

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Tuesday 8th MARCH 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 L Murgatroyd, Mrs L Ritson & Mr R Smith (Dr S Tolley (From Item:3)

Also present were Cllr Mr K Pritchard (WNC), Mr D Everett (Clerk), Mrs N Laurence (IT Liaison) & 1 member of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs D Wallace (Family engagement), Mr C Carey (convalescence)

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

None

3. Casual Vacancy by Co-option

Unanimously agreed to co-op Dr Stewart Tolley to the council and was welcomed

3a. Declaration of Acceptance

Cllr Tolley duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance and was issued with SO; Financial Regulations and other relevant documents along with Financial Declaration (Members Register of Interests) > for completion by next meeting

3b. Election of Vice Chair after the resignation of NL > to IT Liaison

It was unanimously agreed that Cllr R Smith be elected as Vice Chairman who accepted the post

4. Minutes for approval of the Meeting dated Tuesday 8th February 2022

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 8th February 2022 were signed as true record

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

- Queens Jubilee proposals update > Chairman spoke on the preparations and 11 member sub-committee
 - The Queens canopy > Jubilee tree planting (orchard?) outlined by OSIB
- * Costs of trees agreed (+ another) > clerk to order

6. Fallout and issues of Gigaclear after presentation

Current complaints and concerns over 6m restoration period > to be monitored

* Presentation in the MH agreed > date TBC

* *Meeting closed to allow public speaking*

7. Public Speaking Time (or points raised before the meeting)

Resident Mounthill Ave spoke on the condition of her property (as a site base for Gigaclear work force) > site meeting? Resident thanked the council and left the meeting

OSIB to consider planter Mounthill Ave on grass triangles once works are finished there

* *Meeting reopened after public speaking*

8. WNC Councillors Report

Passenham Manor Farm > due for planning committee had been pulled from Agenda?;
Northampton Town FC land sale had received WNC planning approval earlier this day; Furtgho Pit – contaminated land - waste monitoring > Strategic Planning Committee ? (watching brief): Part 1 activated > Part 2; Spatial Strategy and proposed policy review for site developments + moprfe call for sites?; Bus Services proposed update shortly; Road Safety on A422 after recent fatal crash; Green Bin leaflet not received in OS? (Q re MH ghreen bin)

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

- RBL offers re Platinum Jubilee > circulated and **RESOLVED** to approve plaques, flag and bunting (Chair/clerk deals)
- Gigaclear licence request > now signed
- Northants ACRE > Zoom event 30th March 5-7pm 'How to green up your community'
- Voluntary Transport Blog circulated for info
- WNC confirm no elections May 22 > next is May 2024
- Netwise Alert > result of Russia conflict > circulated; Police SCAM report for NB and website

10. Planning

(a) Applications

WNS/2022/0362/TPC Crown lift to 2000mm / remove heavy overhanging bough / 30% overall crown reduction to balance tree 36 Towcester Road * Noted

(b) Decision notices

Home Farm, Passenham was due to Planning committee this week (but pulled?)

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

- Enforcement Notice Bridge Stores 1 Towcester Rd > Extension is contrary to planning Approval
- Development adj 40 Deanshanger Road > Caravan as a site home?

(d) Press Notices

None

11. 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

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| Treasurer's a/c | £11,363.10 |
| Business Inst a/c: | £58,763.46 (+ Vat repay't & OSIB Donations) |
| Earmarked Reserves: | £40,603.63 |
| Available Capital: | £29,795.93 |

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

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| 003637 | Clerks Salary: | £878.76 (£844 + 34.76 Petty Cash) |
| 003638 | HMRC: | £211.00 (PAYE) |
| 003639 | Cleaner: | £120.00 (MH cleaning) |
| 003640 | DNH Contracts: | £165.60 (Environmental Contract > Feb) |
| 003641 | E.ON Next:: | £117.99 (MH Electric) |
| 003642 | Local Landscapes: | £200.00 (Tree work Canal rear Hall Close) |
| 003643 | Axiom b2: | £624.00 (OSIB Watering Sep/Oct 21 outstanding) |

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| 003644 | K Peach: | £214.80 (MH Bingo machine as agreed) |
| 003645 | C Allin/Maggie: | £23.98 (OSIB Plugs) |
| 003646 | Clerk: | £120.50 (repay 50% /Cos re Professional Fees) |
| 003647 | Dash (UK) Ltd: | £1,590.00 (500 Platinum Jubilee mugs as agreed) |
| 003648 | 21CC Group: | £588.00 (Platinum Jubilee Beacon) |

12. Street Lighting

Report from Cllr Holloway re Deashanger Road Lighting > discussed (Qouite for complete bulb upgrade

* Faults listed for attention outlined:

13. Highways

Promised small works Approval > Towcester Road / Mounthill 'Keep Clear' done - and Bus Stops Deanshanger Road awaits > chase

14. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

Bus Time-tables (Cllr Pritchard); Ukranian Flag for Hall railings; Displaced People policy (WNC) and Schooling support

15. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 12th April 2022 commencing at 7.30pm

Jubilee Committee Tuesday 25th March at 7pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.36pm

**Outstanding Activities
March 2022**

| Date | Item | Parish Action | Action by Others |
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| 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 > 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 issues had been put on hold due to Covid19 & last Lockdown