

Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council

Chairman Cllr S Henley

Clerk – Mrs L Carter

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 7th December 2020 at 8.00pm in the barn at Stowe Lodge.

Present: Cllrs D Lane (Chair), J Hillyard, T Sanderson, C Newitt and A Brodie
Parish Clerk – L Carter
2 Members of the Public

1700. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Henley and Teague, and District Councillor J Amos.

1701. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

None declared

1702. Minutes

Councillors **AGREED** to approve the minutes of meeting of the Council dated 2nd November 2020.

1703. Matters Arising from previous minute for update only.

None which were not on the agenda

1704. District Councillors

Cllr Johnnie Amos was unable to attend.

1705. Planning applications received.

New Applications

DA/2020/0987 - The Horseshoes, Main Street, Upper Stowe, NN7 4SH - Single storey rear extension and internal alterations to layout. – **No Objections**

DA/2020/0910 - 52, Manor Cottages, Main Street, Church Stowe, NN7 4SG - Installation of log cabin to be used as home gym - **No Objections**

1706. Planning approvals – Review of past planning applications.

DA/2020/0599 -- Wood Bank House, Main Street, Church Stowe,

DA/2020/0672 -- Bramble Hollow, 50 Manor Cottages, Main Street Church Stowe

DA/2020/0705 -- High Bank, Main Street, Church Stowe

DA/2018/10034 – Land at Main Street Church Stowe

DA/2015/1164 – Land adjoining Sheepfold Grange, Main Street, Upper Stowe.

DA/2015/0195 – Land at Stowe Hill, Watling Street, Weedon

1707. Highways Matters

Responses from the Highways Authority to recent enquiries were noted.

The meeting at Francis Row had been re-scheduled for 11th December.

1708. Statement of accounts/accounts for payment

i. Statement of account at Lloyds Bank – current balance is **£4561.75 - NOTED**

ii. Members **APPROVED** the following payments:

Clerks Salary (Oct – Dec)	£561.60
HMRC	£140.40
TOTAL	£701.00

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1709. Footpath Report

It was reported that:

FE6 Cllr Henley had spoken to the land owner about the tree causing an obstruction.

FE7 The steps down to the A5 had been reported to Highways England and a work order issued

1710. Community Defibrillators.

New batteries had been ordered.

1711. Historic Memorials

The Radar Memorial maintenance was still being undertaken by Romer Adams from Bugbrooke with colleagues. They would continue to work on the site in the spring and would re-do the Sadolin on the interpretation board. Council may need to budget for a new fence in the next financial year as the fence is leaning badly and will need to be replaced in total or in part.

1712. Village Benches

Councillors **AGREED** to remove the bench at the Old School Rooms for repair.

1713. Northants County Council.

No information

1714. Daventry District Council

Nothing to report.

1715. Broadband

Gigaclear had made some changes to their work programmes to assist the businesses at the Old Dairy Farm, and it was expected that connections in Church Stowe would begin in mid January

1716. NCALC

NCALC advised that there was an opportunity to meet the new Chief Executive of West Northamptonshire Council in January.

1717. CPRE

Nothing to report.

1718. Complaints.

Members discussed a complaint that the Clerk had received regarding the visual amenity of the green approach to Church Stowe from the A5, which had been referenced in the Village Design Statement, the increased presence of rats and the dazzling green lights that had been installed. Councillors instructed the Clerk to:

- i. Contact the police regarding the hazard to drivers created by the 'laser style lights', enclosing a copy of the adopted Anti Social Behaviour Policy.
- ii. Contact Daventry District Council regarding the increased incidence of rats possibly attracted by bird feeders and the fly tipping of garden waste.
- iii. Contact the NCC Highways Regulation team regarding the introduction of non-standard items on the highways verge (photographs to be supplied).
- iv. Write to the neighbouring resident informing him of the Council's actions.

1719. A5 Flooding and Update re roadworks

The Clerk had previously advised that Highways England had responded with regard to the footpath steps down to the A5, but no response had been received regarding the potholes that Cllr Henley had reported.

The Clerk would report them again to try and elicit a response.

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1720. Matters for Information

1721. Future Meeting dates.

2021 – 18th January, 1st March, 12th April and 24th May