

Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council

Chairman Cllr S Henley

Clerk – Mrs L Carter

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 18th January 2020 at 8.00pm on Zoom.

Present: Cllrs S Henley (Chair), D Lane, J Hillyard, T Sanderson, T Teague, C Newitt and A Brodie
Parish Clerk – L Carter
Cllr Johnnie Amos DDC
1 Members of the Public

1722. Apologies for absence.

All Councillors were present.

1723. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

Cllr Henley declared an interest in item 1727 and asked Councillors to deal with this matter at the end of the meeting so that she could leave during the discussion without the need to return.

AGREED.

1724. Minutes

Councillors **AGREED** to approve the minutes of meeting of the Council dated 7th December 2020.

1725. Matters Arising from previous minute for update only.

None which were not on the agenda

1726. District Councillors

Cllr Johnnie Amos attended the meeting and, once again, raised the issue of Stowe Hill site and the letters that had been shared with Councillors regarding the lack of enforcement. He also reported on the latest Covid-19 figures for the area and that Daventry and South Northamptonshire and lower infection rates than East Northamptonshire.

1727. Planning applications received.

New Applications

DA/2020/1058 – Land adj to Old School House, Main Street, Church Stowe, NN7 4SG

Change of use from agricultural to enable siting of a shepherd's hut for holiday use.

Councillor Henley was not present during the discussion on this matter.

Councillors had no objection to the application but, as the proposed development was outside the village envelope, they asked that conditions be placed allowing only a single unit and no precedent for future residential use.

1728. Planning approvals – Review of past planning applications.

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

DA/2015/1164 – Land adjoining Sheepfold Grange, Main Street, Upper Stowe.

DA/2015/0195 – Land at Stowe Hill, Watling Street, Weedon – The Clerk was asked to make contact with the Clerk at Weedon Bec regarding this site and to report to Highways England the use by commercial vehicles.

1729. Highways Matters

The work at Francis Row had been completed, but topsoil and grass seed would be added in the spring.

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Highways England had inspected the surface of the A5 following the Council's complaints and would continue to monitor while adding signage advising of 'uneven road surface'.

1730. Statement of accounts/accounts for payment

- i. Statement of account at Lloyds Bank – current balance is **£3603.93 - NOTED**
- ii. Members **APPROVED** the following payment:

Defibrillator batteries	£147.60
TOTAL	£147.60

1731. BUDGET 2021/22

The budget for 2021/22, as circulated and previously discussed, was **AGREED**

1732. PRECEPT REQUEST 2021/22

Councillors **APPROVED** the submission of a precept request for £5,000 for 2021/22 – unchanged from the current year.

1733. Footpath Report

CLlr Henley reported that, following considerable comment amongst residents, she had contacted the Conservation Officer about the works to a hedgerow alongside the gravel path. The Officer confirmed that the work had been done badly, but was legal, and she had advised the owner to improve the quality of the works. It transpired that he had removed dead and dying growth with the intention of replanting and the laying the hedge.

CLlr Hillyard offered to contact Natural England as the land was under the Countryside Stewardship scheme.

1734. Community Defibrillators.

The new batteries and pads had been installed. Thanks to Ken Bird for his continued assistance.

1735. Historic Memorials

Nothing further to report. CLlr Sanderson would try to visit the other RADAR sites – Covid 19 permitting.

1736. Village Benches

Work on the bench at the Old School Rooms is still to be completed.

1737. Northants County Council.

No information

1738. Daventry District Council

The Clerk had received an e-mail regarding the forthcoming elections, asking if she was willing to distribute and collate the nomination forms and is happy to do so.

1739. Broadband

Gigaclear were on target to complete the installation by the end of January and were signing up customers for connection.

1740. NCALC

NCALC had issued advice on the new Covid-19 restrictions on meetings which would not allow the continuation of the PC meetings at Stowe Farm during the current lockdown.

1741. CPRE

Reported success in its recent campaign to persuade the government to change its methodology for calculating future housing land requirements.

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1742. Complaints.

Members were advised that:

- i. Responses from DDC and Highways were still awaited to the complaints submitted.
- ii. DDC had removed the fly tipped waste left over the Christmas and New Year period and requested the Parish Council to report this to the police. (If reporting to the police 'What Three Words' was the best way to provide location details.)

1743. A5 Update re roadworks

The Clerk reported the potholes that Cllr Henley had previously reported and been advised that the inspector did not believe that they warranted immediate action but would be monitored and signage showing 'Uneven Road Surface' would be displayed.

1744. Matters for Information

The Clerk had been advised that the national Census would take place on 21st March 2021. Posters to be displayed in Parish Noticeboards.

The Chair asked if it was possible to find out how many people had signed up for website news alerts? The Clerk would endeavour to find out.

1745. Future Meeting dates.

2021 – 1st March, 12th April and 24th May