill Ave + Deanshanger Road gullies	<b>Some remedial maintenance carried out –meeting with MGWSP/NCC re outstanding flooding issues - Broken blocked gullies noted (after latest survey) &gt; awaits repairs (chased)</b>
Ongoing	<b>Speed complaint SIDs</b>	London Road current siting (counts justify action) Police advised request local speed enforcement	<b>Enforcement action chased but still not agreed. Recent NCC Highways Safety Officer (Action) Traffic survey results received</b>
Reviewed Update	<b>Towcester Road Verges</b>	> deferred <i>NCC Budget cuts had reduced funding for local projects?</i>	<b>Outstanding &gt; deferred to site meeting as above and includes o/s shop (urgent resurfacing completed) (lay-by feasibility?)</b>
Ongoing	<b>Dog Fouling</b>	Cllr Meadowcroft leads	<b>Monitor after additional signs in place &gt; ongoing (Newsletters)</b>
Review	<b>Post Office</b>	Clerk had liaised support with Bridge Stores re 'return' of PO	<b>Positive response awaits outcome with PO (negative). MP/Cllr Clarke assists - Still No progress</b>
Feb 13	<b>New School? Contrary to policy</b>	No justification for new school on back of housing NCC agree refurbishment	<b>OS School repairs now agreed In progress complete by Autumn</b>
Ongoing  June 13	<b>Planning  NEW</b>	1. Land off The Meadows 2. ACE Plant site and relocation. Outline approval for housing subject to s106 agreement (delayed) New MAO Blackhorse Field (Appeal decisions dictate) (Site meetings held)	<b>1. Appeal site awaits start 2. Progress agreed awaits final approval of Industrial site Meeting with Planners held and requirements agreed &gt; deferred 3. Response - Objection remains (S106 head considered as result of recent appeal decisions) (Awaits Committee Decision)</b>

# Old Stratford Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

### Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mr I Baxter, Mr B Clayton, Mr A Holloway (from Min:2/3); Mr D MacDonald (from Min:6(g)), Ms K Morris, Mr A Pateman, & Mrs S Tait  
Also present was Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC)(from Min:9), Mrs Martin (OSPS Governor) and 2 members of the public

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Mr G Rogers (by way of resignation – Casual Vacancy notice posted); Cllrs Mrs N Laurence (away), Mr D Meadowcroft (work commitments away) & Mrs M Clarke (SNC)(SNC Meeting)

### 2. Existing Casual Vacancy by Co-option (CV circulated)

Alan Holloway was unanimously invited to fill a long term vacancy and welcomed onto the council

### 3. Declaration of Acceptance / Financial Interests

Cllr Holloway duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance and was passed relevant documents including Financial Interests (for completion before next meeting)

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

None

### 5. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Minutes of the meeting 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

#### (a) Highways & Drainage issues Minute 4(a)

Report received and circulated > further assessment of lay-by costs deferred (see Min:6(g))

#### (b) SSFC (Cllr Meadowcroft) Minute 4(b)

Assumption that now playing > payment details to be confirmed > deferred next meeting

#### (c) MH Lighting Minute 4(d)

High Frequency Florescent Lighting agreed > Discussed Cllr Morris deals local electricians

#### (d) Community Grants Minute 4(e)

Cllr Pateman had produced resume and requirements > circulated for Action next meeting

#### (e) SN Local Plan – Issues Paper Consultation Minute 10(c)

Briefing this day (2 - 4pm) attended by Cllr Pateman and Clerk

\* Details discussed at length > issues circulated for next meeting and comment by Jan 24

#### (f) Clerks Forum

Clerk attended Forum @ SNC 8/11 (dealing with NHB & CTRS proposals? (+ Tax Base calculations) For 2014/15 and a planning briefing prior to SNLP issues above

\* Tax Base and other rates - not until late Dec or early Jan > Min 13(d)

*Cllr MacDonald arrived from Passenham UC meeting at this point*

**(g) Towcester Road Outstanding**

After September meeting - NCC Highways/MGWSP advised on lay by costs as part of a response to the Blackhorse Field highway safety proposals > circulated

\* Due to latest response invitation to HH to next of Jan meeting?

