

# Old Stratford Parish Council

## MINUTES

### OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> February 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, Mr M Kelk,  
Cllr Ken Pritchard (WNC Councillor – from item 5). Members of the Public – two

Item	Subject	Action with	Status
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Mrs N Gibbs (away), Mrs R Tolley (unwell), Mrs L Murgatroyd (work), Mrs T Arthur (away), Mr Holloway (by way of resignation)  The Chairman and Councillors voiced their thanks to Alan for his dedication and input over the years.  Two casual vacancies now remain		
<b>2</b>	<b>Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda)</b> None		
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes for approval of the ordinary meeting dated Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b> Minutes of the meeting dated 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 were signed as a true record	Chair	<b>*Signed</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Clerks Report</b>		
<b>4(a)</b>	<b>Playground Works Update</b> Surface repairs in Chapmans Drive Play area complete. Just replacement of swing seats now required.		<b>To be actioned</b>
<b>4(b)</b>	<b>D-Day event</b> Lighting Beacon should take place on the anniversary – Thursday Costs £500 for full beacon or £300 for beacon topper. 8th June – village 40 <sup>th</sup> event. Event to be planned at Community Hall with bar, rides, community fundraisers, WW2 vehicles etc		Deferred to review Resolved to investigate
<b>4 (c)</b>	<b>Litter Pick – arranging for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>		Resolved
<b>4 (d)</b>	<b>Newsletter</b> To be distributed in March - content to Clerk by end of Feb		Resolved
<b>4 (e)</b>	<b>Banking Forms</b> DD Mandates to be resubmitted following bank issues with forms	Clerk	To be actioned
<b>4 (f)</b>	<b>Stony Stratford Football Club (clerk and Mike Fitch)</b> Met with SSTFC – improvement grant and replacement of goalposts discussed. At this stage nothing confirmed by SSFC, but it would be a 6 year programme, assessing soil conditions and programme of treatment. Would require a commitment for use of pitch long term. Termination clauses in the agreement. Would not restrict access. Goalposts rusting – grant available for up to £1200 (75%).	Clerk	Look into contracts / pitch hire agreement
<b>4 (g)</b>	<b>Update on Framptons cycleway proposal assessment</b> Clerk looking into covenants, ROW implications etc. Identifying legal adviser		Ongoing

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4 (h)	<b>Proposed comms regarding precept (circulated)</b> Draft communication agreed – amend to add unpaid councillor roles. Cllr Kelk suggested pie chart to demonstrate what money is spent on.		To update ready for March
4 (i)	<b>Defibrillator</b> Memorial Hall defib was used, so pads replaced by first responders. Request to cover cost of pads (£100). Additional £50 donation for looking after the equipment agreed unanimously		Resolved
4 (j)	<b>Meet the Councillors event</b> One suggestion received, however budget limited and suitability of event with a bar available uncertain. Agreed to have a meeting after the Annual Meeting in May. Suggest a short formal presentation followed by meet the councillors with tea and biscuits		Resolved
4 (j)	<b>Memorial Hall – emergency lighting and safety tests.</b> 5 year test and emergency light tests have failed (see quote) – est £420.00 to complete necessary works to be legally compliant. Unanimously agreed.		Resolved
4 (k)	<b>OSIB</b> Obtained quotes for geranium plugs – J Parkers are cheapest at £23.97/24 plugs. If last years plants have not survived, worst case is 4 packs = £95.88		Resolved
5	<b>Councillor Training</b> Mike Fitch expressed interest in attending NCALC training. Considered that all Councillors should attend “Off to a flying start” Cost £48+VAT each or whole council for £270+vat  Clerk to contact NCALC training manager to arrange quote	Clerk	To be actioned
6	<i>*Meeting Closed</i> <b>Public Speaking Time</b> Community Hall committee member attended – community hall looking for volunteers <i>*Meeting reopened</i>		
7	<b>WNC Councillors Report</b>  Furtho pit: Footpath – planning officer been on holiday for 4 weeks Legal – cannot compulsory purchase. No other updates  Catesbys and Davidson Homes (Deanshanger) – both developments have recommendations for refusal  A422 – new signs installed by Deanshanger Rd Junction. Highways will install camera in due course.  Budget - £889mIn for 24/25. (3.4ml overspend in 23/24)  New local plan being developed. New build houses have met target, so majority of new development will be Northampton and Brackley		
8	<b>Correspondence received since last meeting</b> Letter from FDOG asking OSPC to consider more financial or other support.  Discussion that OSPC have had unanticipated expenditure and cannot give more financial support this year, but will consider grant applications in 24/25. Possibility of FDOG fundraising at D-day commemoration?	Clerk	Write to FDOG

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	Vegetation overgrown House on London Rd	Clerk	Contact resident
<b>12</b>	<b>Councillor Updates and Items for Next Agenda</b>  Nickie Gibbs (by email) – 7th February approx 10:55, resident witnessed a silver vw golf record 67mph on the London Rd SID, before continuing to accelerate towards the A5 roundabout,  Tony Pateman – NCALC suggesting all Parishes should have a gov.uk website. - Martyns Law. Memorial Hall not implicated as less than 100 attendees.	MK  Clerk	Download camera data  Investigate

Cheque approved prior to meeting – invoice not received until overdue payment chased

<b>CHQ No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Value</b>
3945	NPower	Electricity for streetlighting	4042.01

#### Accounts for Payment

<b>CHQ No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Value</b>
3946	N Laurence	Feb Salary £888.22 + expenses £11.95	900.17
3947	N Laurence	expenses £18.00 - memorial hall keys	18
DD	Nest	Clerks Pension	82.35
3948	HMRC	PAYE	241.22
3949	L Peach	Memorial Hall Cleaning	160
3950	Old Stratford Parish Charity	Community Hall Support for events	3900.5
3951	E.ON Next	Memorial Hall Electricity	178.92
3952	E.ON Next	Memorial Hall Gas	244.22
3953	NJ Blackwell Garden Services	Mowing and OS maintenance	24
3954	DNH Contracts	Dog and litter bin emptying	216
3955	Npower	Public lamps - unmetered supply	1754.86
3956	JPL Electrical	Memorial Hall lighting, emergency light test, 5 Year safety test	890
3957	South Northants Community Responders	Defibrillator Pads (Memorial Hall)	150

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 commencing 7:30pm

Meeting ended at 9:04pm

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