

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 8th FEBRUARY 2022 at the Memorial Hall Commencing at 7.30pm

Under latest Covid-19 Protocol *Face coverings optional*

Present:

Cllrs Mr T Pateman (in the chair), Mr C Allin, Mr A Holloway, Mrs N Laurence, Ms K Morris, Mrs L Murgatroyd, Mrs L Ritson & Mr R Smith

Also present were Cllr Mr K Pritchard (WNC), Mr D Everett (Clerk) & Roisin McGettigan (Min:3 Gigaclear) & 6 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr C Carey, (unwell) & Ms A Webster (by way of resignation) Notice Posted & Mrs D Wallace (late apologies unwell)

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

None

3. Presentation by Gigaclear > Old Stratford installation (ultra fast fibre broadband)

Slide presentation given with a Q & A session following. Passenham although part of OS is being dealt with in the Deanshanger Build; Email plan to Chairman produced after complaint about bases laid over OSIB planting end of Deanshanger Road and not as previously advised

* Reminded that a s50 licence applies to planting where 'amended location of box base' is sited Deanshanger Road near turning head which has already begun > so much for consultation!

Four Passenham residents left the meeting

4. Minutes for approval of the Meeting dated Tuesday 11th January 2022

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 11^h January 2022 were signed as true record

5. Clerks Report incl: Queens Jubilee celebrations and Queens canopy update (OSIB)

- Queens Jubilee proposals > discussed at length; Chairman spoke on OSCH and 4 day weekend Fri 2nd – Mon 5th June; Beacon has been ordered and the presentation gifts to school / play group children & others *

* **RESOLVED** that 500 personalised OSPC Mugs be purchased @ £1,325

- The Queens canopy > Jubilee tree planting (orchard?) by OSIB outlined

* Costs to be agreed by prior approval

- WNC Overview and Scrutiny of Tree Policy & Strategy Task and Finish Review

* Discussed as OSPC have their own Tree policy and Survey > NFA considered

- Complaint Water Close > parking on Parish Land (grass damage)

* updated some improvement

- Asset Mapping (previously circulated)

* Discussed and action agreed > FAR is published therefore annual costs / time not justified

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

None

Remaining 2 members of the public left the meeting

7. WNC Councillors Report

Although cost of Green Bin emptying went back to Cabinet > approved @ cost of £42 (required to opt in rather than opt out? From 1 April) and discussed Finances involved and Committee Chairs cost errors that have come to light; Furtho Pit and planning issues (public comments on apps to be added from 1 Feb): Major planning apps are being dealt with by Strategic Committee and not by WNC Planning Committee (as a member, somewhat redundant given apps to that committee)

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

- Gigaclear licence request > declined until consulted about location and to Q 6m reinstatement time scale
- Seniors Friday club request assistance with Bingo Machine @ £195 (letter read)

* **RESOLVED** to approve total costs > s137

- 30 Chapmans Drive boundary fence –vs- ivy and dead? Tree* awaits arboreal inspection
- NJ Blackwell quote for grass maintenance 2022 > discussed and **RESOLVED** to accept

9. Planning

(a) Applications

WNS/2022/0138/FUL Erection of detached ancillary annex. 3 Wharf Lane

* No observations given its position

WNS/2022/0044/TCA T1 Horsechestnut – crown lift by max 2m in order to give light, T2,3,4 & 5 Corsican Pines – crown lift by max 2m in order to give light. Firs Farm 27 London Road

INTERIM

WNS/2022/0158/LDP Certificate of Lawful Use for proposed Loft conversion and dormer extension into rear roofslope and roof lights to front roofslope 41 Manorfields Road

(b) Decision notices

- Scoping opinion issued for land at Furtho Pit
- Approval for Conversion of existing garage to play room despite loss of parking 8 Water Close
- Approval LDP for Loft conversion 57 Blackhorse Drive

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

- Enforcement Notice Bridge Stores 1 Towcester Rd > Extension is contrary to planning Approval

(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	£13,927.69
Business Inst a/c:	£56,508.49 (Still awaits Vat repay't = £1,629.51)
Earmarked Reserves:	£39,989.90
Available Capital:	£30,446.28

(c) To Approve Accounts for Payment (proposed AH seconded RS and carried unanimously)

003629	Clerks Salary:	£878.26 (£844 + 34.26 Petty Cash)
003630	HMRC:	£211.00 (PAYE)

003631	Cleaner:	£120.00 (MH cleaning)
003632	DNH Contracts:	£165.60 (Environmental Contract > Jan)
003633	Canon UK:	£6.44 (Copy costs – post new machine)
003634	Npower;	£1,049.20 (PLs Unmetered Supply former E.ON)
003635	E.ON Next:	(MH Gas held due to inaccurate reading)
003636	E.ON Next::	(MH Electric > awaits paper invoices)

(d) To adopt Budget Proposals (circulated with Agenda)

* **RESOLVED** to approve Budget Forecast

11. Street Lighting

New contractor A.Hickford Lighting Ltd (Cosgrove) > Awaits invoicing for repairs

* 24 Oxfield loose cowling again (replacement lamp?)

12. Highways

Passenham one way resurrected and supported > awaits WNC Highways proposals

Promised small works Approval > Towcester Road / Mounthill 'Keep Clear' and Bus Stops

Deanshanger Road (clerk to chase)

13. Village bus service (is Old Stratford experiencing the same as other Rural SN villages)

Potterspury rumour of withdrawal of 89 (only school time service to Sponne was withdrawn – Cllr Pritchard advised on finances and enhanced service?) > Discussed, although OS appears reasonably served compared with other WN villages, pressure of new developments? may change proposals

14. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

Caravan plot adj 40 Deanshanger Road work on site? For single dwelling approved

At the end of the meeting the Chairman read out a letter of resignation from Cllr Laurence, who will remain as IT Liaison. A gap of 12 months is required before taking over as a salaried clerk.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 8th March 2022 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.57pm

**Old Stratford Parish Council
Outstanding Activities
February 2022**

Date	Item	Parish Action	Action by Others
Projects	Canal fencing	Deanshanger Road	Original 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 River Bridge	> Highway Tracker Continual review Monitored Cycle issues	Faults and complaints noted Some patching repairs only HGV traffic Still Under Investigation Unresolved
Ongoing	Blocked drains	When required	Monitoring
SIDs	Installed and working	Data reading available to collate 'One Way?' proposed	Monitoring early responses are positive Supported by OSPC awaits
Highways Tracker	Towcester Road Bus Stop obst'n RAB	> verge repairs OSPC to consider remedy (Report to WNC highways) Markings requested HE funded scheme	Maintenance carried out but already damaged by residents and delivery vehicles <i>resolution sought</i> > <i>parking regs option?</i> (NCC) Small works agreed > chase 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 by 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