

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES - OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 12th March 2024 held at the Memorial Hall Commencing 7.30pm

Present:

Cllrs Mr T Pateman (Chairman), Cllrs Mr M Fitch, Mrs N Gibbs, Mr R Smith, Mrs L Murgatroyd, Mr I Watson, Mrs T Arthur. Cllr Ken Pritchard (WNC Councillor). Members of the Public – One

Item	Subject	Action with	Status
1	Apologies for Absence Mrs R Tolley (away), Mr M Kelk (family commitment)		
2	Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda) NG – 5G		
3	Casual vacancies Two casual vacancies - anyone that is interested to send a brief introduction / CV to Clerk		
4	Minutes for approval of the ordinary meeting dated Tuesday 13th February 2024 Minutes of the meeting dated 13 th February 2024 were signed as a true record	Chair	*Signed
5	Clerks Report		
5(a)	Local Plan Consultation The Planning Policy team are collecting evidence to inform the new Local Plan. Settlement info circulated to Councillors. Responses required by 2 nd April – Councillors to feedback to Clerk.	Clerk	apply for extension
5(b)	D-Day event Beacon – can modify existing topper for just over £100. (£350 for official D-Day version). Councillors to consider if they wish to take part	Clerk	Circulate pdfs again.
5(c)	Litter pick Sun 24/03 09:30-11:30 at the Memorial Hall	Clerk	Circulate options
5(d)	Newsletter Printed as agreed in Feb meeting – volunteers to deliver		
5(e)	Mowing contract costs Nigel Blackwell has increased costs by less than anticipated and budgeted (average of 4.13%). Comparison of costs attached for reference. Councillors to consider if this still represents best value. Proposer – Tania Arthur, Seconded by Nickie Gibbs, Unanimously agreed this represents best value		Resolved
5(f)	OSIB Request to buy grass seed (about 25lbs) and rose food (3kg at £17.85 Miracle Grow) from Odells. Resolved. Request that it be minuted that £350 will be recredited to OSIB in April. - Costs were agreed by the finance committee and approved at the January Meeting within the 24/25 budget and will be allocated to OSIB in the new financial year Councillors noted how nice the display of spring flowers by shop looks-thanks to all OSIB volunteers.		Resolved

5(g)	Framptons footpath request – continuing to seek legal advice	Clerk	Ongoing
5(h)	St Guthlacs Wall Reports of damage submitted by Linda Ritson.	Clerk	To seek quotes
6	Stony Stratford Football Club pitch hire update Goalposts – 25% costs met by OSPC. Budgeted for – resolved to replace Pitch maintenance – 6 year program with tapered support. OSPC expected to make up shortfall, but no indication of costs. Need to respond back to ask for cost estimate.	Cllr Fitch	Resolved Write to request indication of cost
7	<i>*Meeting Closed</i> Public Speaking Time Furtho Development Opposition Group have seen the new draft Local Plan. Concerned about how “pro” Furtho warehousing it is and enquired on OSPC response. Chair advised it has not come to public consultation yet but OSPC are starting to form opinions and arguments. Timescale believed to be: 12 th March – Cabinet meeting 14 th March– strategic planning committee Sept – full Council. Then public consultation Cllr Pritchard noted that the spatial planning exercise has now changed and removed housing around OS. Focusing on housing in Northampton. <i>*Meeting reopened</i>		
8	WNC Councillors Report New Head of Planning – James Roger (Maternity Cover for Stephanie Gibrat) No appeal submitted for The Meadows housing proposal yet. Passenham Lane one way – staff have left so no progress Housing at Deanshanger – Davidson withdrawn but Catesby continuing End of fiscal year – WNC will likely overspend by £3.5mIn. Green bins going up and rent increase of 7%		
9	Correspondence received since last meeting <i>Some Councillors unable to open documents circulated. Clerk to review</i>		
9(a)	Passenham Quarry Pre application consultation on proposed expansion. Councillors to consider whether further details or discussions are required in this pre-consultation phase. <i>No specific observations raised</i>	Clerk	Write to invite applicant to next meeting
9(b)	Kier tree planting project Kier asking local Parishes to nominate areas where small ‘pocket woodlands’ of up to 10 trees can be planted. The trees would be donated by Kier for the parishes to plant and maintain OSIB – Any suggestions. TA	Cllr Arthur	Liaise with OSIB
9(c)	Deanshanger PC - footpath streetlighting Approach from Deanshanger PC who advise in 2019 OSPC approached DPC regarding lighting on path between villages. Are we still interested? No budget in 2024/25 but may be worth working together to get costs and explore grants for future budgeting.	Clerk	Contact DPC to discuss further
9(d)	Resident request to write to owner of 23B Deanshanger Road regarding weeds and brambles encroaching pavement	Clerk	Write to owner

13	Councillor Updates and Items for Next Agenda		
	<p>Cllr Smith – Community Hall meeting 27/03 at 7pm – looking for trustees. Two incidents of drug dealing in the community hall car park. Police aware, but need more information on vehicle reg etc</p> <p>Cllr Arthur – encouraging local businesses to sponsor OSIB.</p> <p>Cllr Fitch -Passenham United Charities bereavement grant of £50 to families. Not well publicised. Agreed to promote on social media and newsletter etc</p> <p>Cllr Gibbs – Residents of OPD thanks for works to path and hedges by the car park. Much improved and feels safer.</p>		

Accounts for Payment

CHQ No	Payee	Detail	Value
3959	N Laurence	Clerks March Salary £888.02 + expenses £128.57	1016.59
DD	Nest	Clerks Pension	82.35
3960	HMRC	PAYE	241.22
3961	E.ON Next	Memorial Hall elec	169.4
3962	E.ON Next	Memorial Hall Gas	177.27
3963	NJ Blackwell Garden Services	Mowing and OS maintenance	763.2
3964	DNH Contracts	Dog and litter bin emptying (includes payment from cancelled chq 3954)	432
3965	L Peach	Memorial Hall Cleaning	160
3966	JPL Electrical	Memorial Hall electrical repairs for 5 Year safety test	420
3967	Minuteman Press	Newsletters	315
3968	Viking	Ink cartridges, stamps and staples	89.89
3969	Kompan	Wetpour repairs - Chapmans Drive Play area	954.55

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

Meeting ended at 09:33 pm

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Signed as a true record by