

## STOWE NINE CHURCHES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Present: Sharon Henley (Chairman), Angela Brodie, Jon Hillyard, Keith Mason, David Lane, Tony Teague, Tony Sanderson  
 Daventry District Councillors Johnnie Amos and Adam Brown  
 6 parishioners attended

		<b>Action</b>
1006.	Apologies for absence  None.	
1007.	Declarations of interest for items on the agenda  None declared.	
1008.	Resolution to sign and approve minutes of regular meeting dated 4th October 2016  These were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.	
1009.	Casual Vacancy - co-option of Tony Sanderson  Proposed by David Lane and all were in favour for the co-option of Tony Sanderson onto the Parish Council.	
1010.	Community defibrillator – to receive an update on a possible electrical fault identified in Lifepak CR Plus and Lifepak Express AEDs  Ken Bird attended the meeting and gave a verbal update regarding the alert received about possible faulty defibrillators. The parish defibrillators have been tested as per the received instructions and are working correctly. The confirmation form received from the manufacturer Physio-Control has been completed and returned confirming that they are working so are in tier 2 for replacement, there are no timescales for replacement currently. If the defibrillators are subsequently tested and found to be not working, then Physio-Control must be notified and they will be moved into tier 1 for replacement. The defibrillators will continue to be checked on a weekly basis, Jo Dickson has agreed to assist Ken Bird with the weekly checks for the box in Church Stowe	
1011.	Telephone box paint and defibrillator signage – to receive a cost for materials to repaint the telephone boxes and update signage	

	<p>As part of the conditions of ownership the Parish Council is obliged to maintain and keep the telephone boxes in good order, as part of this commitment it was agreed that both boxes should be repainted and new signage denoting 'Defibrillator' should be installed. The Clerk produced costs for the materials (primer and paint) and 6 signs totalling £339.19, it was agreed that this should be included in next year's budget as an extraordinary item.</p>	
1012.	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes:</p> <p>Item 981 Open Gardens Event 2017 – a meeting date has been set on November 21st @ 20:00 in the Old School Rooms, the meeting is open to any parishioners wanting an input.</p> <p>Item 999 Planning application information sharing with other parish councils – to approve the draft letter for circulation to other parish councils</p> <p>Some minor amendments to the draft letter were discussed and agreed. Once these updates have been incorporated, the letter will be recirculated to Parish Councillors for agreement then emailed to other parish councils to gauge whether others have similar experiences to share.</p>	Tony Teague
1013.	<p>Planning Approvals – Review of past planning applications:</p> <p>i) DA/2015/0195 Land at Stowe Hill, Watling Street for one Gypsy pitch</p> <p>No update</p> <p>ii) DA/2015/1164 Land adj. Sheepfold Grange, Main Street, Upper Stowe</p> <p>No update</p> <p>iii) DA/2012/0066 Jasmine Cottage - contravention of conditions associated with the planning permission on the garage behind Jasmine Cottage by allowing rentals via Airbnb - update received from DDC Planning</p> <p>A Planning Investigator has visited site and determined that a condition of the planning application is being breached (the development shall not be occupied at any time other than for purposes ancillary to residential use and shall not be sold or let as a separate dwelling). As a result of this visit the Planning Investigator has invited the owner to submit a planning application to vary or remove the condition.</p> <p>There has been an application submitted and this is currently awaiting validation, once the application is validated the Parish Council will be notified and will have the opportunity to comment as per due process.</p> <p>It was agreed to await the validated planning application and discuss the response once this has been received.</p>	

	<p>iv) DA/2006/1329 Canal Cottage – update received from DDC Planning</p> <p>The Environment Agency is trying to ascertain with the mortgagee’s solicitor if the site will be sold as is, or if the mortgagee will carry out any clearing works prior to it going onto the market. Once they have this information, the Environment Agency will determine if they are inclined to pursue the matter and will notify DDC Planning, who have taken advice in respect of action they could pursue if they are inclined should the Environment Agency not be prepared to progress the matter.</p> <p>v) DA/2012/0876 Wyndham House, Main Street, Church Stowe – Boat House</p> <p>Keith Mason expressed dissatisfaction with the finished appearance of the Boat House. It was agreed that the Chairman will speak to the owner to see if any further landscaping is planned or can be undertaken to help blend the building into its surroundings further.</p>	Chairman
1014.	<p>Superfast broadband – update on registering an interest for an initial assessment</p> <p>The Clerk is in the process of completing documentation with information required by BT to enable initial checks and a ballpark cost for providing fibre infrastructure in the parish. The Chairman suggested she obtain information from another parishioner for the documentation which will provide a full representation of the area needing coverage.</p>	Chairman
1015.	<p>A5 flooding</p> <p>The serious accident on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November did not result in any life threatening or life changing injuries, the accident was caused by standing water from blocked gulleys on the carriageway.</p> <p>The Clerk has been in contact with Highways England about the flooding in this area for the last few weeks and had been advised that an inspector had visited and subsequently placed an order for the gulleys to be cleared. In the longer term, they are trying to secure funding for drainage works to remedy the situation in the area.</p> <p>The Chairman has also been advised by the police that a night-watchman will now regularly check the area, especially during periods of heavy rainfall.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk will draft a letter to Highways England requesting the funding criteria for a long-term drainage solution, this letter will be circulated to Parish Councillors for comment and/ or approval.</p> <p>District Councillor Adam Brown requested to be copied in on any correspondence.</p> <p>It was also resolved that the Chairman will approach the Daventry Express newspaper about the situation.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Chairman</p>

