

# Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council

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## Parish Council Meeting

All members of the Council are summoned to attend a Meeting of Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council at the Old School Rooms, Church Stowe on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 8.00pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Signed: *Linda Carter*

Clerk & Proper Officer to Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council.

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

## AGENDA

**2164. Apologies for absence.**

**2165. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda.**

**2166. Minutes**

To sign and approve the minutes of the Council meeting on 22nd May, 18<sup>th</sup> July and 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

**2167. Matters arising from previous minutes for update only.**

**2168. Unitary Councillors**

An opportunity for Unitary Councillor(s) to provide updates on matters of local interest.

**2169. Planning applications**

**WND/2023/0117** Old Dairy Farm, Main Street, Upper Stowe, Northamptonshire  
Building for agricultural use with vehicular access and hardstanding  
(retrospective)(resubmission) - REFUSED.

**WND/2023/0200** 11, Main Street, Upper Stowe, Northamptonshire, NN7 4SC  
Construction of two storey rear extension – No Objection

**WNC/2023/5751** 51 Manor Cottages Main Street Church Stowe  
Convert existing garage to non-self-contained annexe  
No Objection, subject to condition regarding non- separate dwelling

**WNC/2023/6069** High Gables Main Street Upper Stowe  
Installation of Air Source Heat Pump -No Objection

**WNC/2023/5251** Hollow Ground North Field Lane Upper Stowe NN7 4SL  
General Purpose Agricultural Building  
No objection but screening requested to lessen visual impact.

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**WND/2021/0369** Land at Stowe Hill, - Siting of Caravans.

Following the latest information from the Enforcement Team, there appears to be no application for St Alnoth's Barn.

**2170. Complaint re Planning**

The Council has, on a number of occasions, raised its concerns regarding the inconsistencies in the local planning regime particularly in connection with enforcement. Councillors are asked whether they wish to raise a formal complaint with West Northamptonshire Council in relation to planning, which will necessitate a formal response on behalf of the Authority.

*(The law does not allow the Local Council Ombudsman to accept a complaint made by a parish council).*

**2171. Highways and Footpaths**

Handyman – The Handyman has, so far, cleaned and repaired the bus shelter and noticeboard, repainted both of the village entrance signs at Upper Stowe, trimmed back the branches obscuring the signs by the Grange and cleaned the 'finger' signs. He cleared the roadside weeds near the church, but these have grown back and he is not licensed to use any form of weedkiller (Highways no longer use any either).

30MPH Limit. The Council was been consulted prior to the legal order being prepared and advertised. The Council's request for an extension west bound in Upper Stowe was accepted but nothing further has been heard.

**2172. Statement of accounts/accounts for payment.**

i. To Approve payments to:-

HMRC.	(July - September)	£172.00
Clerks Salary	(July - September)	£686.65
Handyman	(Apr, May, June)	£301.84 (Paid)
Defib Charger Packs (Linda Carter Expenses)		£299.98 (Paid)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£1,460.47</b>

ii. To note the balance of £4,830.73 at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

**2172. Community Defibrillators.**

Replacement Charger packs and pads, for both defibrillators, have been purchased and installed. Sam Callear is now carrying out the checks on the Upper Stowe Defibrillator, and Sharon Henley has offered to take on the checks in Church Stowe as and when Jo Dickson leaves the village.

The Clerk is liaising with the Community First Responders Team to arrange another training session.

**2173. Historic Memorials**

The WI will be arranging a display of knitted poppies along the fencing at the Old School Rooms and the War Memorial in time for Remembrance Day.

**2174. Village Newsletter**

The next newsletter will be circulated in September.

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### **2175. West Northamptonshire Council.**

Community Governance Review – the Parish Council has an opportunity to take part in the Community Governance review which could consider changes to the parish boundaries or the status of the parish Council. Councillors could consider reverting to being a parish meeting as the population does not now meet the threshold for a parish council (250 electors). Councillors are asked to consider if they wish to respond.

### **2176. NCALC.**

The NCALC AGM is taking place at Moulton Community Centre on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am, and the Council is invited to send a representative (the Parish Clerk will attend).

### **2177. CPRE**

Councillors are asked to consider if they wish to renew the Council's membership of CPRE (due 1<sup>st</sup> December - £36.00) which continues to provide updates of its campaigns on behalf of rural communities.

### **2178. Website and Email**

Parish Councils have been advised that they should have a gov.uk domain name and that Councillor e-mail addresses should be controlled by the council rather than through a commercial provider (e.g. yahoo or gmail).

Hugo Fox, which currently provides our website, is discontinuing their free provision to parish councils and so the Council needs to consider an alternative. Parish Online, which provides mapping software to many local councils, recently launched a service providing websites to small councils and is currently offering a service to register .gov domain names and migrate web content to a new site

Parish Online has provided the following quotation:- *'We can apply our Existing Customer discount to make your annual subscription £320 ex vat. That discounted price will stay with your account each year of your subscription. Also, as an existing Hugo Fox customer, we can defer your subscription payment until the next accounting year if that helps.'*

*The subscription includes the build, hosting, ongoing maintenance, SSL certificate, support, 20 email mailboxes (through webmail and IMAP) and the cost of the gov.uk domain.'*

### **2179. Complaints**

### **2180. Matters for information and discussion**

### **2181. Future Meeting dates**

Final Meeting date for 2023 is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Proposed meeting dates for 2024 are 11<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> May (AGM and Annual Parish Meeting), 9<sup>th</sup> Sept and 9<sup>th</sup> Dec.