

Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council

Chairman: Mrs Sharon Henley

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th December 2018

Present: Chairman S. Henley,
Cllr A. Brodie, Cllr T. Sanderson, Cllr T. Teague (Acting Parish Clerk), Cllr A. Taylor, Cllr J. Hillyard, Cllr D. Lane
Cllr J. Amos
5 Parishioners

Minutes:

1362. Approval of apologies for absence.

None

1363. To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

None

1364. To receive and approve the minutes:

i. Of the Ordinary Meeting dated 29th October 2018

Approved unanimously: the Chairman signed the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

1365. Matters arising from previous minutes for update only.

i. To review progress with the handover to the Acting Clerk and with the recruitment of a permanent replacement

The Chairman confirmed that the arrangements whereby the duties of Parish Clerk were being shared between herself, Cllr Teague and Cllr Taylor were working well; it remained the aim to recruit an experienced clerk in due course and interest in the role had been shown by at least one suitable party. Cllr Teague confirmed that we were waiting on Lloyds Bank to complete the transfer of bank arrangements as agreed at the October meeting.

ii. To receive an update concerning signage related to dog fouling

Noted: The Dog Warden has installed a sign in the play area outside the School Rooms; signage has been ordered for the churchyard and is awaited from DDC

1366. To discuss any planning applications, approvals and updates

i. DA/2018/0519 1 Main St, Upper Stowe: approved

Noted.

ii. DA/2017/0782 Home Farm, Francis Row, Upper Stowe: new application

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to support the application as solving an existing highways / parking problem on a blind bend, on single track road; it is in line with the requirements of the VDS through providing off-street parking, is not considered to have adverse impact upon the adjoining listed building. Agreed that we should be represented at the Planning Committee when scheduled.

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1367. Village Design Statement.
- i. To receive a progress report from Cllr Teague
Cllr Teague confirmed that a response had now been received from DDC which contained a number of simple edits, plus some more detailed questions; he proposed running through these with the Chairman, and dealing with the edits, before sharing the broader questions with members of the Working Party for resolution. The updated VDS would then be brought back to the Parish Council for approval prior to re-submission to DDC. This approach was unanimously agreed. In the meantime the current version of the VDS had been published on the PC website as agreed previously.
1368. Finances.
- i. To confirm progress with the changes agreed at the last meeting to bank account access
As reported above, we are still waiting on Lloyds Bank to complete the changes requested
 - ii. To receive the statement of account at Lloyds Bank
Acting Clerk reported that the bank balance is currently £3147.89
 - iii. To report the 2018/19 Budget vs Actual spend
Acting Clerk confirmed that we remained within budget until the following payment request was considered
 - iv. To approve payment requests:
 - i. Clerk's Pay £ 739.33 back pay for extra hours earlier in the year, plus £1,067.92 for pay from last pay date until w/c 3rd December = £1,807.25 gross.
Resolved: proposed Cllr Taylor, seconded Cllr Brodie
 - v. To discuss & confirm the budget & precept for 2019/20
**The proposed budget had been pre-circulated and was considered line by line; it was agreed to hold Parish Clerk hours at the existing level since current activity was well within this provision. Proposed repairs to the War Memorial were considered but it was agreed that funding for these should be approached separately.
Resolved: To request a precept of £5,000 for 2019/20, subject to re-circulation of the figures by the Acting Clerk. Funding for the War Memorial repairs to be included on the next agenda. Proposed Cllr Lane, seconded Cllr Taylor**
1369. Compliance.
- i. To receive an update regarding the issue of website accessibility compliance
Acting Clerk reported that a request for a template policy statement had been made to NCALC and a response was currently awaited
1370. Community Defibrillators.
- i. Nothing to report
1371. Radar memorial update.
- i. To receive an update on repairs to the bollard and planned maintenance
Noted: The damage to the bollards adjacent to the memorial had been repaired & the area re-gravelled by Romer Adams & friends; the Chairman will now make contact to thank him & provide the small gift agreed at the last meeting
1372. Northants County Council
- i. Local Government Reform – to consider the latest updates from HM Government & from DDC
Noted; it was agreed that we should submit the same response to the HMGov consultation as previously provided
 - ii. Roads

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- i. To receive an update concerning the complaint relating to highway obstruction
A letter received from Mr Yandell in which he responded to NCC Highways was read to the meeting & its contents noted
- ii. To receive an update on the request from a resident for a 30mph speed limit in the light of further information received from Northampton Highways
 1. Relationship to VDS policy & guidelines
 2. Consideration of alternate approaches

Further research has revealed that a speed limit cannot be applied where there is no street lighting unless repeater signs are installed every 200m; this is against the spirit and conditions imposed by the VDS. Nevertheless the meeting was aware of the local support for application of a speed limit. Resolved: to seek views from Parish via the Newsletter and Facebook as to their preferences prior to making formal response to NCC Highways. Acting Clerk to provide suitable wording for the Newsletter, Facebook and the PC website

1373. Northants Police PCC

- i. Meeting with PCC, 3rd December
Not attended / nothing to report

1374. Daventry District Council.

- i. To confirm representation at Parish & Town Councils meeting on 13th December
Resolved: Cllr Sanderson will attend & report back
- ii. To discuss the Rough Sleepers survey
NIL return sent
- iii. To consider responding to the consultation on changes to the Provision of Housing Assistance Policy
Resolved: agreed not to respond

1375. Footpath Warden Report.

- i. To receive an update regarding replacement for this role
Noted: still no interest received to date from the ad. placed on Facebook

1376. NCALC.

- i. To approve the Training Statement of Intent, Training Plan & Training Record
Resolved: Adopted as circulated
- ii. To consider training courses available for 2019
Noted
- iii. To confirm use of NCALC as DPO service provider for website compliance in 2019/20 (at a cost of £10)
Resolved: proposed Cllr Henley, seconded Cllr Lane
- iv. To consider responding to the NCALC funding survey
Resolved: not to respond

1377. Broadband

- i. To receive an update from Cllr Sanderson
Cllr Sanderson briefed the meeting on considerable progress made in talks with Gigaclear, who will attend the PC March meeting. The plan is to install fibre direct to each house starting in June 2019 & finishing by the year end. The meeting recorded its thanks to Cllr Sanderson for his efforts in progressing this. Agreed that this information should go into

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the Newsletter and on Facebook with an invitation for people to attend the March meeting.

1378. Future meeting dates

- i. To propose a change for the date of the next meeting (currently 28 January 2019)

Agreed to move this to Weds 30th January 2019

30 January, 11 March, 8 April, 13 May (AGM, Annual Parish Meeting & Ordinary Meeting), and NEW - 24 June, 5 August, 16 Sept, 28 Oct, 9 Dec 2019.

Meeting closed at 21:55