

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 14th MARCH 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, Mr C Carey, Mrs N Gibbs, Mrs L Murgatroyd, Mr R Smith & Mr S Tolley

Also present was Cllr Mr K Pritchard (WNC), Mr D Everett (Clerk) & Mrs N Laurence (Deputy Clerk). And 1 member of the public (from Min:10) were present

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr A Holloway (away) & Mrs D Wallace (by way of resignation > notice posted)

2. A Casual Vacancy

Mr M Fitch had produced CV previously circulated which was warmly welcomed > to attend April Meeting

Two vacancies will then remain

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

None

4. Minutes of Meeting dated Tuesday 14th February 2023

Minutes of the meeting dated 14th February 2023 were signed as a true record

5. Clerks Report

- Tree survey update and existing concerns of Hall Close / Chapmans Drive residents (Falcon Drive f/p overgrowth) > work to commence w/c 23rd April
- Furtho Pit latest amendment still refers to Oxfield Park as part of Stony Stratford CA and seeks to widen RS3 from the A5 overbridge and Oxfield Park and divert it into Oxfield Park Drive estate and not to London Road (Agree to comment) + Separate Objection
- Memorial Hall planters (In Memory of Chris Allin as agreed > plaque amendment in hand)
- MH Green Bins (WNC > SO to be agreed)

6. New clerks Contract

Update and progress + further set up costs to be agreed (approx £700)

7. Conservation issues,

Coronation trees - Siting suggestions approved (a proposed willow at Deanshanger Road junction not agreed (already has a memorial tree and has now additional utilities) – nor was the siting at Towcester Road o/s Travel Lodge); Passenham tree opposite church/Tithe Barn

9. WNC Councillors Report

Spoke on Furtho Pit > PO Samantha Taylor Objections; Boundary change consultation ; 2025 Plan; A5 RAB opp race course starts; Planning SNC,DD & NB Proposals; Womans cycle race through WN area; Former ACE Plan car auction objection > discussed with TS and Police issues; Former

Holton's Yard app variation? and principles for development?; A Deanshanger Ward app objection to appeal

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

- Chapmans Drive Play Area damage > Wicksteed confirms repair (awaits)

Meeting closed for this item after Min.10

8. Public Speaking Time

Resident spoke on the Furtho Pit latest application and gave views > discussed at length

Meeting reopened

11. Planning

(a) Applications received

WNS/2023/0328/COND Manor Farm Cottages conversions Details of Drainage and work start conditions

INTERIM

WNS/2022/1741/EIA Further consultation on new documents received 7th & 13th March 2023 (Photomontage and Hydraulic Modelling update) > Furtho Pit

* Objection outlined as Min:5. Report to be circulated for approval > extension beyond 12 April to be requested (grounds given)

(b) Decision Notices

Approved - Single story rear extension 4 Deanshanger Road

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

(d) Press Notices

None

12. Finance

(a) Current State of Finance

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| Treasurer's a/c | £9,515.22 |
| Business Inst a/c: | £57,775.86 |
| Earmarked Reserves: | £46,115.61 |
| Available Capital: | £23,124.13 |

* **Note:** s137 donation to OSCH for events Budget (-£350 Fireworks support overspend?)

RESOLVED unanimously to donate full £2K. (Next years Budget increase already agreed)

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

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| 003794 | Clerks Salary: | £983.91 (952.00 +£31.91 petty cash) |
| 003795 | HMRC: | £238.00 (PAYE) |
| 003796 | Cleaner: | £120.00 (MH cleaning) |
| 003797 | DNH Contracts: | £180.00 (Environmental Contract > Feb) |
| 003798 | C Woodyard: | £1,475.00 (Tree work) |
| 003799 | NJ Blackwell GS: | £989.70 (POS Maintenance + Allotment entrance fence) |
| 003800 | Odell: | £16.85 (NB Repair Playing field) |
| 003801 | N Laurence: | £61.99 (Wreath costs + hard drive) |
| 003802 | Cannon UK: | £95.05 (Equip Hire + copy costs) |
| 003803 | E.ON Next: | £102.21 (MH Electric) |

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| 003804 | E.ON Next: | £99.09 (MH Gas) |
| 003805 | OSCH: | £2,000.00 (s137 Donation > Events) |
| 003806 | NJ Blackwell GS: | £6,617.44 (Rec play area fencing costs) |

13. Street Lighting

Some outstanding maintenance remains > chase contractors

* Cllr Holloway to research alternatives re lamps and maintenance

14. Highways

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

* Site visit > Notified but not yet dealt with? Or visit confirmed

- After litter pick RSD3 Litter bin (defective > waste services (to be replaced asap)

15. Councillors round up

- **Cllr Smith** > Pot holes; after litter pick (take your litter home signs at £3 each discussed and approved for next meeting)
- **Cllr Carey** > Spoke on BCS AGM; Cost of lectern (Info Boards) proposal and cost outline; Discussed and unanimously **RESOLVED** to agree estimated base costs = £2,133)
- **Cllr Gibbs** > OS Primary Coronation proposals; / preschool and BBQ at OSCH
- **Cllr Arthur** > Looking at solar/wind street lighting (and value costing comparison)
- **Cllr Holloway** > Not present but Defibrillator battery issue > clerk / Cllr AH
- **Cllr Tolley** > Passenham Coronation tree siting and Lectern info board
- **Cllr Murgatroyd** > Village library soon and pot holes
- **Chairman** > MH Office proposals (circulated); Planning responses

16. Questions and Items for Next Agenda

None

17. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 11th April 2023 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

The clerk gave his apologies for the April meeting