

# Old Stratford Parish Council

## MINUTES OF OLD STRATFORD ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> May BUT having completed afternoon of 9<sup>th</sup> Clerk demanded to know why arrangements had not been made to remove works early 10<sup>th</sup>

\* 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
<b>Available Capital:</b>	<b>£27,054.20</b>

**(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 PL10P 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 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022 commencing at 7.30pm**

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.17pm

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Parish Action</b>	<b>Action by Others</b>
Projects	<b>Canal fencing</b>	Deanshanger Road	Original Metal fencing still Under review
Ongoing	<b>WNC Council Surgeries</b>	Suspended UFN	WNC
Ongoing	<b>Allotments</b>	Allocation agreed	Allotments committee running allotments > WC installed
Expand Tracker	<b>Highway Issues</b> <b>Pot holes</b> <b>HGV traffic</b>	> <b>Highway Tracker</b> Continual review Monitored	Faults and complaints noted Some patching repairs only HGV traffic Still Under Investigation Unresolved
	<b>River Bridge</b>	Cycle issues	
Ongoing	<b>Blocked drains</b>	When required	Monitoring
SIDs	<b>Installed and working</b>	Data reading available to collate	Monitoring early responses are positive
	<b>Passenham</b>	'One Way?' proposal	Supported by OSPC awaits WNC
Highways Tracker	<b>Towcester Road</b>	> verge repairs OSPC to consider remedy (Report to WNC highways)	Maintenance carried out but already damaged by residents and delivery vehicles <i>resolution sought &gt; parking regs option?</i>
	<b>Bus Stop obst'n</b>	Markings requested	(NCC) Small works agreed > chase
	<b>RAB</b>	HE funded scheme	Improvements completed some safety issues remain > A508
Ongoing	<b>Dog Fouling Litter</b>	<i>Continues on verges and Playing Field - but better</i>	Monitor after additional signs in place > ongoing (Newsletters)
Review	<b>Post Office</b>	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	<b>St Guthlac's</b>	Churchyard maintenance (In addition to regular mowing)	Tree work ongoing Maintenance is reviewed
Ongoing	<b>Hall Close</b>	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