

STOWE NINE CHURCHES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th May 2016

Present: Sharon Henley (Chairman), Angela Brodie, Graham Yandell, Jon Hillyard. Keith Mason, Sue Stanley
Daventry District Councillor Johnnie Amos,

927. Apologies for Absence: David Lane, (Illness)

928. Declarations of interest. There were no declarations of interest

929. Resolution to sign and approve Minutes of Regular Meeting dated 21st March 2016 and interim meeting dated 4th April 2016.

These were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

930. Matters Arising – from previous minutes for updates only

i) Item 915 Dog Control Problems.

It was agreed that the Clerk would prepare a draft letter to be sent to all dog owners in the parish

ii) Item 916 and Interim Meeting minute Item 925 – Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday Commemorative Medal

Following the decision at the meeting on 4th April 2016 to purchase 50 of these medals the Chairman reported that she had successfully sourced suitable envelopes and labels to contain the medals. These will be distributed to all children in the parish up to the age of 18. Sue Stanley agreed to supply a list of names.

931. Planning Approvals – Review of Past Planning Applications

i) DA/2015/0195 Land at Stowe Hill, Watling Street. Land for one Gypsy Pitch

A reply had been received from the District Council regarding the elevation of our complaint to Level 2 indicating that under this procedure the review would be undertaken by a senior manager of the Planning Department. As this manager was named in our complaint the Parish Council felt that we should write back to the District Council objecting to this situation and asking for another senior manager to carry out the review. This course of action was agreed by a majority vote of five votes for and one vote against. Graham Yandell said that he may also write as an individual objecting to this procedure.

ii) DA/2015/1164 Land adj. Sheepfold Grange, Main Street, Upper Stowe

Prior to discussion of this item Councillor Brodie, having declared an interest, left the meeting. The Clerk reported that the application was still under consideration by the planning officer and that there was no indication when this might be considered by the DDC Planning Committee.

The Clerk was asked to establish whether it might be possible for more than one speaker to be allowed to address the Planning Committee as a representative of the views of the individual objectors.

At the conclusion of the discussion of this item Councillor Brodie rejoined the meeting.

932. Statement of Accounts/Accounts for Payment.

- i) The balance of account in the Nationwide Building Society was £3752.95
- ii) AOL Insurance – Annual Premium - £318.56
- ii) NCALC Membership Y/E 31st March 2017 - £211.41
- iii) NCALC Internal Audit Fee – Y/E 31st March 2017 - £ 90.00
- iv) Tower Mint Ltd. – Queen Elizabeth II commemorative Medals - £122.40

Proposed by Keith Mason, seconded by Graham Yandell and agreed unanimously that the above account should be passed for payment.

933. Planning Application Update

- i) DA/2016/0067 – Jarhne Lodge 31 Main Street Church Stowe
Planning permission has been granted with several conditions
- ii) DA/2016/0172 – High View Main Street Upper Stowe
Planning Permission has been granted with several conditions

934. Annual Return – Y/E 31st March 2016

The Annual Accounts and Annual Return were presented in detail to the Parish Council and the following was resolved:

- i) Approval of the Annual Governance Statement for year ended 31st March 2016. Approval proposed by Keith Mason, seconded by Sharon Henley and approved unanimously
- ii) Approval of the Statement of Accounts for year ended 31st March 2016. Approval proposed by Graham Yandel, seconded by Sharon Henley and approved unanimously.

935. Clerk Vacancy

The Chairman reported that we have received four applications for the vacancy. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk should carry out initial interviews and report back to the Parish Council.

936. Community Infrastructure Levy (C.I.L.)

New guidelines have been received from DDC. This could provide valuable funding for the parish should there be any future new build properties.

937. Broadband

Raised by parishioners in Upper Stowe. As they were unable to be present at the meeting no discussion took place

938. Canal Cottage

The Clerk has spoken to Paul Knight, DDC Environmental Health Manager, who has advised that Canal Cottage is now in the hands of the Official Receiver. There is therefore little value in pursuing a Community Protection Order. We must await the action of the Receiver

939. Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Councillor Sue Stanley has decided to retire from the Parish Council. The Chairman paid tribute to the work that Sue has done for the last 17 years both as a Councillor and as Chairman of the Council. She presented a gift to Sue from the Parish Councillors.

The Clerk will post notices of the vacancy and also notify DDC Elections Office. If there is no call for an election from 10 or more electors within 14 days the Parish Council will be give powers to co-opt to fill the vacancy.

940. Aviva Women's Cycle Tour.

This will pass through the parish on Sunday 19th June 2016.

941. Community Defibrillator

Ken Bird is now carrying out the weekly inspections.

942. Radar Memorial – Brown Tourist Sign

The Clerk is awaiting the correct contact name for Highways England. Councillor Amos is progressing this.

943. Transparency Code

The Clerk reported work is slowly proceeding on the web site.

944. NCC- Consultation on 0 – 19 Children’s Services

This should be completed by individual parishioners

945. Footpath Warden and Highway Warden Reports

Steve Gilkes reported that no road sweeping had been carried out since last September. He was following this up with the Highways Dept.

No action had yet been taken with regard to the badger set along the gravel path

946. Date and Venue of Next Meeting Next Meeting: 27th June 2016.

Following Meetings: 8th August 2016;

19th September 2016; 31st October 2016;

12th December 2016.

All meetings will start at 8.00pm