

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES

OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 9th January 2024 held at the Memorial Hall Commencing 7.30pm

Present:

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

Members of the Public –one

Item	Subject	Action with	Status
1	Apologies for Absence A Holloway (unwell)		
2	Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda) 4e footpath – N Gibbs		
3	Minutes for approval of the ordinary meeting dated Tuesday 12th December 2023 Minutes of the meeting dated 12 th December 2023 were signed as a true record	Chair	*Signed
4	Clerks Report		
4(a)	Playground Works Update Surface repairs in Chapmans Drive Play area – due 17/01. Replacing wooden slats for bridge and releveling and edging safety mats at the Community hall playground completed		Actioned
4(b)	Table tennis table - collected, clerk to send details for donation		Actioned
4 (c)	Casual vacancy – to be filled after 16/01		
4 (d)	Changing Energy Supplier Proposal to move to Clear Utility Solutions, was approved at last Council meeting. However, since noted that this can only be achieved by DD payment. Financial Regs allow, but payment schedule should be agreed in advance Resolved to set up direct debit – proposed by TArthur and seconded by MFitch. Unanimously agreed.	Clerk	Sign contracts
4 (e)	Framptons letter update Clerk looking into covenants on land, ROW implications etc, NGibbs reported feedback from Oxfield Park Drive residents–unianimously opposed on grounds of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety – play park • Parking issues by people wishing to access the Country Park • Walkers/ dog walkers use the path – danger to/from cyclists and dogs off the lead. • Impact on green space and removal of shrubbery through 		

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	<p>increase in path width</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motor vehicle access • Light pollution from new proposed lighting columns • Cost of additional lighting to Parish Council • Cost of maintaining 	Clerk to continue to investigate	
5	<p>Public Speaking Time</p> <p><i>*Meeting closed</i></p> <p>Member of the public thanked OSPC Councillors for their support of the Furtho Development Opposition Group., and requested that opposition to the cyclepath be stated.</p> <p>Requested OSPC consider whether financial pledge can be increased.</p> <p>Asked if OSPC would approach other parish councils to support FDOG – advised this is not something we would do as each council has own financial position</p> <p>Question about the A5 alliance – advised that OSPC did not participate</p> <p><i>*Meeting reopened</i></p>		
6	<p>WNC Councillors Report</p> <p>Furtho pit – no updates. Still awaiting responses to Ecological surveys presented. National highways are updating traffic surveys. Need to decide on reservoirs.</p> <p>No update on Passenham one way system – likely to need a public consultation</p> <p>The Meadows – still awaiting decision notice</p> <p>Davidsons – have withdrawn their housing proposal behind Deanshanger Primary School. The Catesby application behind EWS is due for committee in Feb with recommendation for refusal</p> <p>New SEN school at Tiffield for 250 pupils going to cttee shortly.</p> <p>WNC Budget consultation – open for comments. 4.99% proposed £1.50/wk Band D increase. 7.7% increase to WNC Housing rental costs proposed.</p>		
7	<p>Correspondence received since last meeting</p> <p>7(a) Residents request for support re: parking along Deanshanger Rd <i>“Primarily our concern is one of safety as it has become increasingly dangerous when we approach the junction of Willow Grove onto Deanshanger Road .It is impossible to see any oncoming traffic approaching from the left until you have pulled out into the middle of the road and to date a number of residents have experienced ‘near misses’ and so we fear it may only be a matter of time until an accident happens.”</i> Noted by Councillors that Police do not want to get involved.</p> <p>Clerk to propose communications for newsletter and Facebook, with a note that can be placed on windscreens. Clerk will also discuss options with WNC Highways.</p>	Clerk	Action

8	Planning		
8(a)	Applications received <ul style="list-style-type: none">2023/7949/FULL - Proposed first floor front extension at 67 Dickens Drive Consultation received on 13/12 (after December meeting) with comments required by 03/01. KP to raise as issue.		
8(b)	Decision Notices - None		
8(c)	Enforcement / Appeals - None		
8(d)	Press Notices – None		
9	Finance		
9(a)	To approve precept proposal from Finance Committee Proposed budget breakdown as agreed at Finance Committee circulated to OSPC councillors with this agenda. Finance committee recognise increases in basic capital costs and need to develop earmarked reserves for future anticipated spend. The 2024/25 precept is therefore proposed at £66,250, an increase of 8.9%. Propose by RSmith and Seconded by NGibbs and unanimously resolved by members to <ul style="list-style-type: none">raise the precept for 2024/25 by 8.9%, to £66250authorise the Chair and Clerk to sign the documentation provided by WNC accordingly;authorise the Clerk to forward the completed documentation to by the stated deadline of 18 January 2024;and ask the Clerk to prepare draft information for the Parish Council website which would update local residents on the proposed increase and explain its rationale		*Resolved
9(b)	To Approve Current State of Finance Current State of Finance at 1 st January 2024 <div>Bank Accounts £ 62578.66</div> <div>Earmarked Reserves: £ 40328.59</div> <div>Unpresented cheques £ 894.13</div> <div>Available Capital: £ 23144.20</div> Proposed by Cllr Fitch and Seconded by Cllr Tolley. Unanimous.		*Resolved
9 (c)	To Approve Accounts for Payment (Table Below –totalling £4647.33) Proposed by Cllr Murgatroyd and Seconded by Cllr Watson - unanimous		*Resolved
10	Streetlighting Falcon Drive Path – No 2 & 3 reported out Riverview – RV4 head is twisted, RV3 is out The Meadows – adjacent no 28? Wheelwrights way adj no 3	Clerk	Check and instruct if required
11	Highways NG reported Potholes at OPD junction. Workers repaired one strip and two holes left	Clerk	Contact WNC Highways

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	Safety bars on bridge at Mill Passenham are broken – fix my street 20mph signs in Mounthill Ave Bollard in OPD knocked over – fix my street report		
12	Councillor Updates and Items for Next Agenda Ray Smith – Call from community police. Burglary on Brookside - Meet the councillors event. (ideas to clerk by Sat 27) Ian Watson – Car speed increase noted in Mounthill Ave (20 mph zone) Tania Arther – Boat panels being installed this Friday. Lynda Murgatroyd – Towcester Rd Verges reported. Reminder in newsletter etc to be considerate of verges Mike Kelk – Keen to download speed camera data. Clerk to send details. Nickie Gibbs – Anglian water had been in OPD. Ground left with ruts following van driving through previously flooded ground.	Clerk	Contact WNC Highways

Cheque approved prior to meeting (costs as agreed in Minute 5(b) of 14/11/23)

CHQ No	Payee	Detail	Value
3933	Stak Holding Ltd	Minuteman Press - Boat panels	672

Accounts for Payment

CHQ No	Payee	Detail	Value
3934	N Laurence	Clerks Jan Salary £888.02 + expenses £25.67	913.69
DD	Nest	Clerks Pension	82.35
3935	HMRC	PAYE	241.42
3936	L Peach	Memorial Hall Cleaning + expenses	173.07
3937	Cheque Spoiled	Cheque Spoiled - incorrect amount	0
3938	E.ON Next	Memorial Hall Electricity	170.52
3939	E.ON Next	Memorial Hall Gas	205.42
3940	NJ Blackwell Garden Services	Mowing and OS maintenance	1450.8
3941	DNH Contracts	Dog and litter bin emptying	270
3942	Anglian Water Business Ltd (t/a Wave)	Memorial Hall Water	72.06
3943	Netwise	Web Hosting fees	396

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 13th February 2024 commencing 7:30pm

Meeting ended at 9:05pm

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