

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES

OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 12th December 2023 held at the Memorial Hall Commencing 7.30pm

Present:

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

Members of the Public – One

Item	Subject	Action with	Status
1	Apologies for Absence Mrs L Murgatroyd (other commitment), Mrs T Arthur (family commitment), Mr A Holloway (unwell)		
2	Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda) Nickie Gibbs – item 8(a)		
3	Minutes for approval of the ordinary meeting dated Tuesday 14th November 2023 Minutes of the meeting dated 14 th November 2023 were signed as a true record	Chair	*Signed
4	Documents To Adopt		
4(a) 4(b)	Risk Management Policy Risk Assessment Proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Fitch		*Resolved to adopt
5	Clerks Report		
5(a)	Playground Works Update Surface repairs in Chapmans Drive Play area – three quotes now received. Instructed Kompan who should commence works 02/01/24 subject to weather. Replacing wooden slats for bridge and releveling and edging safety mats at the Community hall playground instructed	Clerk to action	Actioned
5(b)	Table tennis table – interest expressed but not yet collected		Actioned
5 (c)	Resignation of Councillor Carey Thanks to Cllr Carey for his years of service – instigation of OSIB, work on traffic issues and lecterns. Need a councillor to take on the lectern work – TBC Need representative on finance committee – Cllr Kelk Clerk to formally advertise the casual vacancy	Clerk	Actioned
5 (d)	Budget Preparation – First draft formed proposing precept of with a Committee meeting Tues 19/12 to review before January Full Council as WNC need precept proposal by 18 th January		19/12

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<p>5 (e)</p>	<p>Changing Energy Supplier</p> <p>Clear Utility Solutions, approved by NCALC to be energy brokers for parish councils. They presented a comparison of YU Energy (Council Basket Supplier) compared against what we are currently paying with Eon and Npower, with an annual saving of £5622.29p across Memorial Hall and Unmetered Street Supply.</p> <p>They recommend that “fixing for 3 years with YU Energy moving forward is a good bet, we are likely to see further increases in the coming months with the market not predicted to settle until mid 2026.”</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Fitch and Seconded by councillor Watson – Unanimously agreed</p>	<p>Clerk</p>	<p>To action</p>
<p>5 (f)</p>	<p>Public Street Light Survey circulated by NCALC on behalf of WNC. To be completed</p>	<p>Chair</p>	<p>To action</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Public Speaking Time</p> <p>Resident wanted to understand OSPC position with regards to highways issues. Need for work on the road to repair potholes and drains rattling – causing noise. Chairman addressed and advised of action undertaken by OSPC and the ability to report to WNC via FixMyStreet.</p>		
<p>7</p>	<p>WNC Councillors Report</p> <p>Furtho Pit / AL5 – identified ecological issues still being addressed by applicant</p> <p>Proposed housing at the Meadows – rejected at committee, however applicant may appeal</p> <p>Matt Taylor, PCSO – has stated there is 1 officer and 1 PCSO covering 47 villages. Cllr Pritchard to raise at Police and Crime Commissioner panel</p> <p>Passenham Lane One Way system WNC Highways are designing scheme. Public consultation will follow. Deanshanger have objected already – *Clerk to write now to Mark Nightingale</p> <p>Planning Officer for housing proposals at Deanshanger behind the schools has proposed both applications be rejected.</p> <p>Formulating new Local Plan – when councils are combined land bank may be closer to 5 years rather than SNCs 8.7yrs</p> <p>WNC budget is approx. 1% over this year. Hoping for balanced budget in 2024/25, but need to see the remaining 4 months spend for 2023/24.</p> <p>Q- Minerals team contacts - Village green application chased 2 weeks ago. No acknowledgement. Alan Munn? *Clerk to send to KP.</p> <p>Meadows – can we assign this POS as a community asset?</p>	<p>Clerk</p>	<p>To action</p>

