

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES

OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 10th October 2023 held at the Memorial Hall Commencing 7.30pm

Present:

Cllrs Mr T Pateman (Chairman), Cllrs Mr M Kelk, Mr C Carey, Mr R Smith, Mr I Watson, Mrs N Gibbs, Mrs L Murgatroyd, Mrs R Tolley and Cllr Ken Pritchard (WNC Councillor),

Members of the Public – Six (over various times through the evening)

Item	Subject	Action with	Status
6(a)	<p>Public Speaking Time - moved from Agenda point 6</p> <p>Speaker 1 - Furtho pit what is the stance? 3 Objections sent by OSPC. Continuing to oppose</p> <p>Speaker 2 - 61 Dickens Drive - presentation regarding the proposed development as neighbours would like OSPC to object</p> <p><i>With no further questions, the members of the public left the meeting.</i></p>		
1	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Cllrs Mr M Fitch (away), Mrs T Arthur (family commitment), Mr A Holloway (away)</p>		
2	<p>Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda)</p> <p>Cllr Carey – 61 Dickens Drive (neighbour)</p>		
3	<p>Minutes for approval of the ordinary meeting dated Tuesday 12th September 2023</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting dated 12th September 2023 were signed as a true record</p>	Chair	*Signed
4	<p>Documents To Adopt</p>		Deferred to next month
4(a) 4(b)	<p>Training Policy</p> <p>Expenses Policy</p>		
5	<p>Clerks Report</p>		
5(a)	<p>Playground Works Update</p> <p>The playground inspection reports were circulated in September with high-risk issues being prioritised. So far the Chapmans Drive Swings, roundabout and railings have been mended and costs are being sought for resurfacing, replacement slats for bridge and new swing seats at the Community hall playground.</p>	Clerk to action	
5(b)	<p>Interim Bus Strategy for WNC</p> <p>West Northamptonshire Council supports several local bus services, works with community transport operators to enable connectivity in rural areas, and delivers the Concessionary Scheme that provides free travel for eligible residents. A short-term local bus policy is being developed as part of a review of the current bus network. This interim bus policy will enable the Council to maintain support for local bus services and the communities they serve, in advance of a new long term Local Transport Plan which is currently in development being adopted around late 2024. The consultation will be shared online</p>	Clerk	<p>Response supporting and expressing the need to maintain services in Old Stratford</p> <p>Facebook post of consultation</p>

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	between 29 September and 12 November. You can give us your feedback by visiting: https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/travel-choices/interim-bus-policy/		
5(c)	Passenham Speed Camera Data Cameras downloaded. Some high speeds (60mph+) recorded.	Cllr Kelk	Analyse data to see if any reportable trends
5 (d)	Old Stratford in Bloom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request to buy Postcrete ((£10) Post September meeting request to place order with Barnwells for summer bedding costs of £363.70. Authorised by Clerk and Cllr Pateman prior to meeting £60 taken out of OSIB money to pay for weeding at the Memorial Hall. Issue of Watering Bag for Jubilee tree in Passenham – The watering bag needs to be filled up once a week 	Cllr Tolley	Approved Retrospectively approved Reallocated to MH account Noted – to review
5 (e)	Village Green Boat Two quotes obtained for plastic boards to replace sides of the boat – cost £500. OSPC discussed in the context of the extensive spend from the project and emergency fund this year	Clerk / finance cttee	On hold – to consider with budget preparations
5 (f)	Remembrance Sunday Ceremony – 12 th November from 10:45		
6(b)	Public Speaking Time Speaker 3 - Furtho Pit – employing consultants seems to be working. Response – Grant application submitted and is being considered Chapmans Drive Play area – surface needs attention	Clerk	Investigating
7	WNC Councillors Report Kingfisher accommodation planning application has gone quiet. Passenham speeding – highways looking to make the system one way. Furtho pit – spoke to planning officer, recent objections are being given consideration Deanshanger housing developments have all be recommended refusal – one withdrawn but one may be determined so they can appeal Roundabout at A5 Towcester due to open end of October WNC budget setting for 2024/25 – childrens trust overspend this year is being monitored Britannia Bus looking to downscale services 19/10 – Local plan strategy afternoon to determine areas for development in WNC area. Spatial Strategy will feed in (developers have fed into the mix with new proposals).		
8	Correspondence received since last meeting		
8(a)	Letter from resident re 61 Dickens Drive proposed development (circulated). Discussions about the development in relation to other such extensions in the village. Observations to be raised: lack of off road parking, overlooking of neighbours, size of development. *Unanimous decision	Clerk	To submit observations

