

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Tuesday 14th DECEMBER 2021 at the Memorial Hall Commencing at 7.30pm
Under latest Covid-19 Protocol

Present:

Cllrs Mr T Pateman (in the chair), Mr C Carey, Mrs N Laurence, Mrs L Ritson, Mr R Smith & Mrs D Wallace

Also present was Cllr Mr K Pritchard (WNC)(from Min:9) & Mr D Everett (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr C Allin (post hospital), Mr A Holloway (unwell), Ms K Morris & Ms A Webster (Work commitments), Mrs L Murgatroyd (late apology re family issue)

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

None

3. Minutes for approval of the Meeting dated Tuesday 9th November 2021

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 9th November 2021 were signed as true record

4. Clerks Report

Tree damage re Hall Close/playing Field and Allotment Oak > dealt with OSCH > new Caretaker/Manager > to nb; Fireworks > comments received to OSCH
Police Community Bus to be sited Deanshanger Road Wed 10/11 1.30-2.30pm

5. Old Stratford Emergency Plan

2017 Emergency Plan updated to 2021 and copied to safe (donated by the clerk to be stored on side room) along with Operation London Bridge; a Book of Condolence and Queens Portrait. Present key holders are the Chairman and Clerk (to be reviewed as necessary)

6. Public Speaking Time (points raised before the meeting)

None

7. WNC Councillors Report (taken at the end of the meeting)

OSPC response to the Strategic Plan noted (copies on OSPC Website and other link); Had also seen the A5 Alliance report; Green Bin issue the reason for lateness as the costing to SNC district > back to cabinet; WNC Finance also > report attached

8. Correspondence received since last meeting (list at the meeting)

- Gigaclear request to present proposals and Main Box location
- * Invite for (Feb meeting)
 - Framptons wish to present Furtho Pit proposals (Scoping report not yet completed)
- * Invite for (Marc meeting > update Framptons Zoom on 5/Jan)
 - WNC Finance request for Precept 2022-2023 by 18th Jan 2022
- * Legislation requires by 31st January > Finance meeting 10 Jan for 11 Jan meeting and Budget
 - Introduction to Scribe > circulated NFA
 - Surf-X Inland surfing > WNC advised ree Furtho Pit allocation AL5

9. Planning

(a) Applications

WNC/2021/1985/SCO Furtho Pit OS is a Scoping application required by the EA decision for WNC/2021/1628/SCR Screening opinion (SNC plan AL5 copies circulated)

* Awaits Frampton's meet prior to Planning Applications > Clerk checking submitted docs

WNC/2021/2043/LDP Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed development comprising proposed loft conversion with roof lights front and rear 52 Blackhorse Drive

* Awaits officers decision whether full planning app required

WNC/2021/1937/FUL Demolition of existing attached garage and conservatory and erection of double storey side and rear extension and single storey rear extension 7 Deanshanger Road

* No observations as precedent set

WNC/2021/1899/LDP Certificate of lawfulness for proposed conversion of existing garage into habitable accommodation 8 Water Close

* *Refused contrary to original planning permission re parking requirements off street*

Note:

WNS/2021/1797/MAF The relocation of existing Manor Farm farmyard and conversion of existing buildings at Manor Farm to three dwellings with associated works Manor Farm, Passenham

* WNC Highways have imposed strict conditions and require details of proposed HGV movements + safety measures for the lane (used by pedestrians and is a designated cycle route)

(b) Decision notices

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

(d) Press Notices

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	£21,089.12
Business Inst a/c:	£55,794.78 (FT Interest /CiL / Vat)*
Earmarked Reserves:	£37,493.64
Available Capital:	£37,320.59

* CiL = £5,084.33 for 25a Deanshanger Road; FT Interest = £1,340.00

(c) To Approve Accounts for Payment (proposed NL seconded CC and carried unanimously)

003609	Clerks Salary:	£897.20 (£844 + £53.20 Petty Cash)
003610	HMRC:	£211.00 (PAYE)
003611	Cleaner:	£120.00 (MH cleaning)
003612	DNH Contracts:	£165.60 (Environmental Contract Nov)
003613	NJ Blackwell GS:	£1,004.86 (Mowing /Maintenance Nov)
003614	C Woodyard:	£550.00 (tree work Playing Field/Hall Close)
003615	ODELL & Co:	£55.98 (OSIB Compost)
003616	E.ON:	£1,328.68 (PLs unmetered supply)
003617	SLCC:	£410.00 (Cllr Laurence CiLCA fees > CPD)
003618	Wave:	£300.88 (MH Water rates (Jul19 to date post AW)