	Cllr McCord – Strategic finance committee - 4.99% increase in council tax, increase in green bin costs. Care draining the pot										
8	Correspondence received since last meeting										
8(a)	Letter from Framptons Cycle path proposal through Parish Land ref: WNS/2022/1741/EIA at Furtho Pits Old Cosgrove Road Proposal to upgrade a section of the Footpath through Oxfield Park Open Space to a cycleway										
8(b)	FDOG Send apologies that they cannot make this meeting, but provided updates on the planning application and information in relation to letter from Framptons										
8(c)	Correspondence from 2 residents in regards to Framptons letter *General discussions regarding legal implications around proposal. Need to further understand any covenants over the land, research further into lighting, future maintenance requirements etc	Clerk	To research, seek advice and report back to council as soon as possible								
9	Planning										
9(a)	Applications received None										
9(b)	Decision Notices 2023/6360/FULL - 26 solar panel ground mount system at Knotwood Farmhouse. <i>*Approved</i> WNS/2023/0011 MAF – Affordable housing development at the Meadows. Refused at committee 07/12/23. <i>*Awaiting decision notice</i>		Noted- approved								
9(c)	Enforcement / Appeals - None										
9(d)	Press Notices – None										
10	Finance										
10(a)	To approve backdated pay awards as per National Agreed scheme <ul style="list-style-type: none">Clerk’s salary backdated for 2023/24 to be paid Dec 23= £422.50Former Clerks salary backdated for 2023/24 to be paid Dec 23= £195.Clerks salary to increase in line with SCP26 for remainder of financial year. Proposed by Cllr Gibbs and seconded by Cllr Tolley Budget recommendations - Clerk is eligible for pay rise to next Salary scale point as per contract, also estimate additional 5% pay award during the year for budgeting Proposed by Cllr Kelk and seconded by Cllr Gibbs		*Resolved *Resolved *Resolved								
10(b)	To Approve Current State of Finance Current State of Finance at 1 st December 2023 <table><tr><td>Bank Accounts</td><td>£ 65927.72</td></tr><tr><td>Earmarked Reserves:</td><td>£ 40349.84</td></tr><tr><td>Unpresented cheques</td><td>£ 772.20</td></tr><tr><td>Available Capital:</td><td>£ 26350.84</td></tr></table>	Bank Accounts	£ 65927.72	Earmarked Reserves:	£ 40349.84	Unpresented cheques	£ 772.20	Available Capital:	£ 26350.84		*Resolved
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10(c)	(Bank increase following receipt of interest, OSIB donation and Mowing costs) Proposed by Cllr Fitch and Seconded by Cllr Kelk		
	To Approve Accounts for Payment (Table Below –totalling £6556.96) Proposed by Cllr Watson and Seconded by Cllr Kelk		
11	Streetlighting Falcon Drive Path – No 2 & 3 reported out Riverview – RV4 head is twisted, RV3 is out	Clerk	Check and instruct if required
12	Highways Bus bays to be remarked? HH Village sign – can we have something more inspiring than “please drive slowly”? Footpath to Deanshanger – shrubs NG reported Fixmy street – Potholes at OPD. Safety bars on bridge at Mill Passenham are broken	Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk	Email Highways Email Highways Email Highways Email Highways
13	Councillor Updates and Items for Next Agenda Cllr Smith – Community Hall Committee looking to recruit Cllr Gibbs – speeding through the village. Speed camera data to be downloaded and analysed by Clerk and Cllr Kelk	Clerk	To action

Accounts for Payment

CHQ No	Payee	Detail	Value
3924	N Laurence	Clerks Dec Salary £1161.92 incl backdated pay + expenses £11.95	1173.87
3925	D Everett	Backdated salary	156
DD	Nest	Clerks Pension	111.93
3926	HMRC	PAYE – INCLUDES BACKDATED	412.12
3927	L Peach	Memorial Hall Cleaning + expenses	160
3928	E.ON Next	Memorial Hall Electricity	168.28
3929	E.ON Next	Memorial Hall Gas	216.28
3930	NJ Blackwell Garden Services	Mowing and OS maintenance	1538.10
3931	DNH Contracts	Dog and litter bin emptying	216.00
3932	Bioscan	Ecology Report	600.00

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th January 2024 commencing 7:30pm

Meeting ended at 8:37 pm

Nicky Laurence, Clerk

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Dated: 21st December 2023

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