**(h) Remembrance services**

The OSPC service 10/11 was attended by 31 residents and councillors (including Kettering based relative of COMS Wilmin (WWII) 6th year) followed by wreath laying:

The clerk also attended the schools MH service on Monday 11/11 and had been presented with a copy of poems read, along with collage of Remembrance by year 6 (circulated)

**7. Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)**

Updates discussed especially planning permission for the Blackhorse Field. It was agreed to write to SNC with a view that the approval was premature due to unanswered Qs

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

Cold calling issue raised re SSH Fire & Security (alleged FOC installation = £1,199 + contract)

\* The clerk to advise Police and Trading Standards

**9. District & County Councillor Reports**

**(a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)**

No Reports

*Cllr Walker arrived at this point from a meeting in London*

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

Spoke on changes to Government Grants 20/80% split with Districts; Cost savings needed as Budget scrutiny begins > discussed at length (including the misinformation re Asset Management i.e. Liability Management); Q raised for information re possible conflict of interest after MGWSP Highway consultants WSP had acted for both Persimmon Homes and NCC Highways re Blackhorse Field approval after no highway objection to access despite concerns raised

*Cllr Walker and Mrs Martin gave apologies and left the meeting*

**10. Planning**

**(a) Applications Received**

**S/2013/1334/TPO** Risk Assessment for TPO issues Treetops 18 Towcester Road (Info only)

**S/2013/1345/FUL** Ground floor front extension to existing bedroom 70 Mounthill Ave

\* No Objections

**(b) Decision Notices**

- **Approval** Up to 125 dwellings (including amended access) Blackhorse Field Land Towcester Rd

\* Discussed – planning committee submissions circulated (new info discussed) as above

- **Approved** Up to 32 dwellings outline (giving the go ahead for the relocation of ACE Plant to Furtho Pit accessed off the A508 between OS RAB and Northampton Road (Cosgrove turn))

**(c) Enforcement / Appeals**

None

**11. Press Notices**

None

## **12. Correspondence (list at meeting)**

### **\* (a) NCC**

Asset (Liability) Management Strategy Consultation for consideration > circulated with survey

\* Proposals not supported other than the de-cluttering of street furniture > clerk to complete survey

### **\* (b) Aylesbury Mains**

Revised Supply and Fit Rates > noted for file

Latest advice from Street Lighting Industry inferring Cosgrove requirement for 'Testing +

Inspection of assets every 6 – 8 years – attaching (HEA Public Lighting Assets Owner Advice

\* Note - the clerk had responded that OSPC complied (reasons discussed HEA Report circulated)

### **\* (c) SNC Lead Officer Planning Policy**

Settlements & Development Management Policies Local Plan – Issues Consultation > previously circulated (includes Methodology for Town and Village Confines > Cllr Clarke)

### **\* (d) Resident complaint about local democracy**

Deals with Autumn Newsletter and collection of questionnaires – Dickens Drive > noted

### **\* (e) Mh-p Internet Ltd**

Website update > copied to Cllr Clayton for comment

### **\* (f) NCC Highways**

Launch of Highway Warden Scheme – proposal 'to appoint a Highway Warden'> NFA

### **(g) Highways Agency – Asset Manager**

Exchange of mail after Blackhorse Field approval on maintenance/condition of OS RAB

\* Apparent commitment to re-plant roundabout by end of November – reminder that verges are also unkempt (see Min:15(a))

### **(h) BDO**

Audit Briefing > noted for file and circulated for info for action by Annual Meeting 2014

### **(i) C/NALC**

Survey on Policing in the county by 6 November > circulated for individual Cllrs response > NFA

### **\* (j) NCC / MGWSP Highways**

Urban Highway Grass Mowing 2014 > s136 LGA 1972 for adoption (Remains @ £712.61)

**RESOLVED** to approve

### **\* (k) NALC**

Local Councils Explained – new publication > circulated

## **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)(Provisional End of Year Reconciliation)**

Treasurer's a/c: £550.07

Business Call a/c: £69,953.48 (+ VAT repayment))

**Available Capital = £27,759.37 (excluding ERs)**

Note: Mowing grant £712.61 claimed

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

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

002302	OS Community Hall:	£844.00 (rectify S137 donation repay re fireworks)
002303	Clerks Salary:	£724. 00
002304	HMRC:	£231.48 (PAYE /NIC (+ adjustment)
002305	Petty Cash:	£60.53 (Incl: mileage / PC Service < ER)
002306	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
002307	ACS:	£30.00 (MH Windows Aug/Sept/Oct)
002308	NJ Blackwell:	£913.74 (Mowing)
002309	E.ON:	£34.65 (MH Energy)
002310	Aylesbury Mains:	£499.51 (PL repairs – see Note*)
002311	AH Contracts:	£189.60 (Environmental Contract Oct)
002312	Mh-p:	£18.00 (Web fees)
002313	Canon UK:	£106.82 (Equipment Hire)
002314	Viking:	£311.12 (Office Stationary (CosPC billed £82.15))
002315	JD Mulligan:	£80.00 (MH Annual Gas Service)(Min:10(g) Oct)
002316	K Peach:	£606.74 (MH maintenance inside and out)
002317	Westcotec Ltd:	£288.00 (SIDs replacement batteries)
002318	Anglian Water:	£29.68 (MH water rates)

\* Note: Falcon Drive POS PLs were reluctantly adopted as Developer is no longer in business?  
Falcon Drive / Pump Place PLs will only be adopted only when NCC have adopted highway

**(d) Agree date of Budget meeting to set precept for January full council**

Issues discussed as at Finance WP agreed > 7.00pm Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014  
(Cllrs Whittaker, Pateman, MacDonald, Laurence and Morris)

**14. Street Lighting**

- (a) PL2 & 3 The Meadows / PL10 Deanshanger Road & HA/PL9 O/s Bridge Stores > ooo  
(Request for PL map for next meeting)

**15. Highways**

- (a) OS RAB off A5 dual sunken blocked drain and flooding

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

None

**17. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013 commencing at 7.30pm**

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.22pm

**Old Stratford Parish Council  
Outstanding Activities  
November 2013**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Parish Action</b>	<b>Action by Others</b>
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Ongoing	<b>Allotments</b>	Allocation in new development Blackhorse field – Date ?	<b>Allotments committee to be agreed</b>
Ongoing	<b>Highway Issues</b>	Village enhancement to include Passenham. Gateway signs on order London Road HGV volume Subject recent survey	<b>Resiting 30mph completed after improvements Stony Stratford Congestion remains</b>
Update Ongoing	<b>Drainage problems</b>	Cosgrove Road / London Road - river bridge all main issues – Ongoing. Willow Grove / Mounthill Ave + Deanshanger Road gullies	<b>Some remedial maintenance carried out –meeting with MGWSP/NCC re outstanding flooding issues - Broken blocked gullies noted (after latest survey) &gt; awaits repairs (chased)</b>
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Ongoing  Oct 13	<b>Planning  Approved</b>	1. Land off The Meadows 2. ACE Plant site and relocation. Outline approval for housing subject to s106 agreement (now approved) 3. Blackhorse Field	<b>1. Appeal site awaits start 2. Awaits relocation plans before development for housing  3. Permission granted (S106 heads agreed)</b>

