

Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council

Chairman Cllr S Henley

Clerk – Mrs L Carter

Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 8.00pm at the Old School Rooms.

Present: Cllrs S Henley, D Lane, J Hillyard, A Brodie A Sanderson and A Teague
Parish Clerk – L Carter
District Cllr J Amos
Mr Glynn Richardson (Gigaclear)
13 Members of the Public

1586. Apologies for absence.

No apologies were received, all Councillors were present.

1587. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

None made

1588. Minutes

Councillors agreed to approve the minutes of meeting of the Council dated 15th December 2019.

1589. Matters arising from previous minutes - for update only.

None that were not on the agenda

1590. District Councillors

Cllr Johnnie Amos attended and advised that, with regard to the development site at Stowe Hill, the Private and Confidential item intended for the Planning Meeting this evening had been withdrawn and was now likely to be dealt with at the same time as the new application to 'regularise the breach of Condition 3'. He confirmed that there were more residential units on site than there was permission for – he believed it was currently 5, and that he continued to question the enforcement team about their lack of action. He was aware of the letters from residents, as was Cllr Adam Brown, and they were applying pressure, wherever possible, to bring about a satisfactory conclusion.

1591. Planning applications received.

i. New Applications – DA/2019/1003 Land at Stowe Hill –

Variation of Condition 3 of permission DA/2015/0195 to regularise the breach by constructing the access within 12months of the date of this application

Councillors **RESOLVED** to object to the application as the applicant had had sufficient to time to comply and the Parish Council would not condone the continued use of an unsafe access. Until the access was completed, as per the original condition, the site should not be occupied.

i. Appeals – DA/2017/0781 – Home Farm, Francis Rowe, Upper Stowe – Appeal not Granted

Councillors noted their disappointment at the Inspector's decision.

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1592. Planning approvals – Review of past planning applications.

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

DA/2015/1164 – Land adjoining Sheepfold Grange,

DA/2015/0195 – Land at Stowe Hill, Watling Street, Weedon.

The Clerk reported that the number of letters submitted to the Planning Enforcement Team, that she had been copied in to, was currently 17 (in 10 days) and that she had received an unsatisfactory response to the FOI request which Daventry District Council were trying to resolve. Cllr Henley confirmed that she had an appointment with the Member of Parliament, Chris Heaton-Harris, to discuss the matter.

Councillors were still unhappy with the lack of response from the Planning Enforcement Team and **AGREED** to prepare and issue a press release in relation to the breach of conditions on the site.

1593. Village Design Statement

Cllr Tony Teague confirmed that the changes that DDC had requested had been made. There would be a new consultation but no additional fee.

1594. Statement of accounts/accounts for payment.

i. Statement of account at Lloyds Bank. - Current Balance is **£3354.75**

ii. Payments this month - **none** -

1595. Budget for 2020/21 –

The Clerk had circulated the final budget for approval, following discussions regarding expenditure and the level of general reserves.

RESOLVED: To approve the final budget for 2020/21.

1596. Precept for 2020/21

RESOLVED: That the Council approves a precept of £5,000 for 2020/21 (no increase), and that the Clerk notifies Daventry District Council of the requirement.

1597. Community Defibrillators.

Cllr Teague reported that the regular monitoring was continuing and there were no issues currently.

1598. Historic Memorials

Cllr Sanderson had contacted the War Memorials Trust regarding the pre-application and they had confirmed that a decision was overdue but would let him know of the outcome by as soon as possible.

1599. Northants County Council.

No Correspondence

1600. Daventry District Council

No further correspondence

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1601. Broad band

Glynn Richardson of Gigaclear attended the meeting and explained to residents some of the commercial reasons, and government decisions, behind the delay in installation. He confirmed that they hoped to be in Stowe Nine Churches by the summer and that installation would take 3-6 months. The high-level design for Upper Stowe, Church Stowe, Litchborough and Nether Heyford had been completed but the start date had not been confirmed.

Mr Richardson answered questions from residents in relation to the depth of the trenching and the connection requirements to take the service into properties.

The Chair thanked Mr Richardson for attending the meeting.

1602. NCALC

Weekly updates received but no significant issues raised.

1603. CPRE

No contact.

1604. Neighbour Welcome Packs

The Clerk advised that the folders for the packs had been ordered and that she was looking for a photograph for the cover. Cllr Teague indicated that a number of photographs had been taken for use on the Village Design Statement and he would supply a suitable one.

1605. Complaints.

None currently

1606. A5 Flooding and Update re roadworks

Confirmation had been received from Highways England that the work between Weedon and Towcester would begin this month. Signage suggested that the start was imminent.

1607. Future Meeting dates.

2020 – 24th February, 6th April, 18th May (APM & AGM)

29th June, 10th August, 21st September, 2nd November, 7th December