

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2023 held at the Memorial Hall Commencing at 7.30pm

Face coverings remain optional

Present:

Cllrs Mr T Pateman (in the chair), Mrs T Arthur, Mrs N Gibbs, Mr A Holloway, Mrs L Murgatroyd, Mr R Smith & Mr S Tolley
Also present was Cllr Mr K Pritchard (WNC)(Mr D Everett (Clerk), Mrs N Laurence (OSPC IT liaison). No members of the public were present

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr C Carey (unwell) & Mrs D Wallace (vis Cllr Murgatroyd)

2. A Casual Vacancy

Mr M Fitch had produced CV previously circulated which was warmly welcomed. As he did not attend the meeting > Invite to March meeting for co-option.
One vacancy will then remain

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

None

4. Minutes of Meeting dated Tuesday 10th January 2023

Minutes of the meeting dated 10th January 2023 were signed as a true record

5. Clerks Report

- Tree survey update and existing concerns of Hall Close residents
- Missing poppy wreath now received with RBL apologies
- MH as a Poll Center survey completed
- Furtho Pit latest amendment still refers to Oxfield Park as part of Stony Conservation area and seeks to widen RS3 from the A5 overbridge and divert it into Oxfield Park Drive and not to London Road (Agree to comment)
- Padlocked post Oxfield Park Drive # by AW? > clerk deals
- Memorial Hall planters (In Memory of Chris Allin as agreed > in hand)

6. New clerks Contract

Chairman had responded to a previous Q re need to advertising the post further? > Min: 15
* Contract deferred to end of meeting

7. Conservation issues, Village Maintenance and Memorial Hall

- CA Issues: Cllr Carey had responded to 'Lecterns' and as x 3 was originally agreed in s50 Highways Licence quote would consider that (Chairman spoke on possible photos and script for info boards)
- Village Maintenance: Gigaclear had not confirmed that they had completed works in OS and WNC Highways manager had not confirmed visit date despite chasing so all maintenance issues remain
- Memorial Hall office extension discussed and deferred

8. Public Speaking Time

None

9. WNC Councillors Report

Concerns that WNC had a Northampton bias for current projects; Waste collection (Green bins to increase from £42 > ? and talk of 3 weekly collections; PCC Fire & Rescue costing added to community charge (less than requested); Increase charges across the board (parking charges and changes at Country Parks); ACE Plant site car auctions? any change of use depends on original historic permission B1 / B2); Spatial Strategy - Local Plan housing numbers targets; Urban regeneration Draft awaits;

Report on The Meadows proposal outside village confines; Furtho Pit > waiting on further reports and updates; Organised meeting re Deanshanger Library and meet Local P&CC; Budget had been set > Social Care and Children Targets (= £20M) & £1M on pot holes (Cllr Lavet portfolio holder)
Q: re Bridge Stores enforcement and Passenham issues

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

- Chapmans Drive Play Area damage > Wicksteed repair quote agreed
- NJ Blackwell's Mowing quote for 2023 shows small inflationary increase > approved
- OSIB Watering contract with Axiom b2 > renewed

11. Planning

(a) Applications received

INTERIM

WNS/2023/0098/LDP Single story rear extension 4 Deanshanger Road

(b) Decision Notices

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

(d) Press Notices

None

12. Finance

(a) Current State of Finance

Treasurer's a/c	£11,463.06
Business Inst a/c:	£57,776.68
Earmarked Reserves:	£46,115.61
Available Capital:	£23,124.13

(b) Accounts for Payment (proposed by AP and seconded by ST and carried unanimously)

003786	Clerks Salary:	£1072.89 (952.00 +£120.89 petty cash) see note*
003787	HMRC:	£238.00 (PAYE)
003788	Cleaner:	£126.90 (£120 MH cleaning + £6.90 cleaning products)
003789	DNH Contracts:	£180.00 (Environmental Contract > Jan)
003790	C Woodyard:	£525.00 (Tree work)
003791	E.ON Next:	£105.25 (MH Electric)
003792	N/CALC:	£156.00 (VAT Payment on services)
003793	K Peach:	£78.80 (Playing field collapsed manhole repair)

Note * incl new MH padlock and keys)

13. Street Lighting

Some outstanding maintenance remains

* Cllr Holloway to resurch alternatives re lamps and maintenance

14. Highways

- Pot holes old A5 and verges Towcester Road * Still awaits promised meeting
- Drain maintenance and outflow at River Bridge (flood issues)

* Clerk to requested site visit > Notified but not yet dealt with? Or visit confirmed

15. Councillors round up

- **Cllr Smith** > CH Trustees required
- **Cllr Carey** > not present but reported on lectern proposals
- **Cllr Gibbs** > Oxfield Park POS AW rutting and marker posts?
- **Cllr Arthur** > Re coronation proposals
- **Cllr Holloway** > OSIB (Map) & Tree Planting (on order)
- **Cllr Tolley** > Passenham re ebsite and issues
- **Cllr Murgatroyd** > Village library to replace existing furniture and unkempt area
- **Chairman** > Re clerks replacement. The Chairman read out N/CALCs response and arrange NL meeting Monday 20th

16. Questions and Items for Next Agenda

None

17. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 14th March 2023 commencing at 7.30pm

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting by the reason of its confidential nature.

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With no other business the meeting closed at 21:00