# Old Stratford Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

### **Present:**

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mr I Baxter, Mr B Clayton, Mr A Holloway, Mrs N Laurence  
Mr D MacDonald, Mr D Meadowcroft, Ms K Morris & Mr A Pateman  
Also present was Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC) and 7 members of the public

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

Cllr Mrs M Clarke (SNC) (delayed in London) & Mrs S Tait (by way of resignation – Casual  
Vacancy notice posted); (Note; Previous vacancy can now be filled by Co-option)

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

None

### **3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

Minutes of the meeting 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

#### **(a) Highways & Drainage issues Minute 6(a) & (g)**

Report received and circulated > further assessment of lay-by costs deferred

\* HH unable to attend (Jan?) but negative response precluded any action by NCC / MGWSP

#### **(b) SSFC (Cllr Meadowcroft) Minute 6(b)**

Payment details to be agreed

#### **(c) Community Grants Minute 6(d)**

Cllr Pateman had produced resume and requirements > circulated for Action

#### **(d) SN Local Plan – Issues Paper Consultation Minute 6(e)**

Details / issues circulated for comment by Jan 24

#### **(e) Mh-p Internet Ltd Minute 12(e)**

Website update > copied to Cllr Clayton for comment (Tutorial re New Live system)

#### **(f) Draft Parish Plan outstanding**

Circulated for comments

### **5 Outstanding Activities (Attached to previous Minutes)**

N/R yet from letter (circulated) re complaint re Blackhorse Field premature permission

Surveyors noted in Willow Grove (and School) & Deanshanger Road > discussed

Reference to ‘New School’ to be omitted

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

Review of Min:4(a) after which 5 members of the public left the meeting

### **7. District & County Councillor Reports**

#### **(a) Cllr Clarke (SNC)**

No additional reports

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

Spoke on NCCs 5 year plan (further £177M saving?) and NHS / Health Partnership (protecting children services); Restoring confidence = No referendum; Consultation 18 Dec > 4 Feb 2014; Also on PL London Road issues (current unlit area unresolved) and discussed  
*With no further Qs Cllr Walker wished all a Merry Christmas and left the meeting*

**8 Planning**

**(a) Applications Received**

**S/2013/1500/FUL** Change of use of existing ground floor from residential to shop (A1 use) and change first floor store to residential (C3 use) Single storey rear extension to enclose lobby into shop Bridge Stores, 1 Towcester Road

\* No objection but any increase in shop space / stock is likely to generate more custom and increase the parking concerns outside the shop

**INTERIM**

**S/2013/1611/FUL** Revised house type to previous approval S/2013/0264/FUL Former Gardeners Bungalow, Passenham

\* Observations included the 'increase in footprint' which dictated the previous application in the CA next to a LB (to underground one floor) – which is now for revision?

**(b) Decision Notices**

**Withdrawn** (prior to a refusal) separate detached dwelling 4 Wheelwrights Way

**Blackhorse Field** > Cllr MacDonald requested copy of the approval notice for s106 heads

**(c) Enforcement / Appeals**

None

**9. Press Notices**

None

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

**\* (a) SNC Conservation Officer**

Proposed Grand Union Canal Conservation Area Appraisal (Draft consultation 22 Dec 2013)

\* Noted > circulated for info with response sheets > clerk deals support by OSPC

**(b) N/CALC Update & County Association History**

Circulated for info

**\* (c) OSCH**

Request for additional financial support due to SSTFC and reduced rental over demised OSFC

\* Discussed - deferred to Budget meeting (prior to formal precept submission next meeting)

**\* (d) SNC**

Broadband Information Request; info on speed of Internet provision (any variation in OS? etc)

\* Cllr Clayton deals

**(e) NCC Planning Policy Minerals & Waste**

Local Plan Submission was submitted to Sec of State on 27th Nov 2013 > noted for file

**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)(Provisional End of Year Reconciliation)**

Treasurer's a/c: £526.25  
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Proposed by Cllr Whittaker seconded Cllr Pateman and unanimously carried for approval

