

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF OLD STRATFORD ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 10th MAY 2022 at the Memorial Hall Commencing at 7.30pm

Under Covid-19 Protocol Face coverings remain optional

Present:

Cllrs Mr T Pateman (in the chair), Mr C Allin, Mr C Carey, Ms K Morris, Mrs L Ritson, Mr R Smith, Dr S Tolley & Mrs D Wallace

Also present was Cllr Mr K Pritchard from (Min:9), Mr D Everett (Clerk) & Mrs N Laurence (OSPC IT liaison). There were 0 members of the public present

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Proposed by Cllr Morris seconded Cllr Wallace that Cllr Pateman be elected Chair > unanimous

Proposed by Cllr Pateman seconded Cllr Allin that Cllr Smith be elected V/Chair > unanimous

2. Declarations of Acceptance

Both signed the Declaration of Acceptance

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr A Holloway (other) & Mrs L Murgatroyd (family commitment)

4. Casual Vacancies remain

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

None

6. Minutes for approval of the Meeting dated Tuesday 12th April 2022

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 12th April 2022 were signed as true record

7. Clerks Report including Chairman's update on Queens Jubilee celebrations

- Current Western Power road works complaint > licensed until 11th May BUT having completed afternoon of 9th Clerk demanded to know why arrangements had not been made to remove works early 10th

* WP Customer support had no answer and Technical did not contact me direct (only Cust Support)

- Chairman and clerk attended DPC to meet Britannia Bus > outlined further info
- Beacon 9.45pm 2 June @ Playing Field with celebrations outlined (tbc web and nb)
- Abuse of Mowing Contractor complaint > The clerk/Cllr Pritchard deal

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

The clerk had received emails (dealt with direct) and phone calls re the temporary traffic lights

9. WNC Councillors Report

WNC Challenging times; Assets grouping (OPC did not subscribe to Asset Mapping); OS Furtho Pit latest (met with Head of Planning Stuart Timmins and CEO Cllr Nunn) report > awaits DHL (conditional revision called in by SoS); other ALs also await outcome: Manor Farm, Passenham to committee 12 May; Gigaclear issues; Local Grants 15 May; Spacial Strategy and Bus Services; Spoke on Green Bins saga; Towcester Car Park/Northampton Market and planning outlined; 1 July new Adult Social care > nationally (Integrated Care Partnership); Advised on Ample Housing;

supply (and requirement for need?) and advised on Local Planning in the ward; No further pre-apps to be agreed;. Finally HMG council tax rebate scheme > May to June payout?

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

- WNC advise CiL of £932.65 (52 Towcester Road conversion)
- N/CALC consultation on street naming (eUpdate circulated) > File
- Gigaclear's latest works time-table (more temporary traffic light issues!) and missing bin
- Approach by developer for an OSPC/Parish consultation re Social Housing proposals off The Meadows. The clerk had advised > OSPC await a Formal Planning application

11. WNC Housing Strategy (previously circulated)

Chairman deals

12. Public Transport report and update

As above but Time-table issues remain

13. Planning

(a) Applications

WNS/2022/0789/TCA GR1 Holly & Damson trees remove to ground level and treat stumps;
GR2 Yew & Ivy covered Hawthorn reduce to 3.5m 3 Swan Place > Noted

WNS/2022/0772/FUL Convert existing roof space addition roof lights and dormer 4 Wharf Close
* No object except new dormers and overlooking adjacent property

INTERIM

WNS/2022/0855/FUL Loft conversion with dormer extension to rear roofslope and rooflights to front roofslope.41 Manorfields Road

*No observations

(b) Decision notices

- Approved New House rear of 7 Towcester Road (despite plan defects and moved footprint)

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

(d) Press Notices

None

14. 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 (April Bank statements awaits)

Treasurer's a/c	£18,582.27
Business Inst a/c:	£68,438.00 (+ /2 Precept)
Earmarked Reserves:	£48,051.91
Available Capital:	£27,054.20

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

003663	Clerks Salary:	£982.12 (£871.2 + 110.92 petty cash (+ Norton)*)
003664	HMRC:	£217.80 (PAYE)*
003665	Cleaner:	£120.00 (MH cleaning)
003666	DNH Contracts:	£225.00 (Environmental Contract > Apr)
003667	NJ Blackwell GS:	£967.12 (Mowing > Apr)

003668	E.ON Next:	£98.38 (MH Electric)
003669	Canon UK:	£91.69 (Equip Hire)
003670	WNC:	£449.10 (Non Domestic Rates Sport Field > 2023)**
003671	NorthamptonshireACRE:	£35.00 (Annual Donation s137)
003672	Odell & Co Ltd:	£109.99 (OSIB)
003673	Viking:	£55.66 (Paper supplies)
003674	E.ON Next:	£50.66 (MH Gas)

* Note: Adjustment made on previous payment after Salary increase

** OSPC still has Non-Domestic rate issues (Back Dating 2017) with the sports field (although the Memorial Hall issues appear to have been amended and stand at £0.00

(d) To Receive and Approve End of Year Accounts for Audit

* End of Year Accounts for Audit submitted for signature > to be posted website as soon as approved at Internal Audit (Bank statement issues remain)

15. Street Lighting

PL11MA is damaged and PL1OP 000 – OSPC also awaits Lighting engineers survey

16. Highways

Parking obstruction (vision) opposite OSCH and build out especially when leaving hall

Likewise build out Deanshanger Road pinch point (priority give way) and van parking

* Cllr Smith (Police liaison) deals and further discussed

17. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

- Cllr Mrs Linda Ritson gave formal notice of standing down from the council and was warmly praised for her time on the council > notices to be posted

- Land east of 40 Deanshanger Road > lived in caravan no obvious build operation?

- Complaint re Deanshanger Road resident abusing Mowing Contractor > housing (clerk+Cllr KP)

- Saplings planted in Oxfield Park > Cllr Carey deals re maintenance and permission Parish Land

- BT cables still hanging Dickens Drive entrance and Mounthill Ave > photos?

- Chicken Select wrappers evident Deanshanger Road > more litter bins request

18. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 14th June 2022 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.17pm

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

Date	Item	Parish Action	Action by Others
Projects	Canal fencing	Deanshanger Road	Original Metal fencing still 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 Passenham	Data reading available to collate 'One Way?' proposal	Monitoring early responses are positive Supported by OSPC awaits WNC
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 > improving