

Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council

Chairman: Mrs Sharon Henley

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th March 2019

Present: Chairman S. Henley,
Cllr A. Brodie, Cllr T. Sanderson, Cllr J. Hillyard, Cllr D. Lane
25 Parishioners

Minutes:

1405. Approval of apologies for absence.
Cllr T. Teague (Acting Parish Clerk), Cllr A. Taylor, Cllr J. Amos
1406. To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda.
None
1407. To receive and approve the minutes:
- i. Of the Ordinary Meeting dated 30th January 2019
Approved unanimously: the Chairman signed the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
 - ii. Of the Interim Meeting dated 15th February 2019
Approved unanimously: the Chairman signed the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
1408. Matters arising from previous minutes for update only.
- i. To review progress with the handover to the Acting Clerk and with the recruitment of a permanent replacement
The Chairman confirmed that the transfer of bank arrangements from the previous Clerk had finally been completed by Lloyds Bank, she had been paid and the handover was now complete.
A proposal that Linda Clarke be appointed as Parish Clerk from 1st April, subject to a final meeting with Parish Councillors scheduled for the 19th March, was unanimously approved.
To receive an update concerning signage related to dog fouling
The Dog Warden has installed two signs in the play area outside the School Rooms; signage for the churchyard has also been installed.
 - To discuss any planning applications, approvals and updates
 - i. New Applications:
 - i. **None**
 - ii. Current applications in progress:
 - i. DA/2017/0782: Home Farm, Francis Row, Upper Stowe
This application is to be heard by DDC Planning Committee on Weds 14th March and is recommended for refusal. It was agreed that Cllrs Henley and Sanderson would attend and represent the Parish Council interest.
 - ii. DA/2018/1090: 1 Main Street, Upper Stowe

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Approved

- iii. DA/2019/0051: Removal of tree subject to TPO DA244

Discussed at an interim meeting of the PC on 15th and our response submitted

- iii. Review of previous applications
 - i. DA/2018/10034: Land At Main At Street, Church Stowe
 - ii. DA/2015/1164: Land Adjoining Sheepfold Grange, Main Street, Upper Stowe
 - iii. DA/2015/0195: Land at Stowe Hill, Watling Street, Weedon
 - iv. DA/2015/0061: Eco House, adj. Kiln Cottage, Watling Street, Upper Stowe
 - v. DA/2010/0123: Land At Upper Stowe Road, Upper Stowe

1409. Village Design Statement.

- i. To receive a progress report from Cllr Teague

No update

1410. Finances.

- i. To confirm progress with the changes agreed at the last meeting to bank account access
As reported above, the changes requested have now been completed by Lloyds Bank
- ii. To receive the statement of account at Lloyds Bank
Acting Clerk reported that the bank balance is currently £1340.64
- iii. To report the 2018/19 Budget vs Actual spend
Chairman confirmed that we remained within budget following payment of the previous clerk's final wages
- iv. To approve payment requests:
 - i. **None**
- v. To review the Risk Register ahead of the annual audit
The Acting Clerk had submitted an updated register which now included the risk of not having a Parish Clerk; this was noted and approved

1411. Website & Social Media

- i. Nothing to report

1412. Community Defibrillators.

- i. Nothing to report

1413. Historic Memorials

- i. War memorial
 - i. To consider how best to raise funds for the repair of the War memorial in Church Stowe
Cllr Sanderson provided an update on discussions with The War Memorials Trust about providing a grant towards the costs of the work. He had been informed that quotes for all works necessary should be submitted for consideration.
- ii. Radar Memorial
 - i. To receive an update on repairs to the bollard and planned maintenance
 - ii. To receive an update on publicity from Cllr Sanderson

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Cllr Sanderson provided an update on his contact, via the National Trust, with radar installations in Bawdsey. A positive response had been received suggesting ways to raise the profile of our memorial and its inclusion on the Radar trail.

1414. Northants County Council

- i. Local Government Reform – to consider the latest updates from HM Government & from DDC

The latest update was discussed and noted.

1415. Northants Police & Fire Commissioner PFCC

- iv. Consultation on future PFCC priorities
- v. To consider representation at future meetings with the PFCC, on: 10 April, 20 May, 01 July, 09 September, 21 October, 02 December 2019

It was agreed that Cllr Sanderson would attend the next meeting on April 10th.

1416. Daventry District Council.

- i. To consider the outcome of the Community Governance Review relating to changes to Parish Boundaries & to consider the forthcoming 2nd stage consultation

It was agreed that parishioners would be encouraged via facebook and the newsletter e mail system to approach DDC with their views on the proposed boundary changes previously submitted by the Parish Council which had been dismissed by DDC in the 1st stage consultation. Cllr Henley agreed to draft something for circulation.

- ii. To consider the forthcoming review of Polling Districts, Polling Places & Polling Stations

Cllr Henley confirmed that as part of her duties as the Presiding Officer for the Parish she was completing the formal consultation response about the use of the schoolrooms as a polling station. It was agreed that the consultation would be publicised via facebook and the PC web page.

1417. Footpath Warden Report.

- i. To receive an update regarding replacement for this role
In the absence of interest in the role, Chris Ripper has kindly agreed to continue to provide reports until such time as he moves away from the Parish. He confirms there are no current issues.

1418. NCALC.

- i. The Great British Spring Clean (22nd March – 23rd April 2019)

The annual village litter pick will take place on Saturday April 6th 10.00am.

1419. NACRE

- i. Northamptonshire Village Awards 2019

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As there were no guidance notes it was agreed to see what an application might involve before committing the Parish to entering.

- ii. To consider whether to renew membership of NACRE for the coming year

It was agreed unanimously not to renew membership.

1420. CPRE

- i. To consider responding to their initiative to seek an “Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty” designation for parts of Northamptonshire

It was agreed unanimously to respond positively to the CPRE request to seek an AONB designation for Northamptonshire.

1421. Broadband

- i. To hear a presentation from Glynn Richardson of Gigaclear as to roll-out plans within the Parish

A comprehensive and detailed presentation from Gigaclear provided the background to their involvement in the Broadband rollout to the Parish with information on timescales, possible disruption and methods of delivery. Questions and concerns raised were comprehensively dealt with. It was agreed that further attendance at forthcoming PC meetings would be beneficial.

1422. Complaints

- i. To consider a complaint concerning continual parking on a grass verge in Church Stowe

The Chairman outlined an issue within Church Stowe whereby residents were increasingly parking inconsiderately on both sides of the road close to the bus stop damaging the grass verges and restricting access for other vehicles passing through the village. Conversations between neighbours had failed to change behaviour and the PC were requested to take matters further via NCC Highways. Following discussion it was agreed to raise the matter with NCC Highways and seek advice on a possible solution.

1423. Future meeting dates

- i. 2019: 8 April, 20 May (AGM, Annual Parish Meeting & Ordinary Meeting), 24 June, 5 August, 16 Sept, 28 Oct, 9 Dec 2019

The 24 June is changed to 10th July. The 5th August is changed to 12th August.

Meeting closed at 9.50