Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 13th 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) Marshard (WNC Councillor – from item 5) Marshard (WNC Councillor – from item 5)

	Pritchard (WNC Councillor – from item 5). Members of the Public – two		
Item	Subject	Action with	Status
1	Apologies for Absence 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		
2	Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda) None		
3	Minutes for approval of the ordinary meeting dated Tuesday		
	9th January 2024 Minutes of the meeting dated 9 th January 2024 were signed as a true record	Chair	*Signed
4	Clerks Report		
4(a)	Playground Works Update		
	Surface repairs in Chapmans Drive Play area complete. Just replacement of swing seats now required.		To be
	bust replacement of swing seats flow required.		actioned
4(b)	D-Day event		
	Lighting Beacon should take place on the anniversary – Thursday Costs £500 for full beacon or £300 for beacon topper. 8th June – village 40 th event. Event to be planned at Community Hall with bar, rides, community fundraisers, WW2 vehicles etc		Deferred to review Resolved to investigate
4 (c)	Litter Pick – arranging for Sunday 24 th March		Resolved
4 (d)	Newsletter To be distributed in March - content to Clerk by end of Feb		Resolved
4 (e)	Banking Forms		
	DD Mandates to be resubmitted following bank issues with forms	Clerk	To be actioned
4 (f)	Stony Stratford Football Club (clerk and Mike Fitch) 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%).		Look into contracts / pitch hire agreement
4 (g)	Update on Framptons cycleway proposal assessment Clerk looking into covenants, ROW implications etc. Identifying legal adviser		Ongoing

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4 (h)	Proposed comms regarding precept (circulated)		To update ready
	Draft communication agreed – amend to add unpaid councillor		for March
	roles. Cllr Kelk suggested pie chart to demonstrate what money		
	is spent on.		
4 (i)	Defibrillator		Resolved
	Memorial Hall defib was used, so pads replaced by first		Resolved
	responders. Request to cover cost of pads (£100). Additional		
	£50 donation for looking after the equipment agreed unanimously		
	250 donation for looking after the equipment agreed unanimously		
4 (j)	Meet the Councillors event		
	One suggestion received, however budget limited and suitability		Resolved
			resolved
	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		
4 (j)	Memorial Hall – emergency lighting and safety tests.		Resolved
	5 year test and emergency light tests have failed (see quote) –		
	est £420.00 to complete necessary works to be legally compliant.		
	Unanimously agreed.		
4 (k)	OSIB		
	Obtained quotes for geranium plugs – J Parkers are cheapest at		Resolved
	£23.97/24 plugs. If last years plants have not survived, worst		
	case is 4 packs = £95.88		
	On any alliant Tradition		
5	Councillor Training Mike Fitch expressed interest in attending NCALC training. Considered		To be actioned
	that all Councillors should attend "Off to a flying start"	Clerk	To be actioned
	Cost £48+VAT each or whole council for £270+vat		
	COSt 240+VAT each of whole council for 2270+Vat		
	Clerk to contact NCALC training manager to arrange quote		
	*Meeting Closed		
6	Public Speaking Time		
	Community Hall committee member attended – community hall looking		
	for volunteers		
7	*Meeting reopened		
[WNC Councillors Report		
	Furtho pit: Footpath – planning officer been on holiday for 4 weeks		
	Legal – cannot compulsory purchase. No other updates		
	Logar Carmot Compulsory purchase. No other appeales		
	Catesbys and Davidson Homes (Deanshanger) – both developments		
	have recommendations for refusal		
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	A422 – new signs installed by Deanshanger Rd Junction. Highways will		
	install camera in due course.		
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	Budget - £889mln for 24/25. (3.4ml overspend in 23/24)		
	Dauget 2000min for 27/20. (0.7mil overspend in 20/27)		
	New local plan being developed. New build houses have met target, so		
	majority of new development will be Northampton and Brackley		
8	Correspondence received since last meeting		
"	Letter from FDOG asking OSPC to consider more financial or other		
	support.		
	pupport.		
	Discussion that OSPC have had unanticipated expenditure and cannot	Clerk	Write to FDOG
	give more financial support this year, but will consider grant applications		
	in 24/25. Possibility of FDOG fundraising at D-day commemoration?		
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8	Planning		
8(a)	Applications received 2024/0761/LDP 65 Oxfield Park Drive – Dorma windows to rear of property. *No observations		
8(b)	Decision Notices WNS/2023/0011/MAF - Land east of The Meadows Old Stratford. Refused		
8(c)	Enforcement / Appeals - None		
8(d)	Press Notices - None		
9	Finance		
9(a)	To Approve Current State of Finance Current State of Finance at 1st February 2024 Bank Accounts £ 56,929.57 Earmarked Reserves: £ 38,181.66 Unpresented cheques £ 4042.01 Available Capital: £14,705.90 VAT reclaim pending £6090.08 Proposed by Cllr Fitch and Seconded by Cllr Smith. Unanimous.		*Resolved
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9(b)	To Approve Accounts for Payment (Table Below –totalling £8760.24)		*Resolved
10	Proposed by Cllr Fitch and Seconded by Cllr Watson - unanimous Streetlighting Need to conduct electrical test every 6 years – quotes for this and streetlamp repairs requested. Works temporarily deferred: • Falcon Drive Path – No 2 & 3 reported out • Riverview – RV4 head is twisted, RV3 is out • The Meadows – 7TM • Wheelwrights way adj no 3	Clerk	Actioned
11	Site meeting with Highways on 7 th Feb Towcester Rd – loose drain cover and collapsed Anglian water trench causing traffic noise – highways to action. They report that Towcester Road is inspected as a strategic road on a monthly driven inspection, it should also be inspected on a 6 monthly parish walked inspection Bus stop road markings painting – highways waiting on Bus and Rail Team to confirm they are happy for a new bus bay to be marked. Double yellow lines on Deanshanger Rd / Willow Grove – Clerk to Request a Yellow line request form *Add to Next months agenda Village entry sign improvements – OSPC may replace at their cost (just confirm details with WNC before ordering and keep to similar sizes) Other issues Dickens drive sign still not repaired		Ecoploto
	Pavement to bridge – unsafe. Report via fix my street		Escalate
	58 Mounthill ave – hedge encroaching footpath		Send letter
	Puddle on Mounthill corner – fix my street		
	Speed limit signs on Deanshanger Rd – can they be removed?		Investigate

		Vegetation overgrown House on London Rd	Clerk	Contact resident
Ī	12	Councillor Updates and Items for Next Agenda		
		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,		Download camera data
		Tony Pateman – NCALC suggesting all Parishes should have a gov.uk website. - Martyns Law. Memorial Hall not implicated as less than 100 attendees.	Clerk	Investigate

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

CHQ No	Payee	Detail	Value
3945	NPower	Electricity for streetlighting	4042.01

Accounts for Payment

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No	Payee	Detail	Value
		Feb Salary £888.22 + expenses	
3946	N Laurence	£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
	Old Stratford Parish		
3950	Charity	Community Hall Suppport for events	3900.5
3951	E.ON Next	Memorial Hall Electricity	178.92
3952	E.ON Next	Memorial Hall Gas	244.22
	NJ Blackwell Garden		
3953	Services	Mowing and OS maintenance	24
3954	DNH Contracts	Dog and litter bin emptying	216
3955	Npower	Public lamps - unmetered supply	1754.86
		Memorial Hall lighting, emergency	
3956	JPL Electrical	light test, 5 Year safety test	890
	South Northants		
3957	Community Responders	Defibrillator Pads (Memorial Hall)	150

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th March 2024 commencing 7:30pm