

Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council

Chairman Cllr S Henley

Clerk – Mrs L Carter

Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 20th July 2020 at 8.00pm via conference call.

Present: Cllrs S Henley, D Lane, J Hillyard, A Sanderson and A Brodie
Parish Clerk – L Carter
District Cllr J Amos

1630. Apologies for absence.

All Councillors were present.

1631. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

Cllr Henley declared a professional interest in relation to Stowe Hill

1632. Minutes

Councillors agreed to approve the minutes of meeting of the Council dated 3rd March 2020.

1633. Matters arising from previous minutes - for update only.

None that were not on the agenda

Cllr Henley left the meeting and Cllr Lane chaired the next item

1634. District Councillors

Cllr Johnnie Amos attended and advised that he had been in touch with Tony Gillet regarding the site at Stowe Hill asking that enforcement action be pursued as the site was now occupied by just one person. The parish Council had lodged a similar request

Cllr Henley re-joined the meeting at this point

1635. Planning applications received.

- i. New Applications – None

1636. Planning approvals – Review of past planning applications.

DA/2018/10034 - Land at Main Street Church Stowe

DA/2015/1164 – Land adjoining Sheepfold Grange – no further activity.

DA/2015/0195 – Land at Stowe Hill, Watling Street, Weedon – no further information.

1637. Report of Internal Auditor

Members noted the report of the Internal Auditor and the comments related to updating the website and asked the Clerk to ensure that the site was maintained as required.

1638. Approval of the Exemption Certificate for the External Audit 2019/20

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Councillors **APPROVED** the Exemption Certificate for submission to the External Auditor.

1639. Completion of the Annual Governance Statement for 2019/20

Members considered the assertions contained within the Annual Governance Statement for 2019/20 and **AGREED** the completed the form as required

1640. Accounting Statements for 2019/20

Councillors were asked to consider the Accounting Statements which, along with the other audit documents, would be published on the website. **APPROVED**

1641. Statement of accounts/accounts for payment

- i. Statement of account at Lloyds Bank – current balance is **£2819.05 - NOTED**
- ii. Members **APPROVED** an Annual Increment for Parish Clerk
- iii. Payments made since last meeting

Clerks Salary (1 April 2020)	£535.82
HMRC	£134.00
Boden & Ward	£1,260.00
ICO Subscription	£35.00
NCALC	£422.91
Daventry District Council (VDS)	£428.35
Clerks (Salary 1 July 2020)	£546.29
HMRC	£136.40
TOTAL	£3498.77

All payments were **AGREED** and **APPROVED**

1642. Appointment of Northants CALC as the Council's Data Protection Officer

Councillors **AGREED** to re-appoint NCALC as their Data Protection Officer under GDPR and to continue to use the NCALC recommended policies and procedures.

1643. Highways Matters

The Clerk had sought clarification regarding the Highways Authority's policy relating to wild flower areas within verges. She was advised that, in general, all verges were cut as some people would view a wild flower area as untidy and ask why it had not been cut.

1644. Footpath Report

The fallen tree near Sheepfold Grange had been reported to NCC, but was still there. There was some discussion as to whether this might be the landowner's responsibility.

1645. Community Defibrillators.

The c Clerk was asked to make contact with the two residents who carried out the regular checks to find out if/when the batteries might need to be replaced.

1646. Historic Memorials

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The War Memorials Trust grant process could not be completed as the required three quotations proved impossible with the start of the Covid-19 lockdown. The work had been completed using allocated funds and a donation. The metal edging and gravel surround would be undertaken by Councillors and residents as a Community Project and would be completed before Remembrance Sunday.

Due to Covid 19 it had been impossible for Cllr Sanderson to visit the Radar Trail contacts.

1647. Northants County Council.

General updates had been provided through Northants Together

1648. Daventry District Council

Councillor Amos had provided regular updates during the lock down period.

1649. Broadband

Cllr Sanderson had spoken to Gigaclear's Delivery Manager who said that they would be working from Stowe Heights to Upper Stowe and then from Stowe Heights to Church Stowe to lay the ducting

They would stop short of both villages as they are still waiting for road closure permission from the County Council to work in the two villages. They will put up notices of road closures 2 weeks before they close.

They will put in the cabinets as they go. They will walk round with Councillors if required to confirm where the cabinets are to go

1650. NCALC

NCALC had provided regular updates, support and advice throughout the Covid 19 pandemic.

1651. CPRE

The subscription of £36.00 was due in August, and Councillors **AGREED** to continue membership

1652. Complaints.

Cllr Henley advised that further complaints relating to parking in the centre of Church Stowe, but there was little that the Parish Council could do to resolve this at present

1653. A5 Flooding and Update re roadworks

Any updates received continue to be posted on the website.

1654. Future Meeting dates.

2020 – 21st September, 2nd November, 7th December