

# Old Stratford Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL Held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

### Present:

Cllrs Mr A Pateman (in the chair), Mr C Allin, Mr C Carey, Mrs N Laurence, Ms K Morris, Mrs L Murgatroyd, Mrs N Ryder & Mr R Smith  
Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllrs Mr K Pritchard (SNC) and 1 member of the public

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr A Holloway & Mrs Ritson (late apologies) (family commitments) & Mr A Walker (NCC) holiday

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

None

### 3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Minutes of the Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were signed as a true record; subject to Qs raised by Cllr Morris on Min: 5 Public Speaking time (the meeting was closed for that item); that it failed to reflect that she would continue to investigate the feasibility re entrance to school (discussed at length) and at Min:13(c) MH Floor? - Which failed to reflect problems with the floor Clerk to investigate (Minutes amended to reflect this)

### 4. Clerks Report

- Play areas (x3) Inspection reports > Cllrs Holloway & Morris deal? *Not yet met*
- Allotments request re tree line > Allot/Chair advised after inspection - *in house remedy*
- Quote from contractor re verge/shrubs o/s Buddies > OSIB/ Buddies liaison decision? (*AH*)
- Quote for tree work Towcester Rd & Chapmans walk (behind Cosgrove Road) *advised*
- MH Floor remedy after site meeting *date awaits*
- Briefings > Elections 12 March & Futures MK 18 March (Chair/clerks attends)(Cllr Morris attends Futures event) *12<sup>th</sup> March cancelled as clerk has election papers*

### 5. Public Speaking Time (this is limited to 15 minutes)(Meeting closed for this item)

Allotment issues

### 6. District and County Councillor Reports

#### (a) Cllr Pritchard (SNC)

Spoke on council planning (reduction > 5% on apps); 16<sup>th</sup> place Business rates @ 99.5%; Unitary (SNC = lowest indicative Band D 2.16% lower - 11% of total); New grants process explained: PCCC (SM) April? AOM elections > Maybe May; Shop issues; s106 monies for NHS/SS (discussed); Blackhorse Drive management still not yet agreed

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

No reports

### 7. Correspondence received since last meeting (list at the meeting)

Other than previously circulated correspondence

#### (a) Election Papers received

> Deferred to the end of the meeting

**(b) Allotments Chair**

\* Quote for agreed toilet base received @ £585 total cost = £1,185 **RESOLVED** to approve

**(c) MKC Futures > 2050**

Clerk had responded and copied to Cllrs Walker and SNC

\* Presentation by MKC to SNC Parishes (along A5 & A508 route Wednesday 18 March @ 7pm  
Clerk/ Chair & Cllr Morris attends

**(d) Abbeymill Homes**

PL certificates date 2017/18 request to accept > clerk advised that new 'Fit for Purpose' certificates required on hand over > **RESOLVED** to approve

**8. Monthly roundup and issues from each councillor**

**(a) Cllr Smith** > Defib demo (15 residents attended); Yellow Box Junction Blackhorse exit; Wharf Close exit issues and CH update

**(b) Cllr Holloway** > x

**(c) Cllr Carey** > Updated; Q re access to school via Dickens Drive / Allotments?

**(d) Cllr Morris** > Arisings Deanshanger Road still there; No progress re canal fencing

**(e) Cllr Murgatroyd** > Towcester Road verge condition; litter / mud

**(f) Cllr Allin** > OSIB planters and proposals; Greenhouse w/e; 15 woodland trees;

Towcester Road update / Buddies; MH frontage project and Memorial Garden plan

**(g) Cllr Ritson** > x

**(h) Cllr Ryder** > School parking (incl staff) > school head contact issues

**(i) Cllr Tait** > x

**(j) Cllr Laurence** > Website update and newsletters/face book;

**(k) Chairman's Report** > SIDs/Defib post await installation; Meeting arranged  
resident/NCC Highways re 7.5T limit Clerk also attends (other matters will also be raised)

**9. Planning**

**(a) Applications Received**

**S/2020/0264/FUL** Replace existing conservatory with single storey rear extension 15 Water Close

\* Noted No observations

**(b) Decision Notice**

**Withdrawn** – Two storey front extension 67 Oxfield Park Drive

**(c) Enforcement / Appeals**

None

**10. Finance**

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

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

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

Treasurer's a/c: £548.75

Business Inst a/c: £47,845.02 (> Transfer to Treasurers a/c)

