STOWE NINE CHURCHES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2016

Present: Sharon Henley (Chairman), Angela Brodie, Graham Yandell, Jon Hillyard, Keith

Mason, David Lane, Tony Teague

Daventry District Councillor Johnnie Amos

		Action
988.	Apologies for absence	
	Daventry District Councillor Adam Brown.	
989.	Declarations of interest for items on the agenda	
	None declared.	
990.	Resolution to sign and approve minutes of regular meeting dated 5th August 2016	
	These were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.	
991.	Matters arising from previous minutes for update only	
	Item 930 i) Dog control problems to receive an update on letter distribution	Keith
	All letters have been issued except 1 household, a letter will be distributed to this household.	Mason
	Item 981 Open Gardens Event 2017	
	It was agreed that the Parish Council will provide a member for the steering committee.	
992.	Superfast broadband survey	
	Paul Bimson attended on behalf of BT Community Fibre Partnership and explained the plans and various options for rolling out superfast broadband to areas that aren't covered in the national rollout scheme.	Charl
	The Parish Council agreed unanimously to register an interest for assessment.	Clerk
993.	Planning Approvals – Review of past planning applications	
	i) DA/2015/0195 Land at Stowe Hill, Watling Street for one Gypsy pitch Escalation of Parish Council's formal complaint update, response received and circulated 22/08/16	

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	The complaint response received from DDC was met with disappointment. This application will remain on the agenda to monitor progress.	
	ii) DA/2015/1164 Land adj. Sheepfold Grange, Main Street, Upper Stowe update	
	The chairman has received assurance from DDC that the only development allowed will have to meet the requirements of paragraph 55. This application will remain on the agenda to monitor progress.	
	iii) DA/2012/0066 Jasmine Cottage. Contravention of conditions associated with the planning permission on the garage behind Jasmine Cottage by allowing rentals via Airbnb and the response received from the DDC Planning Investigator	
	The owner has been given the option by DDC Planning Enforcement to apply for removal of the condition that restricts separate renting of accommodation above the garage. If this application proceeds it would involve the Parish Council.	
	The disappointing response from DDC Planning Enforcement was discussed with District Councillor Johnnie Amos who advised he had made enquiries about the current situation. It was resolved to write a letter of complaint to DDC about the lenient	Clerk
	approach to the contravention as it has the potential to set a precedent and to monitor the situation.	
994.	Sale of the parcel of land behind The Green - to receive a verbal update on potential implications on the public right of way	
	The new landowner attended the meeting and kindly clarified the situation and plans for the land. The public footpath is now clear and the stile is accessible, whereas before this was not the case. The land is to remain agricultural and will be turned into a bee friendly wildflower meadow. Any future potential	
	footpath diversion will not be without full agreement of neighbouring properties.	
995.	Statement of accounts / accounts for payment i) Statement of account at Nationwide Building Society £2,107.55 ii) Payment to The Prattler for advert £10.00	
	iii) Payment to NCALC for Parish Clerk training course £150.00 iv) Clerk's salary and expenses July to September 2016 £750.00	
	Proposed by Graham Yandell, seconded by Angela Brodie and agreed unanimously that the above should be approved for payment.	
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996.	Resolution to accept and approve the Annual Return for y/e 31st March 2016	
	Proposed by David Lane, seconded by Jon Hillyard and agreed unanimously that the Annual Return for y/e 31st March 2016 be accepted and approved.	
997.	Northamptonshire County Council i) Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Update - Submission Plan circulated 23/09/16	
	The update was received and no action is to be taken.	
998.	Daventry District Council i) DDC Scrutiny & Improvement Task Panel – to discuss the scoping document for DDC and parish co-operation over major planning applications circulated 27/09/16 The scoping document was discussed, it was agreed to register interest for	Clerk
	scrutiny panel involvement. ii) Daventry District Council Community Lottery – to discuss a response to the survey consulting on a community lottery circulated 29/09/16	
	The survey was discussed, it was agreed this should be distributed to the Gardening Club and details were given to Audrey Mason to pass on.	
	iii) Holocaust Memorial Day 2017 Commemoration – to discuss interest in any commemoration as per email circulated 30/09/16 This email was noted and no further action is to be taken.	
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999.	Parish/ Neighbourhood planning i) Parish plan/ neighbourhood plan – to discuss whether the creation of a parish/ neighbourhood plan would be of benefit, to include Parish Annexes	
	The creation of a parish/ neighbourhood plan was discussed, it was decided that a parish annex will be appropriate as and when it arises under the Daventry Settlements and Countryside Local Plan Part 2 A. The creation of a parish/ neighbourhood plan at this stage is not suitable for the parish size.	
	ii) Planning application information sharing with other parish councils	
	It was decided to write to other parish councils to see whether they will share their experiences of opposed planning applications and planning enforcement. Tony Teague to first draft a letter for circulation to councillors to expand on and when approved this will be circulated by email to other parish councils.	Tony Teague

1004.	Footpath Warden - to receive a written report	
1004.	The Clerk confirmed that the parish council's website is now complete and includes all Transparency Code information. The Chairman thanked the Clerk and requested that the url be publicised on the parish newsletter.	Clerk
1003.	Transparency Code - to receive a verbal update from the Parish Clerk	
	There were no updates received.	
1002.	Radar memorial brown tourist sign - to receive any updates	
	The Chairman stated that weekly checks are still ongoing and there are no issues. Paint to repaint the phone boxes and signage indicating that defibrillators were located within the phone boxes need to be sourced.	Clerk
1001.	Community defibrillator – to receive any updates	
	The results of a recent traffic speed survey report from Northamptonshire Police Safer Roads Team showed only 6% of vehicles travelling at/above the enforcement threshold, this is below the level needed to deploy a mobile enforcement vehicle. There was a comment on the report mentioning the need for proper clearing of vegetation at the roadsides to assist drivers entering and exiting junctions. It was agreed to email Highways England with reference to the lack of proper clearing of vegetation along the A5 and include the comments from the speed survey report relating to this.	Clerk
1000.	A response to Kilsby Parish Council confirming that their request has been undertaken is to be sent. Speeding vehicles A5 – to receive a recent traffic speed survey report	
	The request from Kilsby Parish Council to speak to our District Councillor to ensure that DDC Planning officers respect Parish Neighbourhood Plans was raised with District Councillor Johnnie Amos who agreed that these plans should be respected.	Clerk
	iv) Letter from Kilsby Parish Council circulated 27/09/16	
	Under the rural settlement hierarchy Church Stowe and Upper Stowe are categorised as small settlements/ hamlets which reinforces the earlier decision not to proceed with creating a neighbourhood/ parish plan.	
	iii) Daventry Settlements and Countryside Local Plan Part 2 A technical consultation -to discuss and agree where the parish is within the hierarchy.	

	The Chairman read a written report from the Footpaths Warden	
1005.	Close meeting and agree date of next meeting as 14th November 2016 The date of the next Parish Council meeting was agreed as 14th November	
	2016 and the meeting was closed.	

