

Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council

Chairman: Mrs S Henley

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish of Stowe Nine Churches held at the Old School Rooms Playing Fields, Church Stowe on **Monday 24th May 2021** at 7.00pm.

Present: Parish Cllrs Henley, Lane, Brodie, Newitt, Callear and Teague
Cllrs D Smith and Jo Gilford (WNC) and sixteen residents

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Parish Councillor J Hillyard and Unitary Councillor Rupert Frost

2. Minutes of the Annual parish Meeting 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2019 were agreed.

3. Unitary Councillor's report

Cllrs David Smith and Jo Gilford introduced themselves as the recently elected Councillors for the ward. Jo would be on the Place and Community committee and David would be involved with Community Safety/Engagement and Regulatory Services.

4. Parish Council report – Chairman Cllr Sharon Henley

The Chairman of the Parish Council thanked residents for attending and explained that, despite Covid, the Council had continued to meet using teleconferencing, Zoom and a local barn for meetings. The Broadband installation in the village was now complete and the War Memorial and benches had all been renovated. Residents were reminded that the format for public participation currently allowed throughout to the Parish Council meetings was at the discretion of the Chair and, finally, she thanked our retiring District Councillor, Johnnie Amos, for taking the part of the Parish in pressing for enforcement action where breaches of planning had taken place.

5. Planning Application WND/2021/0059 – Dairy Farm Main Street Upper Stowe

The Chairman explained that the meeting was arranged outdoors to comply with Covid-19 restrictions so that residents were able to voice their views regarding this application. The ensuing Parish Council meeting would be indoors and the restrictions meant that residents would not be able to have their say in those proceedings but that their comments now would be taken into account.

The original Planning Application for the grain store was not before the parish council, just a retrospective application to regularise the current industrial use.

Comments from residents included:

No need for industrial use and it may set a precedent.

If the breach was not innocent then would they adhere to any conditions set in response to the retrospective application?

The applicant was supposed to advise DDC before work commenced – what happened?

HGV's are travelling just feet from houses – listed buildings little or no foundations.

The original grain store permission which was granted exceeded the needs of the applicant – was it intended for a grain merchant and what vehicle movements would that involve?
The development goes against the Village Design Statement and Planning Policy RH6
The concrete roadway has been constructed across the Footpath which as a public Right of Way.

The road is a regular walking and cycling route but has no footpath so pedestrians and cyclist are in danger from the large lorries.

Traffic issues – volume, size weight speed and number of vehicles have all increased significantly.

There are now three entrances within 30 metres with a change in level and a blind bend.
It was noted that there was some support for the development.

CLlr Henley thanked residents for voicing their views and told them that the Parish Council's response to the application would reflect the views of the parish.

6. Open Forum for Residents

There were no further questions or comments from residents