003619	Chubb Fire:	£189.00 (MH Annual inspection)
003620	Lamps & Tubes:	£88.80 (MH Xmas lights > bulb replacement)

(d) Review of Finances prior to Budget

* Finance WP (AP,NL,AH,CM and RS) Monday 10th January 2022 commencing 7pm

11. Street Lighting

New contractor after closure of Aylesbury Mains is A.Hickford Lighting Ltd (Cosgrove)

* List of fees requested and report

(Footway Lamp 5 Falcon Drive /Cosgrove Road still ooo/ 7 Mounthill Ave (Water in lens cover/
3 Hawkwell Estate (loose lens cover)

12. Highways

WNC > re Passenham one way proposals > Cllr Ritson to report (copy sent to DPC to gauge
previous objection (consultee) > original plan circulated; St Guthlacs Church Portaloo highsway
placement and not in churchyard si an issue in CA durin events > the clerk deals.

13. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

Cllr Smith reported on the OSCH Xmas dinner cancelation and appointment of new caretaker
manager

14. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 11th January 2021 commencing at 7.30pm

(Finance WP meeting Monday 10th January commencing at 7pm)

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

*The Chairman wished all a Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year and withdrew for Xmas
cheer*

**Old Stratford Parish Council
Outstanding Activities
December 2021**

Date	Item	Parish Action	Action by Others
Projects	A5 upgrade Planters	Towcester / London Road Siting complete & ongoing OSIB (OS in Bloom)	(OSIB)
	Canal fencing	Deanshanger Road	Old Metal fencing Under review
Ongoing	WNC Council Surgeries	Suspended UFN	WNC
Ongoing	Allotments	Allocation agreed	Allotments committee running allotments > WC installed
Expand Tracker	Highway Issues Pot holes HGV traffic	> Highway Tracker Continual review Monitored	Faults and complaints noted Some patching repairs only HGV traffic <> Letters to hauliers. MKC to assist – request resent as No Response Still Under Investigation
	River Bridge	Cycle issues	Monitoring (River bridge)
Ongoing	Blocked drains	When required	
Hold	Speed complaint SIDs Passenham	Permanent power SIDs? Passenham speed thro' 30 'One Way?' proposed	Awaits installation now post are finally connected to power Supported by OSPC awaits
Highways Tracker	Towcester Road	> verge repairs OSPC to consider remedy (Report to WNC highways)	Maintenance carried out but already damaged by residents and delivery vehicles <i>resolution sought > parking regs option?</i>
	Bus Stop obst'n	Markings requested	(NCC) Small works agreed > chase
	RAB	HE funded scheme	Improvements completed some safety issues remain > A508
Ongoing	Dog Fouling Litter	<i>Continues on verges and Playing Field - but better</i>	Monitor after additional signs in place > ongoing (Newsletters)
Review	Post Office	Clerk had liaised support with Bridge Stores re 'return' of PO * Londris (supports)	Positive response awaits outcome with PO (negative) - Still No progress despite shop expansion Request for PO counter awaits Disabled bay required with WNC
Ongoing	St Guthlac's	Churchyard maintenance (In addition to regular mowing)	Tree work ongoing Maintenance is reviewed
Ongoing	Hall Close	Old Canal issues	NFA > Awaits WNC advice tree work POS rear of Hall Close completed: Water flow test

Note: Most outstanding issue put on hold due to Covid19 & last Lockdown

West Northamptonshire Council has published its draft budget for 2022-23.

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Funding for all other services (£336.4m) represents a growth on the previous year of £42.2 million which will fund investment in services, pay and other inflationary costs incurred against existing contracts as well as unavoidable and one-off budget pressures.

These pressures are offset by £19.6m of productivity gains and additional income and technical budget adjustments of £12.8m providing for a net budget growth of £9.8m.

The budget assumes a Council Tax increase of 2.99% which is to be invested in local service provision. This would represent an average increase on a Band D property across the area of £46.84 per year or £0.90p per week.

Service improvements incorporated into the budget includes:

- Additional investment in the Highways service
- Additional investment in Refuse and Recycling
- The promotion of bus services
- Investment to drive forward the sustainability/green agenda
- Participation in the National Graduate Development Programme
- Investment in Young Driver Training
- Investment in the Flood Service
- The creation of an HS2 Marshall post for three years
- The impact of switching off the Bus Lane camera in the St. James' area
- Project resource to promote walking and cycling schemes.

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"We have an unavoidable growth of £16.3m in order to protect existing service levels and thereby ensuring no reductions in services. This budget also incorporates a contingency fund to mitigate against potential uncertainties. It provides for the use of one-off funding to fund one-off pressures, invest to save schemes, time limited projects or to deal with the continued response to the pandemic.

"It is clear we face a challenging medium term financial position. This emphasises the importance of the ongoing work across our council to reshape and continually improve processes and ways of

working so we can reduce the cost-of-service provision, in order to protect against service reductions and to balance future years' budgets.”

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