Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council

Chairman Cllr S Henley

Clerk - Mrs L Carter

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 5th July 2021 at 8.00pm in the Old School Rooms, Church Stowe

Present: Cllrs S Henley (Chair), A Brodie, S Callear, J Hillyard, D Lane, C Newitt and T Teague,

Parish Clerk - L Carter

2 Members of the Public

1824. Apologies for absence

No apologies received – all Councillors were present.

1825. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

Cllrs Henley, Brodie and Lane declared an interest in Planning Application DA/2021/0356.

1826. Minutes.

Councillors received and APPROVED the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 24th May 2021

1827. Councillor resignation

Councillors noted and accepted the resignation of Jon Hillyard and recorded thanks for his contribution to the work of the Council.

1828. Unitary Councillors

Cllr Smith had sent his apologies.

1829. Matters arising from previous minutes – for update only

1830. Planning applications received.

New Applications – None

Previous Applications

WND/2021/0059 Dairy Farm, Main Street, Upper Stowe, NN7 4SH – Refused DA/2021/0356 – Land to the rear of Bank House – Demolition of agricultural buildings. Construction of single dwelling (resubmission of application DA/2018/0386).

An Extraordinary Meeting had been scheduled to consider this application but was inquorate. A Freedom of Information request from Church Stowe Management Ltd in relation to this application had been submitted to the Clerk and copied to all Councillors which had contributed to the cancellation of the meeting. The Clerk would submit a full report to the next meeting detailing the time and costs involved in responding. Members of CSM Ltd were present at the meeting.

1831. Planning Approvals— Review of past planning applications.

DA/2021/0154 The Dovecote, Main Street, Church Stowe (approved 20/04/21)
DA/2015/1164 – Land adjoining Sheepfold Grange, Upper Stowe. – may be coming up for renewal – the Parish Council would oppose again if the application was unchanged.
DA/2015/0195 – Land at Stowe Hill, Watling Street, Weedon
DA/2018/10034 – Land at Main Street, Church Stowe

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1832. Highways Matters

A questionnaire had been drafted and circulated relating to the possibility of a 30mph speed limit in the parish, which could be applied to the whole parish or just one of the settlements. Cllr Teague would co-ordinate the responses from residents in Upper Stowe and Cllr Henley would do the same for Church Stowe.

Members **APPROVED** the questionnaire which would be hand delivered to every household.

1833. Statement of accounts/accounts for payment.

- i. Councillors received the statement of account at Lloyds Bank, which showed a balance of £4341.86
- ii. Councillors **Noted** the Direct Debit to the Information Commissioner of £35.00 and **APPROVED** the invoice for payment:

NCALC (training for S Callear)

£44.00

1834. Footpath Report

The Footpath Warden had prepared a comprehensive report detailing all footpath in the parish with accompanying photographs. The Chairman asked to record the Council's thanks The Clerk was asked to check that the agreement with Highways regarding grass cutting twice yearly on the gravel path was still in place.

1835. Community Defibrillators

It was some time since training had been offered to residents regarding use of the defibrillators. The Clerk was asked to contact local organisations that may be able to assist.

1836. Historic Memorials

No Further reports

1837. Village Benches

The clerk asked if it was known who had provided the bench on Main Street between Church Stowe and the Preston Capes Road, and if it was a memorial bench. The Chairman believed that it was provided by a resident many years ago, but was not a memorial. The clerk advised that it was in a poor condition and not worth repairing. She would like to pay for a replacement, if the Council was happy to accept the offer. The offer was **AGREED**, with the Council ordering the bench and the clerk making a donation to meet the cost.

1838. West Northamptonshire Council.

Nothing to report at the moment

1839. Broadband

No current issues

1840. NCALC.

Nothing to report.

1841. CPRE

Nothing to report.

1842. Matters for information.

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Members discussed the Welcome Packs which had been put on hold during Covid, and also the village newsletter which was no longer being produced. Consideration to be given to the Parish Council producing a quarterly newsletter in future.

1843. Future Meeting dates

The meeting dates for the remainder of 2021 would be:
16 th August, 13th September, 1st November and 6th December

Chairman Date