1016.	<p>Statement of accounts/ accounts for payment</p> <p>i) Statement of account at Nationwide Building Society £2,552.55</p>	
1017.	<p>Budget 2017/18</p> <p>i) Resolution to approve the Budget for 2017/18</p> <p>The proposed budget for 2017/18 was presented by the Clerk. The budget for this year is on target with no items of concern, there are no significant increases to next year's expenditure, but there is an extraordinary item of £400 budgeted for the telephone box refurbishment. It was therefore resolved to approve the 2017/18 Budget (Appendix A) as presented to the meeting. Proposed by Tony Teague, seconded by Keith Mason and approved unanimously.</p> <p>ii) Resolution to approve the Reserves Policy for 2017/18</p> <p>The proposed Reserves Policy for 2017/18 was presented by the Clerk. The proposed reserve of £637 includes a reserve for a possible election, which could occur upon a Councillor's resignation, and £337 ring fenced for the Radar Memorial maintenance. The analysis of quarterly cash flow showed no areas of concern. It was therefore resolved to approve the 2017/18 Reserve Policy (Appendix B) as presented to the meeting. Proposed by Tony Teague, seconded by Keith Mason and approved unanimously.</p>	
1018.	<p>Parish Precept 2017/18</p> <p>Resolution to precept Daventry District Council for year ended 31st March 2018</p> <p>It was resolved that Stowe IX Churches Parish Council precept Daventry District Council for £3,200 for the year 2017/18. Proposed by Tony Teague, seconded by Keith Mason and approved unanimously.</p>	
1019.	<p>Northamptonshire County Council</p> <p>i) VOICE for victims and witnesses recruiting for Volunteer Ambassadors and Service Delivery Volunteers (published on website)</p> <p>Posters will be displayed on parish noticeboards, the information has also been published on the Parish Council website and on the Stowe IX Churches Village Facebook page, no further action required.</p> <p>ii) 'Stay Well This Winter' (published on website and Facebook)</p> <p>This has been published on the Parish Council website and on the Stowe IX Churches Village Facebook page, no further action required.</p>	

	<p>iii) Police and Crime Plan Consultation (published on website and Facebook)</p> <p>This has been published on the Parish Council website and on the Stowe IX Churches Village Facebook page, no further action required.</p> <p>iv) Northamptonshire Highways ‘Ready for Winter?’</p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council will not partake in this scheme.</p> <p>v) Consultation on the Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service Draft Community Protection Plan 2017 -2020</p> <p>Parishioners should feedback directly to the County Council.</p>	
1020.	<p>Daventry District Council</p> <p>i) Rough sleepers estimate 2016 for Daventry district</p> <p>The Clerk will respond with no known rough sleepers in the parish.</p> <p>ii) Neighbourhood planning networking event 23rd November 2016 in Market Harborough</p> <p>There was no interest in attending this event.</p> <p>iii) Parish and Town Councils meeting 15th December 2016</p> <p>Tony Sanderson may be available to attend and will notify the Clerk accordingly.</p> <p>iv) New parish planning booklet</p> <p>No action required.</p> <p>v) The Daventry &amp; District Forum (published on website and Facebook)</p> <p>This has been published on the Parish Council website and on the Stowe IX Churches Village Facebook page, no further action required.</p> <p>vi) Good Neighbour Scheme seeks votes for funding support (published on website and Facebook)</p> <p>This has been published on the Parish Council website and on the Stowe IX Churches Village Facebook page, no further action required.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Tony Sanderson</p>

1021.	<p>Radar memorial brown tourist sign - to receive any updates</p> <p>District Councillor Johnnie Amos has been busy canvassing support for the application. He has successfully located and contacted a local historian requesting support and gave the Clerk relevant news articles he had sourced.</p>	
1022.	<p>Footpath Warden - to receive any updates</p> <p>The Chairman read a written report from the Footpaths Warden, as the footpaths are all in good order there will not be any further updates until Spring unless anything untoward occurs.</p>	
1023.	<p>Farmers Information Evening 15th November 2016 in Canons Ashby</p> <p>Details were provided should anyone wish to attend.</p>	
1024.	<p>Close meeting and agree dates of next meetings at 20:00 in the Old School Rooms:</p> <p>16th January 27th February 10th April</p> <p>The date of the next Parish Council meeting was agreed as 16th January 2017 and the meeting was closed.</p>	