

Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council

Chairman Cllr S Henley

Clerk – Mrs L Carter

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 31 October at 8.00pm in the Old School Rooms, Church Stowe

Present: Cllrs S Henley (Chair), S Callear, A Brodie and C Newitt.
Parish Clerk – L Carter
Cllr D Smith (WNC)
2 members of the public

2067. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Sue Overton and David Lane.
Apologies were also received from WNC Cllrs R Frost and J Gilford.

2068. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

None

2069. Minutes

Councillors approved the minutes of the Council meeting on 28th September 2022

2070. Matters arising from previous minutes for update only.

None not on the agenda

2071. PCSO

Tara Cooksammy attended with a colleague (Megan) and updated the council on current issues including theft of catalytic converters and neighbour disputes. Councillors raised the question of illegal hare coursing in the area, which was a matter for the Rural Crimes Team. Alnoths Barn was also discussed.

2072. Unitary Councillors

Cllr Smith advised that the application for Stowe Hill had been called in. The Chair of Planning felt that a new application should have been submitted as the application was of poor quality and there was a statutory nuisance risk.

The Clerk would submit a letter of objection in the morning.

2073. Planning applications

Previous Applications

WND/2021/0668 - Old Dairy Farm, Main Street, Upper Stowe, -Building for agricultural use with vehicular access and hardstanding (retrospective) - Refused

WND/2021/0059 Dairy Farm, Main Street, Upper Stowe – Refused – Appeal against enforcement still not decided

WND/2021/0369 Land at Stowe Hill, - Siting of Caravans – See above comments from Cllr Smith.

The reported application for St Alnoth's Barn has still not been validated, but the owner was continuing to advertise the glamping offer and events for 2023. The Clerk had written to the Head of Planning at WNC regarding the lack of action at Daventry and the inconsistencies in applying the Planning Regulations. Cllr Smith offered to try and get the Head of Planning to attend a PC meeting. Cllr Henley was due to attend a Peer Review on the Planning Service at WNC.

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2074. Highways and Footpaths

Lengthsman – Councillors Henley & Overton had walked the Parish and listed possible duties for further consideration. If the Council wishes to employ a lengthsman then provision needs to be made in the budget for 2023-24.

Footpaths – No report this month

30mph Limit – no further news

2075. Statement of accounts/accounts for payment.

Members **approved** payments to:

- i. BHIB Insurance £283.25
- ii. Members **NOTED** the bank statement dated 29th September showing a balance of £7357.55 (payments of £793.65 outstanding and Precept payment of £2500 received)
- iii. Members **NOTED** the accounts and reconciliation to the end of September.

2076. Community Defibrillators.

Mr. Bird had indicated that he would not be able to do the defibrillator checks in Upper Stowe after the end of December. Mr. T Teague had offered to carry out the checks.

2077. Historic Memorials

Tony Sanderson had visited the RAF Air Defence Radar Museum at Neatishead and RAF Bawdsey and made representations on our behalf. He had also talked to the National Trust about their Radar Trail. Councillors noted his visits and looked forward to further updates.

2078. Community Breakfast

The next breakfast would be on 3rd December with Christmas produce available.

2079. Village Newsletter

The village newsletter had been delivered in October and the next would be available in the new year. The Clerk was using the distribution email list to circulate news and information to residents.

2080. West Northamptonshire Council.

2081. NCALC.

2082. CPRE

2083. Complaints

2084. Matters for information and discussion

The provision of planters under the village entrance signs – measurements had been provided to the Clerk.

Public consultations regarding the proposed development of Farthingstone Golf Course and Hotel had been held and opinions in the village were divided, but there was concern expressed regarding potential traffic. The Clerk had tried to arrange for the applicants to attend the Parish Council meeting, but they had not been available. Cllr Smith offered to speak to them to try and arrange a meeting

2085. Future Meeting dates

The remaining meeting date for 2022 is: Monday 12th December.

Proposed meeting dates for 2023 are: Mondays 23rd January, 6th March, 17th April, 22nd May (Annual Meetings of Parish and Council), 3rd July, 14th August, 25th September, 6th November, 11th December.

Signed

Date 12th December 2022