Earmarked Reserves: £47,943.33

**Available Capital: £1,762.85** (Vat repayment awaits)

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

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

003345 Clerks Salary: £796.00

003346	HMRC:	£199.00
003347	Petty Cash:	£96.44 (incl: MH Supplies/signs/mileage)
003348	Cleaner:	£60.00 (MH cleaning)
003349	DNH Contracts:	£154.56 (Environmental Contract Feb)
003350	Aylesbury Mains:	£50.16 (PL Canalside repair)
003351	E.ON:	£76.42 (MH Energy)
003352	British Gas:	£21.43 (MH Gas)
003353	TGP Ltd:	£1,296.90 (Greenhouse OSIB / grant aided)
003354	K Peach;	£801.17 (MH Kitchen upgrade)
003355	Viking;	£197.52 (Office supplies/Stamps 50% CosPC)
003356	A Holloway:	£19.94 (Plants OSIB)
003357	Minuteman Press:	£185.00 (Annual Newsletters)

## **11. Street Lighting**

- (a) Oxfield Park Drive PLs all suffered cowling issues due to high winds > Aylesbury Mains
- (b) PL7 Deanshanger Road now intermittent: Footpath PL Oxfield Park near play area day burning (Trees?)

## **12. Highways**

- (a) Playgroup Banner at Xroads Qs by Cllr Holloway  
\* No advert app required (size acceptable)
- (b) Reminder Litter Pick Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 9 – 11
- (c) AW old entrance now being made good with bollards as previously advised
- (d) Litter A5 / A422 > Cllr Pritchard noted
- (e) Box Pot Hole missed London Road after repairs
- (f) Drains blocked River bridge - swept but covers not lifted for gulley clean now blocked
- (g) Phone enquiry re traffic survey proposals (future development?) Wires and cameras will be seen and advised that lamp mounting in Deanshanger Road are Parish Owned not NCC > Discussed

## **13. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda**

- (a) MH Centenary > little interest –interior refurbishment agreed
- (b) Emergency planning > SNC meets these needs at present
- (c) Letter to School re parking (Min:8(h))

## **14. Date of Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2020 commencing at 7.30pm**

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.10pm

**Old Stratford Parish Council  
Outstanding Activities  
March 2020**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Parish Action</b>	<b>Action by Others</b>
Projects	<b>PL Upgrade A5 upgrade Planters  Canal fencing</b>	Completed Sept 2017 Tow / London Road Siting comple & ongoing OSIB (OS in Bloom) Deanshanger Road	<b>NHB grant + ER completed ( NCC poor lighting complaint) SNC/OSPC grant completed - others to follow (OSPC) Old Metal fencing Under review</b>
Ongoing	<b>Council Surgeries</b>	District Cllr / OSPC	<b>Cllr Pritchard continues Bi- monthly for 2019 &gt; web/nb</b>
Ongoing	<b>Allotments</b>	Allocation agreed W/C and Base agreed	<b>Allotments committee formed Allotments &gt; OSPC</b>
Expand Tracker	<b>Highway Issues Pot holes  HGV traffic  River Bridge</b>	> <b>Highway Tracker</b> Continual review  Monitored  Cycle issues	<b>Faults and complaints noted Some patching repairs only  HGV traffic &lt;&gt; Letters to hauliers. MKC to assist – request resent as No Response  Under Investigation</b>
Ongoing	<b>Blocked drains</b>	When required	<b>Monitoring (River bridge)</b>
Hold	<b>Speed complaint SIDs  Passenham</b>	Permanent power SIDs? Passenham speed thro' 30  'One Way?' proposed	<b>Agreed await post/powedr Previous Police enforcement NFA (old SIDs in place) Supported by OSPC awaits</b>
Highways Tracker	<b>Towcester Road  Bus Stop obst'n RAB  Parking Regs</b>	> verge repairs OSPC to consider remedy (Report to NCC highways)  Markings requested HE funded scheme  Cedar Close & others Manorfields/Mounthill & Deanshanger Road end	<b>Maintenance carried out but already damaged by residents and delivery vehicles <i>resolution sought &gt; parking regs</i> NCC Small works agreed? Improvements completed some safety issues remain &gt; A508 Only Cedar Close approved Cosgrove Road &amp; Towcester Rd enforcement issues</b>
Ongoing	<b>Dog Fouling Litter</b>	<i>Continues on verges and Playing Field - better</i>	<b>Monitor after additional signs in place &gt; ongoing (Newsletters)</b>
Review	<b>Post Office</b>	Clerk had liaised support with Bridge Stores re 'return' of PO * Now Londris (supports)	<b>Positive response awaits outcome with PO (negative) - Still No progress despite shop expansion Request for PO counter awaits</b>
Ongoing	<b>St Guthlac's</b>	Churchyard maintenance (In addition to regular mowing)	<b>Tree work ongoing- front Wall rebuild completed Maintenance is reviewed</b>
Ongoing	<b>Balancing Pond Blackhorse Dr  Hall Close</b>	Safety issues resolved by RoSPA report ?  Old Canal issues	<b>Management Scheme tba &gt; as OSPC decline adoption  NFA &gt; Awaits SNC advice</b>