

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES

OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 14th November 2023 held at the Memorial Hall Commencing 7.30pm

Present:

Cllrs Mr T Pateman (Chairman), Cllrs Mr M Kelk, Mr C Carey, Mr A Holloway, Mrs T Arthur, 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 – 6 number.

Item	Subject	Action with	Status
1	Apologies for Absence Cllrs Mrs R Tolley (away), Mr M Kelk (Family commitments)		
2	Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda) Alan Holloway – repair of the canal boat feature		
6(a)	Public Speaking Time - moved from Agenda point 6 Thanks and acknowledgement of OSPCs pledge to support a consultants report Question re Anglian water works at A5 roundabout – is this housing?. Response – believed to be pipeline works.		
3	Minutes for approval of the ordinary meeting dated Tuesday 10th October 2023 Minutes of the meeting dated 10 th October 2023 were signed as a true record	Chair	*Signed
4	Documents To Adopt		
4(a) 4(b)	Training Policy Expenses Policy		*Resolved to adopt
5	Clerks Report		
5(a)	Playground Works Update The playground inspection reports were circulated in September with high-risk issues being prioritised. Costs are still being sought for surface repairs in Chapmans Drive Play area – only one quote returned to date (£860+VAT). Post meeting Note – 3 quotes now obtained. Most Cost effective has been instructed To approve quote for replacing wooden slats for bridge at the Community hall playground £117 plus VAT To approve quote for releveling and edging safety mats at the Community hall playground £872 plus VAT	Clerk to action	Chase quotes. Resolved most cost effective to be actioned. Resolved Resolved
5(b)	Old Stratford in Bloom Proposal to loan OSPC the money for the boat panels from their funds. A cheque for £200 received will also be a contribution (thus anticipated OSPC cost = £360)		Resolved

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5 (c)	Remembrance Sunday Ceremony – well attended. Thanks to those who supported.		
5 (d)	Table tennis table – advertise on Facebook with suggested contribution to stop 3000 trucks		Resolved
5 (e)	No Mow May.: Encouraging nature to grow this May West Northamptonshire Council (westnorthants.gov.uk)	Clerk	Speak to NJB
5 (f)	Budget Preparation – First draft to be formed early December with a Committee meeting to review before January Full Council as WNC need precept proposal by 18 th January		
5 (g)	Clerks Salary – NCALC update circulated with revised payscales. Staffing committee meeting to be held in December to review and conduct appraisal. Recommendations will be returned to Full Council		
6	Public Speaking Time Nothing further		
7	WNC Councillors Report Meadows development – new status for housing developments (entry level exemption developments do not need housing survey). KP has asked for survey as outside village confines Busses – Britannia appear to be reducing services again, but will not engage Passenham One Way system – Deanshanger residents not happy and PC have requested it goes to public consultation AL5 (Furtho Pit) – EA are still investigating the flood plain and formation of reservoir. Ecological survey has also held up the progress. New chief fire officer appointed. WNC budget preparation - 23/24 anticipating £2m overspend (reduced from previous £14m earlier in the year) but confident they can balance it next year Framptons and Davidson Homes applications in Deanshanger, deciding whether to withdraw applications Request for OSPC representative on Strategic Care Initiative – Ian Watson interested.	IW	Contact KP for details
8	Correspondence received since last meeting		
8(a)	Emails from Furtho Development Opposition Group (FDOG) regarding financial support Following the resolution to support a consultants report with a £500 donation, FDOG have requested OPSC consider payment against a debt of £500 for the ecology report that they commissioned in July from the consultant Dominic Woodfield of Bioscan, which was instrumental in getting the Wildlife Trust to change their position from no objection to objection.		*Resolved
8(b)	Email from resident asking if OSPC will fund the advent calendar windows leaflet again this year (2022- £86)		*Resolved – but request they seek Minuteman Quote

9	Planning		
9(a)	Applications received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WNS/2022/1741/EIA at Furtho Pits Old Cosgrove Road 2023/7457/FULL – Single Storey Rear and Side Extension, 44 Blackhorse Drive 2023/7457/FULL 2023/6910/FULL - timber frame outbuilding with utilities (electric, water, drainage) to be used as a salon, 27 Chapmans Drive 2023/6910/FULL 		No updates No observations Change of use – incorrect class?
9(b)	Decision Notices 2023/6819/FULL - Single Storey Rear Extension, 8 Mounthill Ave		Noted- approved
9(c)	Enforcement / Appeals - None		
9(d)	Press Notices – None		
10	Finance		
10(a)	To Approve Current State of Finance Current State of Finance at 1 st November 2023 <div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: right;"> Current a/c £ 65113.88 Earmarked Reserves: £ 38220.14 Unpresented cheques £ 631.80 Available Capital: £ 31246.23 </div> </div> Proposed by Cllr Smith and Seconded by Cllr Fitch		*Resolved
10(b)	To Approve Accounts for Payment (Table Below –totalling £6556.96) Proposed by Cllr Careyand Seconded by Cllr Watson		*Resolved
11	Streetlighting Falcon Drive Path – No 2 & 3	Clerk	Check and instruct if rqd
12	Highways Response received re: possibility of marking parking bays in the layby along Towcester Rd outside Cottages by Wharf Close. <i>“We do not mark individual parking spaces within the highway. Even in residents parking zones the only area that is marked is the entire length where parking is permitted , not individual bays. If people park sensibly and cars are smaller it is usually possible to park more cars than if bays are marked.”</i> Bus bays to be remarked? HH Village sign – can we have something more inspiring that “please drive slowly” Footpath to Deanshanger - shrubs	Clerk Clerk Clerk	Email Highways Email Highways Email Highways
13	Councillor Updates and Items for Next Agenda, NG –issues with path and manhole in Oxfield Park reported to Anglian Water has been resolved. Further issue to report Gap in fencing in front of 6 OPD . Residents working Party in OPD – list of names to Clerk	NG Clerk	 Speak to NJB

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	TA – Can OSPC consider resurfacing in front of Memorial Hall		Noted – to consider
	RS – Fireworks display made £1700 – approx. 700 people		
	Next meeting – meet your Councillors evening?		
	MF- Climbing wall funding email.		No action
	IW – 58 Mounthill Ave (Hedge Overgrown	Clerk	Letter to resident
	CC – Linda Ritson, will provide Passenham lecturn info in the new year		
	TP – AI for Parish Councils. NALC looking at co-pilot, which runs parallel to M365.		
	Energy up for renewal – NCALC deal on local councils	Clerk	Investigating

Accounts for Payment

CHQ No	Payee	Detail	Value
CASH	N Laurence	Expenses (partial payment)	25
3913	N Laurence	Clerks Nov Salary £846.02 + £9 overpaid tax + expenses £	870.45
DD	Nest	Clerks Pension	77.8
3914	HMRC	PAYE - includes amendment to August submission	212.02
3915	L Peach	Memorial Hall Cleaning + expenses	165.65
3916	E.ON Next	Memorial Hall Electricity	72.18
3917	E.ON Next	Memorial Hall Gas	37.56
3918	NJ Blackwell Garden Services	Mowing and OS maintenance	1418.1
3919	DNH Contracts	Dog and litter bin emptying	216
3920	Axiomb2	Watering of floral displays - Sept & Oct	772.2
3921	R&S Barnwell	Viola for OSIB	90
3922	Steve Joyce	Memorial Hall gas safety & boiler service	80
3923	A Hickford Lighting	6no streetlights replaced	2520

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th December 2023 commencing 7:30pm

Meeting ended at pm
Nicky Laurence, Clerk
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Dated: 4th December 2023

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