<p>8(b)</p> <p>8(c)</p>	<p>Email from Andrea Leadsom Request for support in signing a petition on uncoordinated road closures in South Northamptonshire <i>“there have been recent, uncoordinated road closures at very short notice with poor signage on the M1 at J15, J15A, A508, A5, A43, B4525, A422 and many other B and C roads; notes that residents have contributed to many planning consultations in recent years on developments such as HS2, SEGRO Logistics Park Northampton and the unwelcome warehousing proposals on the AL sites; further declares that South Northamptonshire has taken an excessive amount of new development where local interests have been overlooked, in favour of the national interest.”</i></p> <p>Emails from Furtho Development Opposition Group (FDOG) regarding financial support including Grant Application Grant application submitted with a request for OSPC to consider payment of part or all of a consultants fees directly, ie Hydrology report, contaminated land, traffic. Discussed in the context of Parish Council Powers and the extensive spend from the project and emergency fund this year (as per 5(e)). Unanimously agreed that OSPC would financially support a report. £500 contribution was proposed by RS and seconded by CC</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>	<p>Request if there is a way of making an e-petition, as no email distribution list held for OS residents</p> <p>*Resolved</p> <p>To liaise with FDOG on specific report and timing</p>										
<p>9</p> <p>9(a)</p> <p>9(b)</p> <p>9(c)</p> <p>9(d)</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>Applications received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WNS/2022/1741/EIA at Furtho Pits Old Cosgrove Road 2023/6819/FULL - Single Storey Rear Extension, 8 Mounthill Ave <p>Decision Notices - None</p> <p>Enforcement / Appeals - None</p> <p>Press Notices - None</p>		<p>Response submitted</p> <p>No observations</p>										
<p>10</p> <p>10(a)</p> <p>10(b)</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>To Approve Current State of Finance Current State of Finance at 1st October 2023</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Current a/c</td> <td>£ 3653.26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Business Inst a/c:</td> <td>£ 73037.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Earmarked Reserves:</td> <td>£ 40188.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unpresented cheques</td> <td>£ 202.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Available Capital:</td> <td>£ 36790.37</td> </tr> </table> <p>Proposed by Cllr Pateman and Seconded by Cllr Murgatroyd</p> <p>To Approve Accounts for Payment (Table Below –totaling £9327.07) Proposed by Cllr Pateman and Seconded by Cllr Gibbs</p>	Current a/c	£ 3653.26	Business Inst a/c:	£ 73037.98	Earmarked Reserves:	£ 40188.95	Unpresented cheques	£ 202.30	Available Capital:	£ 36790.37		<p>*Resolved</p> <p>*Resolved</p>
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<p>11</p>	<p>Streetlighting Streetlamps needing repair – 10 & 21 Oxfield Park, Hawkwell (adj 8), 2 Chapmans and inside community hall grounds. Hickfords advise the current lighting will not repair, only replace. Will send quotes</p>	<p>Clerk</p>	<p>Investigate supplier options to compare quotes</p>										

12	Highways Possibility of parking bays along Towcester Rd outside Cottages by Wharf Close?	Clerk	Contact highways
13	Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda, Next agenda - No Mow May.: Encouraging nature to grow this May West Northamptonshire Council (westnorthants.gov.uk) MK - Scooters abandoned around village – report via their serial number and website RT – Trees in Passenham Churchyard. Noted – growth at base on contractors list. Will look to include tree work in next years budget, NG – Brambles in Oxfield Park Drive run-off area. Noted - will look to include in next years budget, TP – NCALC conference. Set up a taskforce looking into AI. Investment funding. TP to write and request info on helpful links. Energy up for renewal – NCALC deal on local councils Precept for 2024/25 - November finance committee meeting, and January final proposals. Staffing committee meeting to be held also.		

Accounts for Payment

CHQ No	Payee	Detail	Value
3897	N Laurence	Clerks Salary £846.02 + expenses £77.46	923.48
DD	Nest	Clerks Pension	77.80
3898	HMRC	PAYE	221.02
3899	L Peach	Memorial Hall Cleaning	160
3900	E.ON Next	Memorial Hall Electricity	40.72
3901	E.ON Next	Memorial Hall Gas	64.9
3902	NJ Blackwell Garden Services	Mowing and OS maintenance	844.5
3903	DNH Contracts	Dog and litter bin emptying	270
3904	Viking	Stamps	37.5
3905	Odell & Co Ltd	Compost (OSIB)	170.05
3906	NPower	Public lamps - unmetered supply	2472.1
3907	Anglian Water Business Ltd (t/a Wave)	Memorial Hall Water	60.76
3908	C Woodyard	Tree Work - Dickens Drive	525
3909	M V Chubb	Welding - chapmans drive playground	473.04
3910	Axiomb2	Watering of floral displays - August	631.8
3911	Minuteman Press	Newsletters	315
3912	Fully Fused Fireworks	Firework display 04/11/23	2039.4

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 14th November 2023 commencing 7:30pm

Meeting ended at 9:15pm

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Dated: 11th October 2023

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