

Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council

Chairman Cllr S Henley

Clerk – Mrs L Carter

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 23 August at 8.00pm in the Old School Rooms, Church Stowe

Present: Cllrs S Henley (Chair), D Lane, S Overton A Brodie, S Callear and C Newitt.
Parish Clerk – L Carter
Cllr David Smith (WNC)
Cllr Rebecca Breese (WNC)
3 members of the public

2030. Apologies for absence.

All Councillors present.

2031. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

No Declarations were made

2032. Minutes

Cllrs Approved the minutes of the Council meeting on 27th June 2022

2033. Matters arising from previous minutes for update only.

None other than those already on the agenda.

2034. Unitary Councillors

Cllr David Smith introduced Cllr Rebecca Breese who was the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning. She had attended in response to an invitation from the Council following concerns regarding the inconsistencies in the way planning procedures appeared to be applied in the parish.

Cllr Breese acknowledged that there were significant challenges in aligning the three planning sections from Daventry, Northampton and South Northants and that, although progress had been made, there was still considerable work to be done to create a satisfactory service which dealt equitably with all residents.

2035. Planning applications

WND/2022/0695-Demolition of existing conservatory and single storey rear extension.

Construction of single storey rear extension with roof terrace above - Beech Lodge, Main Street, Church Stowe – No Objections

WND/2022/0690 Wyndham House, Main Street, Church Stowe, Northamptonshire, NN7

4SG Construction of overflow feature and stream with underground piping between two existing ponds. – No Objections (subsequently withdrawn)

Previous Applications

WND/2021/0668 - Old Dairy Farm, Main Street, Upper Stowe, -Building for agricultural use with vehicular access and hardstanding (retrospective) - Refused

WND/2021/0059 Dairy Farm, Main Street, Upper Stowe – Refused – Appeal not yet decided

WND/2021/0369 Land at Stowe Hill, - Siting of Caravans – no committee date as yet.

The reported application for St Alnoth's Barn had still not been validated

Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council

2036. Highways and Footpaths

Lengthsman - the Clerk had been looking into the costs etc. of a village lengthsman and related her findings to Councillors. Consideration would be given to what duties would be required before looking at adding costs to the budget.

30mph Limit

The Highways team had advised that the Traffic Regulation Order request was with the legal team. The Parish Council would be one of the consultees when it was advertised

2037. Statement of accounts/accounts for payment.

Councillors APPROVED

- i. Payment to NCALC for annual subscription of £474.33
- ii. And NOTED the bank statement dated 1st July showing a balance of £5,359.08

2038. Community Defibrillators.

Nothing to report

2039. Historic Memorials

Nothing to report – the Clerk was asked to contact Mr A Sanderson to see if there was any update regarding the RADAR Memorial.

2040. Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

Cllr Newitt would attempt to source a piece of stone suitable for a mount for the plaque for the Jubilee Tree

2041. Community Breakfast

Date of next breakfast was Saturday 27th August.

2042. Village Newsletter

Next village newsletter would be available in October.

2043. West Northamptonshire Council.

The Clerk has been in touch with Cllr Rebecca Breese (WNC Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built Environment and Rural Affairs) regarding the planning inconsistencies that had been experienced in the parish. She had provided a lengthy response and attended the meeting to listen to the Council's concerns

2044. NCALC.

NALC was holding its 75th Anniversary Conference and AGM on Saturday 1st October at Kettering Conference Centre. No Councillor was available to attend.

2045. CPRE

2046. Complaints

2047. Matters for information and discussion

- 1) Councillors AGREED to the provision of planters under the village entrance signs – Highways regulations team had advised that the information they would require to give consent would be:
 - i. Plan of where they are to be sited
 - ii. Copy of Council public liability
 - iii. Agreement from Council to maintain them
 - iv. Size, design and materials of the planter.
 - v. Will they be dug in?

Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council

The Clerk had received details of planters made from recycled plastic but the sizes were not compatible with the location so it may be necessary to purchase lengths of the recycled 'timber' to construct them.

- 2) Request from a resident to provide two dog waste bins in Church Stowe was consulted on via the village newsletter – resounding NO from residents
- 3) Appointment of External Auditors – opportunity to opt out of national scheme. Councillors had no wish to opt out

2048. Future Meeting dates

Proposed meeting dates for 2022 are: Tuesday 20th September, Monday 31st October and Monday 12th December.

Signed

S Henley

Date 28th September 2022