

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Tuesday 9th AUGUST 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 Carey, Mrs L Murgatroyd, Mr R Smith, Dr S Tolley & Mrs T Arthur (from Min:2)

Also present was Cllr Mr K Pritchard (WNC), Mr D Everett (Clerk), Mrs N Laurence (OSPC IT liaison) and 1 member of the public present

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Ms K Morris (Work), Mrs D Wallace (Family commitment), Mr A Holloway (Convalescing)

2. 1 Casual Vacancy remains after 2A

2A Mrs Tania Arthur had submitted a CV for file and was welcomed onto the Parish Council

2B Cllr Arthur duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance, issued with a copy of Standing Orders and a Financial Declaration to be completed before the next meeting

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

Cllr Arthur WNS/2022/1489/TCA (applicant)

4. Minutes for approval of the Meeting dated Tuesday 12th July 2022

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

5. Clerks Report

- Playing Field Non Domestic Rates issues outlined still not unresolved > Cllr Pritchard
- Tree Oxfield Park car park issues > update.
- * After discussion on tree policy and maintenance it was **RESOLVED** to remove Car Park Larch asap > Chairman to respond to Mrs W direct
- E.ON Next MH Gas (overcharge awaits £23.37 CR) and E.ON (prior to NPower) taking over Unmetered supply (awaits £404.85 CR) by BACS payments
- New PLs at 1 Canalside and 11 Mounthill Ave > new LED Bulbs approved
- Autorama / Falcon Drive elder issue > Garage to deal chased (issues highlighted)
- Gigaclear had still yet to replace damaged litter bin by Bus Stop near Brookside Close?

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

None

7. WNC Councillors Report

Framptons had advised that Planning App Furtho pit has been submitted to WNC last Friday (as yet not registered); Spoke on Planning Guidance and the SPD response by Aug 18 (discussed at length); Spoke on MK Hotel A422 (Deanshanger) former Travelodge; advised that the Travellers site off A508 Marina slip road Cosgrove / Potterspury border had been approved on Appeal!; Spoke on planning department and officer shortage

8. Correspondence received since last meeting not circulated (list at the meeting)

- Gigaclear's further works time-table (more temporary traffic light issues!) > posted website
- NCALC/SLCC Civility & Respect Project Update > OSPC to take the pledge > Yes

* Chairman spoke on the item > report for Agreement and Website shortly

- N/CALC/SLCC Local Government Pay agreement 1 Apr 22 > 31 Mar 23 > deferred
- Additional SPD notes from Cllr McCord > circulated
- WNC App to explore (boost local economy > circulated NFA
- DNH Contracts Copy Insurance > File

9. Planning

(a) Applications

WNS/2022/1532/FUL Proposed single-storey rear extension; erection of front-facing dormer window; insertion of skylight into rear roof slope; insertion of two new window openings to side-facing elevation at 2 Shrob Lodge Farm Cottages Watling Street

* No observations due to position

WNS/2022/1489/TCA at Firs Farm 27 London Road T1 Horse Chestnut - Crown reduction

* No comments as Arboreal Officer dictates

WNS/2022/1482/FUL Change of use of the land to include storage building & storage (use Class B8) and associated works, construction of a new access, installation of palisade fencing to the boundaries and landscaping Land West of Old Cosgrove Road

* Supported as previously prior to Refusal and Appeal

WNS/2022/1480/FUL Timber framed garden/summer room for friends/family and works to alter garden level 6 Blackhorse Drive

* No observations due to aspect

West Northamptonshire Council Planning Policy Consultation on Part 2 and SPG

* Proposed Draft to be circulated prior to 18th Aug deadline

(b) Decision notices

- Refused > Loft conversion with Dormer 41 Manorfields Road

(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	£8,727.01
Business Inst a/c:	£69,594.27
Earmarked Reserves:	£47,925.92
Available Capital:	£27,054.20

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

003711	Clerks Salary:	£901.77 (£860.00 + £41.77 petty cash)
003712	HMRC:	£215.00 (PAYE)

003713	DNH Contracts:	£225.00 (Environmental Contract > July)
003714	NJ Blackwell GS:	£2,362.22 (Mowing/maint > July)*
003715	Cleaner:	£120.00 (MH cleaning)
003716	E.ON Next:	£35.48 (MH Electric)
003717	K Peach:	£1,353.17 (MH Maintenance)
003718	Canon UK:	£95.31 (Equipment Hire + Copy costs)

* Note: Includes new Allotments entrance Dickens Drive & new fencing rear MH
E.ON Next have credited MH Gas bill leaving £6 CR for next month

(d) Clerks Salary increase (Min:8) **RESOLVED** to approve increase. (The 1.75% back dated to Apr21 previously declined by the clerk) would now follow NALC/SLCC & Local Government Employers / GMB (pro rata) increase back dated to 1 Apr 22 (To be adjusted next meeting)

11. Street Lighting

OSPC awaits Lighting engineers full survey now new LED bulbs area approved
Cllr Morris feasibility of solar/wind energy report > awaits

* PLs opp 12 Deanshanger Road (intermittent on/off fault during darkness) & 10DR dayburning

12. Highways

Deanshanger Road roadside hedge between Dickens Drive and Brookside needs cutting back (other areas completed)

Still no litter bin replacement by Gigaclear > chased again

* Tipping promptly removed Deanshanger Road turning head (6 Builders bags ½ full) by WNC

13. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

None

13A Roundtable reports

- RS > Firs Farm hedge issues and Parking Oxfield Park Drive
- ST > Passenham One Way 'where are we with proposals'
- LM > Village Library update
- CC > Allotment gate in place > no parking abuse: BCS discussed; Asset Speed Data
- TA > Hedge OFPD Corner cut tomorrow
- AP > New Code of Conduct (LGA); Civility in Public Life proposals also MH Fire Risk Assessment update > Northants Fire?

14. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 13th September 2022 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

* Cllr Pateman gave apologies for September meeting as away

Old Stratford Parish Council
Outstanding Activities
August 2022

Date	Item	Parish Action	Action by Others
Projects	Canal fencing	Deanshanger Road	Original Metal fencing still Under review > deferred KM/AH lead
Ongoing	Council Surgeries	Suspended UFN (now 3 ward members)	WNC
Ongoing	Allotments	Allocation agreed	Allotments committee running allotments > WC installed <i>Gate entrance Dickens Drive done</i>
Expand Tracker	Highway Issues Pot holes HGV traffic River Bridge	> Highway Tracker Continual review Monitored Cycle issues Grade 2* Bridge CA appearance > MKC	Faults and complaints noted Some patching repairs only HGV traffic Still Under Investigation Unresolved As yet unresolved
Ongoing	Blocked drains	When required	Regularly Monitored
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 condition ongoing OSPC to consider remedy (Report to WNC highways) After Gigaclear exit Markings requested HE funded scheme	<i>resolution sought > parking regs option? Keep Clear markings opp</i> <i>Mounthill Ave repainted</i> Review after Gigaclear finish (WNC) Small works agreed > chased 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 Water flow test Tree work POS rear of Hall Close completed: