

Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council

Chairman: Mrs Sharon Henley

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 30th January 2019

Present: Chairman S. Henley,
Cllr A. Brodie, Cllr T. Sanderson, Cllr T. Teague (Acting Parish Clerk), Cllr J. Hillyard
3 Parishioners

Minutes:

1383. Approval of apologies for absence.
Cllr A. Taylor, Cllr D. Lane

1384. To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda.
None

1385. To receive and approve the minutes:

- i. Of the Ordinary Meeting dated 10th December 2018
Approved unanimously: the Chairman signed the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- ii. Of the Interim Meeting dated 2nd January 2019
Approved unanimously: the Chairman signed the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

1386. 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 Acting Clerk confirmed that the handover was all but complete, excepting for the final payment to the previous Clerk where resolution of problems with Lloyds Bank were still in hand. Recruitment of a new & preferably experienced clerk would commence shortly with the aim of making an appointment from the start of the new financial year.
- ii. To receive an update concerning signage related to dog fouling
Noted: The signage for the churchyard and is still awaited from DDC

1387. To discuss any planning applications, approvals and updates

- i. New Applications:
 - i. DA/2019/0014: The Cotswolds, Main Street, Upper Stowe
No objections
- ii. Current applications in progress:
 - i. DA/2017/0782: Home Farm, Francis Row, Upper Stowe
No change; we intend to be represented at the Planning Committee when scheduled.
- iii. Review of previous applications
 - i. DA/2018/10034: Land at Main Street, Church Stowe
Plot remains for sale

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- ii. DA/2015/1164: Land Adjoining Sheepfold Grange, Main Street, Upper Stowe
Work has yet to commence
- iii. DA/2015/0061: Eco House, adj. Kiln Cottage, Watling Street, Upper Stowe
Concerns have been raised as to the amount of incomplete groundworks as compared to the approved plans; Chairman agreed to speak to the owner in the first instance
- iv. DA/2010/0123: Land At Upper Stowe Road, Upper Stowe
Concerns have been raised as to the lack of screening as required by the original planning approval; Cllr. Brodie agreed to speak to the owner in the first instance

1388. Village Design Statement.

- i. To receive a progress report from Cllr Teague
Cllr Teague confirmed that DDC's response had been distributed to the Working Party for action but that the various sub-group leaders were finding it difficult to raise enthusiasm from group members to contribute. A second response had since been received from DDC dealing with questions we had raised; together with the Chairman he would now work to get all updates completed before bringing the updated VDS back to the Parish Council for approval. It would then be resubmitted to DDC.
- ii. To consider a proposal that we should publish a Village Lighting Guide
Resolved to accept Peter Denny's kind offer to prepare this document which should form an Appendix to the VDS and be distributed to all households

1389. Finances.

- i. To confirm progress with the changes agreed at the last meeting to bank account access
Cllr Hillyard still has some access problems which he is resolving with Lloyds; Cllr Teague has view access only and full access is still awaited
- ii. To receive the statement of account at Lloyds Bank
Acting Clerk circulated a reconciliation and reported that the bank balance remains at £3,147.89 because the final amount due to the previous Clerk has yet to be paid.
- iii. To report the 2018/19 Budget vs Actual spend
Acting Clerk confirmed that as previously advised, we had overspent on Clerk overtime during the early part of the year, plus unbudgeted defibrillator batteries and the moving back of our insurance renewal date. This had been partially recovered through an unbudgeted VAT refund, plus the current period of unpaid (Clerk) working. Overall we would expect to end the year just a little better off than budgeted.
- iv. To approve payment requests:
 - i. (None)
- v. To discuss & confirm the budget & precept for 2019/20
Acting Clerk reported that receipt of the 2019/20 precept request has been acknowledged by DDC

1390. Compliance.

- i. To receive an update regarding the issue of website accessibility compliance
Acting Clerk reported that NCALC had provided a template policy statement which had since been uploaded to our website; we believe that we are now compliant
- ii. To consider the website 'alerts' system and associated requirements for changes to design
The problems that had been experienced have been satisfactorily resolved.

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1391. Community Defibrillators.
- i. Nothing to report
1392. Historical memorials update
- i. War memorial
 - i. To consider how best to raise funds for the repair of the War memorial in Church Stowe
Cllr Sanderson has looked into grant availability and it is clear that we need 2 quotes from authorised companies in order to apply. Steve Henley also reports that the top part of the memorial may also need fixing / repair.
Resolved Cllr Henley & Cllr Sanderson to secure inspections and quotes from authorised suppliers with a view to securing grant aid
 - ii. Radar Memorial
 - i. To receive an update on repairs to the bollard and planned maintenance
Nothing to report
 - ii. To receive an update on publicity from Cllr Sanderson
Cllr Sanderson is still to visit the Radar Trail ; Cllr Teague agreed to approach the National Trust who manage at least two sites within the trail, with a view to seeking co-operation
1393. Northants County Council
- i. Local Government Reform – to consider the latest updates from HM Government & from DDC
Noted
 - ii. Roads.
 - i. To receive an update on the request from a resident for a 30mph speed limit in the light of results from local survey
The Facebook survey, together with approaches received via other means, showed a clear majority against supporting the proposal. Resolved that we should not support it. Cllr Teague to provide narrative for Cllr Taylor to post to Facebook
1394. Northants Police PCC
- i. Unlawful Encampments: to consider the recent re-statement of policy
Noted & posted to the PC website
 - ii. To consider representation at future meetings with the PFCC, on: 21 January (**no representation**), 26 February, 10 April (**Cllr Sanderson to attend**), 20 May, 01 July, 09 September, 21 October, 02 December 2019
1395. Daventry District Council.
- i. To receive an update from Cllr Sanderson concerning the Parish & Town Councils meeting on 13th December
Cllr Sanderson provided a report; which has been circulated & was noted
 - ii. To note the submission of the Settlements & Countryside Local Plan (Part 2) to the Secretary of State for approval and adoption
Noted
 - iii. To consider an invitation to contribute to the next edition of 'Daventry Calling'
Cllr Sanderson to offer an article concerning the Radar Memorial

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1396. Footpath Warden Report.
- i. To receive an update regarding replacement for this role
No report, nor interest in the role. Chris Ripper to be asked for a report for the next meeting
1397. NCALC
Nothing to report
1398. Broadband
- i. To receive an update from Cllr Sanderson
Cllr Sanderson confirmed that Gigaclear would be attending our next meeting on 11th March and that he would prepare suitable publicity
1399. Complaints
- i. To consider a complaint concerning fly-tipping of garden waste in Church Stowe
Resolved that this should be reported to DDC with a request that action be taken; the report to also mention bags of bottles being dumped in Northfield Lane & asbestos within a field further along. Recommended that individual parishioners should also report, particularly if they have evidence as to the perpetrators
 - ii. To consider a complaint concerning repeated flooding at the bottom of Francis Row, Upper Stowe
Resolved by Street Doctor since having been put onto the agenda
1400. Future meeting dates
- i. 2019: 11 March, 8 April, 20 May (AGM, Annual Parish Meeting & Ordinary Meeting), 24 June, 5 August, 16 Sept, 28 Oct, 9 Dec 2019

Meeting closed at 21:35