

Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council

Chairman Cllr S Henley

Clerk – Mrs L Carter

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 7th December 2021 at 8.00pm in the Old School Rooms, Church Stowe

Present: Cllrs S Henley (Chair), A Brodie, S Callear, D Lane, C Newitt and T Teague,
Parish Clerk – L Carter

1915. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Rupert Frost (WNC).

1916. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

No Declarations were made

1917. Minutes.

Councillors received and **APPROVED** the minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2021.

1918. Matters arising from previous minutes

No matters were raised.

1919. Unitary Councillors

The Unitary Councillors were unable to attend.

1920. Planning applications received.

New Applications – None

Previous Applications

WND/2021/0059 Dairy Farm, Main Street, Upper Stowe, NN7 4SH – Refused - Councillors were advised that confirmation regarding an appeal against the enforcement notice had been received. The Clerk would resubmit the Council's original comments.

DA/2015/0195 – Land at Stowe Hill, Watling Street, Weedon - The retrospective application had been received and the Parish Council's policy-based response had been submitted. The application had been called in but a committee date had yet to be given.

1921. Statement of accounts/accounts for payment.

- i. Councillors **NOTED** the Bank statement of 30 November showing a balance of £5700.04:
- ii Councillors **APPROVED** the following payments:

Clerks Salary	£600.94
HMRC	£150.20
CPRE	£36.00
Clerks Expenses – Bench Repairs	£40.00
Gravel for memorial	£16.50
Postage for FOI requests	£23.33
TOTAL	£866.97

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1922. Budget and Precept 2022-23

Councillors considered the proposed budget for 2022-23 and **AGREED**

- I. A balanced budget for the next Financial Year
- II. That the Clerk's hours be increased to 5 per week
- III. That the precept remains unchanged at £5,000 for 2022-23
- IV. That the Clerk submit the precept request to West Northants Council for £5,000

1923. Footpath Report

The footpath report had been received and was commended by the Chairman as an excellent report. All faults and issues had been reported to the County team.

1924. Community Defibrillators

The First Responder would be available to provide training in the use of the defibrillators on Tuesday 8th February (7.30-9.30 pm at the Old School Rooms). Four people had signed up and a number of Councillors also registered their interest.

1925. Historic Memorials

The additional gravel had been spread on the memorial's surround before Remembrance Sunday.

1926. Village Benches

The bench on Main Street between Church Stowe and the Preston Capes Road would be replaced in the spring. Councillors **AGREED** that a bench of traditional design, but made from recycled plastic, would be appropriate at that location.

1927. Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The WI would hold their community breakfast on 4th June as a celebration event, and it was **AGREED** that the Parish Council would provide a suitable tree to be planted in the Old School Rooms yard. The Parochial Church Council had given permission for a rowan tree to be planted there.

1928. Community Breakfast

The WI Community Breakfast had been a success and would be held on a quarterly basis with the date of next one to be confirmed. £115 had been raised for Parkinson's UK.

1929. Village Newsletter

The first edition of the newsletter had been produced by the Clerk and had been well received. Previous contributors had provided copy, and paper copies were provided for residents not receiving an e-mail version. Helen Walker, the previous editor, had been most helpful in enabling a smooth handover and had commented positively on the new format.

1930. West Northamptonshire Council.

The on-line Parish Forum had been held on 17th November. Cllr Newitt had attended.

1931. NCALC.

The Clerk was asked to contact NCALC regarding Carbon Neutral or Climate Change policies for parish councils and whether any training was available.

1932. CPRE

The membership had lapsed due to missed communication, but the Clerk had contacted CPRE and the membership renewal had been approved as a payment (Minute No 1921).

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1933. Complaints

The Chairman had received complaints regarding St Alnoth's Barn, and had been in correspondence with the Planning Enforcement Officer. Council had concerns regarding the approach being adopted by the Planning Authority in allowing the development of the site to continue.

1934. Matters for information.

None for this meeting

1935. Future Meeting dates

The Clerk would not be available for the January meeting. As the precept had been set, Councillors **AGREED** to cancel the January meeting, but would call an extra meeting if there were any planning application needing a response.

Meeting dates for 2022 were 28th February, 11th April, 23rd May, 27th June, 8th August, 19th September, 31st October and 12th December.

Chairman

Date