

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 8th August 2023 held at the Memorial Hall Commencing at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllrs Mr T Pateman (in the chair), Mr S Tolley, Mr M Fitch, Mr M Kelk, Mr I Watson, and Cllr Ken Pritchard (WNC Councillor)

1. Apologies for Absence
Cllrs Mrs T Arthur, Mr Ray Smith, Mrs N Gibbs, Cllr C Carey (all away)
2. Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda)
None
3. Minutes for approval of the ordinary meeting dated Tuesday 11th July 2023

Minutes of the meeting dated 11th July 2023 were signed as a true record

4. To Adopt
 - (a) Civility in Public Life Policy
 - (b) Health and Safety Policy
 - (c) Social Media Policy
 - (d) Memorial Installation Guidance
Typo noted and amended

****Resolved to adopt*** – Proposed Cllr Fitch and seconded by Cllr Tolley

5. Clerks Report
 - (a) Memorial Bench
A resident has been liaising with OSPC regarding installation of a memorial bench. They have been provided a copy of the Memorial installation guidance and propose the following:

Their preferred place would be by the footpath at the front of Oxfield Park Drive 'meadow', near the mowed grass area. It would be across from number 10 on the river side of the footpath, looking towards the river. A three-seat bench is proposed

****Resolved to permit Cllr Watson and Cllr Kelk***

- (b) Community Governance Review
West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) has written to all parishes about the forthcoming Community Governance Review (CGR). A CGR only comes around every decade or so and it is an opportunity for changes to Parish Boundaries, changes to the number of Councillors and other changes to the structure of the Parish Council. If interested we must respond by 18th August

****Resolved not to participate***

(c) Tree works

Dead tree for removal to rear of Hall Close and works along the Old Canal on Deanshanger Road – Cost = £525

****Unanimously Resolved to approve***

(d) Enquiry regarding hire of Memorial Hall for religious services

***More details to be requested**

(e) OSIB – Purchase of Plaque for Tree planted at end of willow Grove £35

****Unanimously Resolved to approve***

(f) Reinstatement of gate in Oxfield Park Drive open space adjacent to footbridge over A5

****resolved to investigate.***

(g) Pollution incident – reported to WNC

6. Public Speaking Time
None

7. WNC Councillors Report

Budget – WNC on track. Childrens Trust overspend of £10-15mln. Difficult to control – agency social workers etc

Still fighting for £100,000 for Stonedean Practice. Aim for - surgery 2-3 days a week at Deanshanger community centre. The Old Stratford money is still unallocated

Planning – Roade (24 houses) outside of village confines and for affordable housing. Planning officer recommended, but committee overturned. Very similar to the proposals at the Meadows, so Councillors minded not to set a precedent.

Kingfisher Country Club – 50 lodges. 3 months not accommodation.

Ian / Ken and William – newsletter to be issued

8. Correspondence received since last meeting
Letter from resident seeking advice in neighbour dispute. ***OSPC are unable to advise – WNC planning enforcement and Citizens Advice links sent**

9. Planning

(a) Applications received
WNS/2022/1741/EIA at Furtho Pits Old Cosgrove Road Old Stratford

***To request extension. On basis of the new information. Cc Jonathan Nuun**

- 2023/6121/FULL - Proposed two storey rear extension at 61 Dickens Drive
 - No observations
- 2023/6161/FULL - single storey rear extension to create bar area at 1 London Road (The Swan)
 - Support proposal
- 2023/6360/FULL - 26 solar panel ground mount system within the land at the rear of the main house. Knotwood Farmhouse Watling Street

BINCA Change of use

- Requested information and extension
- No response from planning officer, so Objected

- (b) Decision Notices
None
- (c) Enforcement / Appeals
None
- (d) Press Notices
None

10. Finance

(a) Current State of Finance at 1st August 2023

Current a/c	£ 10844.81
Business Inst a/c:	£ 42462.68
Earmarked Reserves:	£ 40227.83
Available Capital:	£ 43579.66

***Resolved to approve**– Proposed by AP seconded by MF> unanimously agreed.

(a) To Approve Accounts for Payment

CHQ No	Payee	Detail	Value
3874	CHEQUE SPOILED		0.00
3875	N Laurence	Clerks July Salary £846.02 + expenses £11.95	848.95
DD	Nest	Clerks Pension	77.80
3876	HMRC	PAYE	222.40
3877	E.ON Next	Memorial Hall Electricity	33.06
3878	NJ Blackwell Garden Services	Mowing and OS maintenance	1084.50
3879	DNH Contracts	Dog and litter bin emptying	216.00
3880	L Peach	Memorial Hall Cleaning	167.39
3881	Axiomb2	Watering of floral displays	489.60
3882	Axiomb2	Watering of floral displays	561.60
3883	Datashredders	Shredding Confidential Documents	93.60

Total = £3794.90

11. Street Lighting
None
12. Highways
Helen Howard – mowing, width restrictions
13. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda,
None

TP – Dday. Pageant master for coronation asked for no beacon, but deferred to d-day.
To consider event.

14. Date of Next Meeting
Tuesday 12th September 2023 commencing 7:30pm

Meeting ended at 20:52

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Dated: 2023

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