

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES - OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 9th April 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, Mrs R Tolley and Mr M Kelk. Cllr Ken Pritchard (WNC Councillor).
Cllrs Mr B Clayton and Mr L Hart from item 2. Members of the Public –None

Item	Subject	Action with	Status
1	Apologies for Absence N Gibbs (Away) , L Murgatroyd (unwell -apologies sent after meeting)		
2	To fill Casual Vacancies by Co-option Mr Bruce Clayton and Mr Lee Hart expressed interest in joining the Parish Council and submitted supporting information. Bruce Clayton - Proposed by Cllr Fitch and seconded by Cllr Watson. Unanimously agreed and welcomed as a Councillor Lee Hart - Proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Tolley. Unanimously agreed and welcomed as a Councillor		Declaration of Acceptance completed Register of Interests to be completed and returned by next meeting
3	Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda) Cllr Fitch – 8a and 5c Cllr Kelk – 9c		
4	Minutes for approval of the ordinary meeting dated Tuesday 12th March 2024 Minutes of the meeting dated 12 th March 2024 were signed as a true record	Chair	*Signed
5 5(a)	Clerks Report Local Plan Consultation OSPC were specifically consulted on the proposed settlement hierarchy and settlement confines for Old Stratford and Passenham. Draft response circulated to Councillors before the meeting -generally that hierarchy is correct, but confines should be carefully defined to prevent village creep into defined open space., agreed to submit response with additional comment regarding the impact of increase in traffic if the mix of warehousing and housing changes. Opportunity to designate a village green – application for Oxfield Park Open Space to be prepared as previous submission appears to be mislaid following creation of new unitary Councils (Post meeting note- application submitted by Cllr Pateman) Public consultation doc for draft local plan to be circulated along with flooding consultation – for next meeting	Clerk Clerk / Chair Clerk	To submit responses to WNC Local Plan Team Prepare submission Circulate links to documents
5(b)	D-Day event If participating, beacons should be lit on Thursday eve 6 th June. If Councillors minded to participate then options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New topper for Jubilee Beacon - £350+vat Amend jubilee topper for £55 plus fixings Both options would need a gas bottle (approx. £60) Councillors resolved to light a beacon on Saturday and modify the jubilee beacon.	Clerk	Resolved To arrange modification

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	Proposed outline of event: DJ -3-5pm Dancing – 5-6pm Hog Roast 5pm Singer? Military vehicles. Fundraisers -stop 3000 trucks, OS Preschool		
5(c)	St Guthlacs Wall Seeking quotes for repair. Centre section of wall in front of church and beside gate. Having looked at section that is in poor state of repair it appears that this is fronting neighbours land rather than highways.	Clerk	To obtain quotes and report on liability
5(d)	Councillor Training Update Whole Council training for 2hrs at Memorial Hall – cost £319+vat. Proposed by Cllr Arthur and seconded Cllr Tolley. Unanimously agreed Dates to suit the majority of Councillors – Doodle Poll to be circulated		Resolved
5(e)	Finance issues Employment Allowance has been claimed by Council since 2020 – however this does not extend to Local Authorities. Clerk to contact HMRC to discuss. Banking – finally managed to add four new signatories. Now to add other Councillors	Clerk Clerk	To contact HMRC to discuss To add councillors
5(f)	Poppy wreath order Does OSPC wish to order a D-Day wreath? Not believed that any of the named persons served there, so agreed not to mark this. Unanimously agreed a wreath to be ordered for remembrance day (L-wreath. £50 donation)	Clerk	To order wreath
6	<i>*Meeting Closed</i> Public Speaking Time No public present <i>*Meeting reopened</i>		
7	WNC Councillors Report Ken Pritchard – Britania Bus, stagecoach and arriva looking at a strategy for WNC including Old Stratford. Furtho pit – planning officer states it has gone quiet. Ecological reports being undertaken into the summer. National Highways -no objections Requested litter pick along A5. Graffiti on Deanshanger Roundabout Do we want Andrea Leadsom to visit OSPC? (Agreed to invite) Local Plan – encourage residents and councillors to comment as individuals. To support housing allocation as proposed in the plan and industrial sites around 15a etc		
8	Correspondence received since last meeting		
8(a)	St Guthlacs Green Bin Request for parish council to pay for St Guthlacs green bin as used for flowers from graves and some churchyard maintenance. Voted upon - in favour 2, against 8, 1 abstained. Resolved not to support.	Clerk	To feed back to St Guthlacs
8(b)	Police, Fire and Crime Commission's priorities Emails from two candidates for PFCC elections requesting priorities. Commitment to increase policing in Old Stratford in light of recent antisocial behaviour, drugs and vehicle issues.		

