

Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council

Chairman: Mrs Sharon Henley

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17th September 2018

Present: Chairman S Henley,
Cllr A Brodie, Cllr D Lane, Cllr T Sanderson,
Clerk & Proper Officer Mrs J Francies
Cllr J Amos
4 Parishioners

Minutes:

1326. Approval of apologies for absence.

- i. Cllr Teague – Personal
- ii. Cllr Taylor – Holiday
- iii. Cllr Hillyard – Work commitment

Resolved: Absence approved unanimously.

1327. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

None.

1328. To receive and approve the minutes of Ordinary Meeting dated 6th August 2018.

Resolved: Approved unanimously.

1329. To receive and accept the Clerk's resignation.

Resolved: Received and accepted.

Due to the number of councillor's present, the Clerk's resignation will be discussed at the next meeting. It was agreed that the balance of additional hours worked would not be paid until the end of the Clerks contract as the Clerk is still trying to take time back in quieter weeks. The chairman acknowledged the Clerks request to leave sooner than the three months' notice period if possible.

1330. To receive planning approval DA-2018-0386 - Land on Main Street.

The Chairman advised that planning had been approved for a single building with a number of conditions to be met.

1331. To discuss other planning applications that are in progress.

Work on the Eco house in Upper Stowe appears to have commenced.

1332. To receive a Village Design Statement progress report provided by Cllr Teague

The Chairman read out the following update provided by Cllr Teague:

'The first draft of the complete VDS (ver.4) was published in late August to all members of the Working Party, being those who contributed to its contents, together with an invitation to a full Working Party meeting which will be held on Wednesday 19th September at 8pm in the Old School Rooms. The purpose of that meeting will be to share comments, corrections and potential improvements to the document and to gain general consensus and approval for it to be taken to the next stage, which will involve submission to DDC for their review. As it stands the current VDS version now contains maps with approved copyright, excepting the historic tithe maps where approval has been sought and is awaited from the National Archives. Subject to incorporation of significant issues arising from the meeting on the 19th, the Parish

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Council is asked to approve the submission of an update version of the CDS to DDC so that their review may commence.'

1333. Statement of accounts/accounts for payment.
- i. To receive the statement of account at Lloyds Bank
Clerk advised that the balance in the Lloyds account is £1237.58
 - ii. To report the 2018/19 Budget vs Actual spend
Budget £4500
Spend YTD £3229.97
Balance from the precept £1270.03
The Clerk explained that the second half of the precept was due imminently.
 - iii. To approve payment requests:
 - i. NCALC – Training Invoice for Cllr Taylors training £42
 - ii. CPRE membership - £36
 - iii. Extension of the BHIB Insurance policy to 1 December 2019 - £141.69**Resolved: All payments were approved. Proposer Cllr Lane. Seconded Cllr Brodie.**
1334. To receive an update on the Community Defibrillators.
Clerk advised that she had received reports to confirm that both defibrillators were in good working order.
1335. To receive an update on the Radar memorial from Cllr Sanderson.
Cllr Sanderson is trying to establish if the Radar memorial is part of the Radar trail.
1336. Northants County Council.
- i. To receive an update on the Salt Bins
Cllr Sanderson had spoken to the police who were planning to write to NCC on the council's behalf. Meanwhile, NCC have decided not to remove salt bin 380 from Upper Stowe. No further action required.
 - ii. To receive an update on the Local Government reorganisation
Chairman read an update provided by NCALC to advise that the bid to create two unitary councils had been sent to the secretary of state.
1337. Daventry District Council.
- i. To raise awareness of Community Grants
Clerk had received notification that the Parish Council could apply on behalf of the PCC for a grant for the Church Rooms, however the closing date was prior to Parish Council meeting date.
AP: Clerk to contact DCC and ask if they would give an extension for this application.
1338. Footpaths.
- i. To receive the Footpath Warden Report provided by Mr C Ripper
Mr Ripper reported that all paths were clear. Next report will be in Spring 2019.
 - ii. To discuss the potential requirement for a new Footpath Warden in Spring 2019
Mr Ripper requested that the council seek a new Footpath Warden for 2019.
AP: Clerk to advertise this voluntary position.
1339. NCALC.

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- i. To decide if any members of the council should attend the next batch of training courses
Resolved: Cllr Sanderson will be attending the GDPR course on a personal basis and will therefore pay for the course himself. No other nominations received for the training.
- ii. To decide if any members of the council wish to attend the CALC AGM on 6th October
Resolved: Cllrs will not attend the CALC AGM.

1340. Police.

- i. To receive an update on the PCC meeting from Cllr Sanderson
Cllr Sanderson provided his personal notes from the meeting.
- ii. To decide if any member of the council can attend the next PCC meeting
Resolved: Cllrs are not available to attend the next meeting.

1341. To receive an update from Cllr Brodie regarding pot holes in the village.

Cllr Brodie advised that all potholes in Oak Tree Hill and Sandy Lane had been reported and we are now waiting for the work to be done.

1342. To receive an update on broadband from Cllr Sanderson.

Cllr Sanderson advised that he has been in communication with Gigaclear who advised that the work to install superfast broadband is scheduled to start in October.

1343. Complaints/Correspondence.

- i. To receive a letter from Chris Heaton-Harris – MP
The Chairman read a letter received regarding costs to provide a local bus service.
Resolved: Cllrs resolved that the Clerk should write back to advise that a bus service has not been in operation for over 20 years and our precept would not cover this cost.

AP: Clerk to respond to Chis Heaton-Harris – MP
- ii. To discuss the issue of dog mess being left on pavements in the village
Complaint received as dog fouling has increased in Church Stowe along pathways and now dog mess is being left on pavements.
AP: Clerk to contact the dog warden and also provide a communication for the Facebook page and website.

44. Future meeting dates.

29 October, 10 December, 28 January, 11 March, 8 April, 13 May (AGM, Annual Parish Meeting & Ordinary Meeting)

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

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