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

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002328	Canon UK:	£166.42 (Copy costs)
002329	Tree Profiles:	£3,150.00 (Tree work old canal - per quote 29 <sup>th</sup> July)
002330	Gary Fisher:	£1,090.96 (Replacement MH lighting Min6(c) Nov)

\* **Reminder** Finance WP meets 7.00pm Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014 re 2014/2015 Budget  
(Cllrs Whittaker, Pateman, MacDonald, Laurence and Morris)

**12. Street Lighting**

**(a)** PL6 /7 Deanshanger Road PL9 Mounthill Ave are ooo

**13. Highways**

**(a)** Bridge Stores issues > discussed

**(b)** London Road o/s Arnold Cottages

**(c)** Chapmans drive o/s 50/60 loose cobbles

**(d)** Mounthill Ave /o/s 15 previous repair breaking up exposing concrete base

**(e)** Deanshanger Road / Dickens Drive loose manhole covers

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

**(a)** Passenham Conservation Area

**(b)** Towcester Road / Bridge Stores highway resolution

**15. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 commencing at 7.30pm**

With no other business the Chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas and Health New Year and closed the meeting at 8.50pm (and adjourned for Xmas cheer)

**Old Stratford Parish Council  
Outstanding Activities  
December 2013**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Parish Action</b>	<b>Action by Others</b>
Update	<b>Parish Plan Quality Council Neighbourhood Plan</b>	> Actioned - Questionnaire > Action deferred > Action deferred	> <b>Near ready to print</b> > <b>deferred</b> > <b>under review (due to cost) and status / relevance under NPPF</b>
Ongoing	<b>Council Surgeries</b>	District Cllr / OSPC	<b>Cllr Clarke (SNC) monthly Surgeries' 1100 - 1200 dates nb / Website OSPC presence &gt; clerk</b>
Ongoing	<b>Allotments</b>	Allocation in new development Blackhorse field – Date ?	<b>Allotments committee to be agreed</b>
Ongoing	<b>Highway Issues</b>	Village enhancement to include Passenham. Gateway signs on order? London Road HGV volume Subject recent survey	<b>Resiting 30mph completed after improvements Stony Stratford Congestion remains SID counts show improvements to 30mph compliance</b>
Update Ongoing	<b>Drainage problems</b>	Cosgrove Road / London Road - river bridge all main issues – Ongoing. Willow Grove / Mounthill Ave + Deanshanger Road gullies	<b>Some remedial maintenance carried out –meeting with MGWSP/NCC re outstanding flooding issues - Broken blocked gullies noted (after latest survey) &gt; most now repaired</b>
Ongoing	<b>Speed complaint SIDs</b>	London Road current siting (counts justify action) Police advised request local speed enforcement	<b>Enforcement action chased but still not agreed. Recent NCC Highways Safety Officer (Action) Traffic survey results collated</b>
Reviewed Update	<b>Towcester Road Verges</b>	> deferred <i>NCC Budget cuts had reduced funding for local projects?</i>	<b>Outstanding &gt; deferred to site meeting as above and includes o/s shop (urgent resurfacing completed) (lay-by feasibility?)</b>
Ongoing	<b>Dog Fouling</b>	Cllr Meadowcroft leads	<b>Monitor after additional signs in place &gt; ongoing (Newsletters)</b>
Review	<b>Post Office</b>	Clerk had liaised support with Bridge Stores re 'return' of PO	<b>Positive response awaits outcome with PO (negative). MP/Cllr Clarke assists - Still No progress</b>
Ongoing  Oct 13	<b>Planning  Approved</b>	1. Land off The Meadows 2. ACE Plant site and relocation. Outline approval for housing subject to s106 agreement (now approved) 3. Blackhorse Field	<b>1. Appeal site awaits start 2. Awaits relocation plans before development for housing  3. Permission granted (S106 heads agreed)</b>