<p>8(c)</p> <p>8(d)</p>	<p>Resident request re:E-Scooters Resident asked if Parish Council can put up some posters regarding abandonment of bikes and escooters. Old Stratford outside of MK trial area, but appears to be on limit of hire zone.</p> <p>NCalc Letter re:Annual Fees County Assoc of local councils – advise and support councils, annual internal audit and Data Controllers</p>	<p>Clerk</p>	<p>Contact providers to request boundary review</p>								
<p>9</p> <p>9(a)</p> <p>9(b)</p> <p>9(c)</p> <p>9(d)</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>Applications received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024/0382/FULL - Proposed multiple extensions and retrospective permission for change of use at 61 Dickens Drive. Previous application was withdrawn. Resolved to comment on the application as follows: The Parish Council note the volume of neighbour objections to this proposal on the basis of the size and scale of the development, as well as adjacent properties being overlooked. Should the planning Officer be minded to recommend this application for approval, they should ensure that the off road parking provision is sufficient for the increase in scale from a four to a six bedroom house, neighbours are not overlooked, that the size and scale of this development is commensurate with others previously given approval in the area and is lawful development that meets all planning guidelines. 2024/1570/FULL – Single storey side extension at 6 Wheelwrights Way. <i>*No observations</i> 2024/1513/PA - Prior approval for a flat roof rear extension, 39 Towcester Rd <i>*No observations</i> <p>Decision Notices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024/0761/LDP 65 Oxfield Park Drive – Dorma windows to rear of property. Approved <p>Enforcement / Appeals - None</p> <p>Press Notices - None</p>		<p>*Resolved</p>								
<p>10</p> <p>10(a)</p> <p>10(b)</p> <p>10(c)</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>To Approve Budgetary Control to Date Draft year end finance position circulated. Full reconciliation of income and expenditure from start of year – currently discrepancy of £0.03</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Arthur and Seconded by Cllr Fitch. Unanimously agreed</p> <p>To Approve Year end Finance Current State of Finance at 1st April 2024</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Bank Accounts</td> <td>£ 47,459.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Earmarked Reserves:</td> <td>£ 36886.78</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unpresented cheques</td> <td>£ 150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Available Capital:</td> <td>£10,422.96</td> </tr> </table> <p>Proposed by Cllr Smith and Seconded by Cllr Kelk. Unanimously agreed.</p> <p>To Approve Accounts for Payment (Table Below –totalling £6154 .64)</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Smith and Seconded by Cllr Fitch. Unanimously agreed.</p> <p>For info – internal audit by NCalc appointed auditor is taking place on 19/04</p>	Bank Accounts	£ 47,459.74	Earmarked Reserves:	£ 36886.78	Unpresented cheques	£ 150.00	Available Capital:	£10,422.96		<p>*Resolved</p> <p>*Resolved</p>
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11	Streetlighting Streetlighting – still obtaining quotes	Clerk	To action
12	Highways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dickens drive sign still not repaired – chased again Wharf close parking – highways advise cannot add restrictions here Passenham signs – cleaning required. – report on street doctor 	Clerk	
13	Councillor Updates and Items for Next Agenda Cllr Smith – police bike theft protection event. Cllr Waton – noted NCALC letter re: gov.uk domains. Cllr Arthur – OSIB, 96 geraniums. Gravel alongside path. Wish to order 20 bags of compost plus £20 miracle grow (approved) Will continue work on information Boards Cllr Kelk – Problems downloading speed cameras Cllr Pateman – Free portrait of the king received for Memorial Hall Cllr Smith -desire to get prices for Village signs. Details to RS.	Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk	Circulate details To investigate To facilitate To assist Provide details

Payments Made since last meeting

CHQ No	Payee	Detail	Value
DD	Yu Energy	Public lamps - unmetered supply	626.06
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Accounts for Payment

CHQ No	Payee	Detail	Value
3970	N Laurence	April Salary £914.72 + expenses £136.64	1051.36
DD	Nest	Clerks Pension	84.53
3971	HMRC	PAYE	156.36
3972	L Peach	Memorial Hall Cleaning	160
DD	Yu Energy	Public lamps - unmetered supply	771.68
DD	Yu Energy	Public lamps - unmetered supply	42.44
3973	E.ON Next	Memorial Hall Gas	159.68
3974	E.ON Next	Memorial Hall Electricity	152.48
3975	NJ Blackwell Garden Services	Mowing and OS Maintenance	931.68
3976	DNH Contracts	Dog Bin emptying	270
3977	Anglian Water Business Ltd	Memorial Hall Water	56.18
3978	A Hickford Lighting	Streetlamp repair	271.2
3979	Northants CALC Ltd	Annual fees, DPO and internal auditing	1258.24
3980	Northamptonshire ACRE	Membership fees 2023-24	42
3981	SLCC	Professional Membership Fees	183
3982	West Northants Council	Memorial Hall Business Rates	563.81

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 14th May 2024 commencing 7:30pm

Meeting ended at 9:10 pm

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