

Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council

Chairman Cllr S Henley

Clerk – Mrs L Carter

Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 12th August 2019 at 8.00pm at the Old School Room.

Present: Cllrs S Henley, A Teague, A Sanderson, A Brodie and J Hillyard
Parish Clerk – L Carter
2 Members of the Public

1496. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs D Lane and A Taylor
Daventry District Councillor J Amos also sent his apologies.

1497. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

None made

1498. Minutes

Councillors agreed to approve the minutes of meeting of the Council dated 10th July 2019.

1499. Matters arising from previous minutes - for update only.

None that are not on the agenda

1500. District Councillors

Cllr Johnnie Amos had sent his apologies

1501. Planning applications received.

- i. New Applications –
DA/2019/0575 - 1 Main Street Upper Stowe – Replacement rear conservatory – No objections
- ii. Appeals –
DA/2017/0781 – Home Farm, Francis Rowe, Upper Stowe.
The Parish Council's support for this application would be notified to the Planning Inspector so there was no need for any further correspondence.

1502. Planning approvals – Review of past planning applications.

DA/2018/10034 - Land at main Street Church Stowe - no further information

DA/2015/1164 – Land adjoining Sheepfold Grange, Main Street, Upper Stowe – little action at present

DA/2015/0195 – Land at Stowe Hill, Watling Street, Weedon – Believed to be compliant.

DDC Councillors seeking a meeting regarding retrospective consents.

DA/2015/0061 – Eco House adj. Kiln Cottage, Watling Street, Upper Stowe – Councillors to arrange a visit

DA/2010/0123 – Land At Upper Stowe Road, Upper Stowe – the Clerk has contacted the Arboricultural Officer at DDC regarding the trees.

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1503. West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit

The local planning authorities in West Northamptonshire had agreed to prepare a new Strategic Plan for the area. This would replace the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy and would cover the period 2019-2041.

An Issues Consultation was the first stage in preparing the new Plan and the consultation would be open until 11th October 2019. The documents are available to view at Daventry District Council Offices on Monday 16th September from 2.00pm – 7.00pm.

The Chairman and Clerk would both attend the Briefing Sessions (subsequently notified) and report back to the September meeting regarding a Council response to the Consultation.

1504. Village Design Statement

Cllr Tony Teague reported that he had now submitted the External Lighting Guidelines to Daventry District Council. Cllr Teague suggested that an opportunity for consultation would be needed to satisfy the Planning Policy Officer.

It was **AGREED** that a Saturday morning in September would be the best time, and the date would be agreed by Councillors (subject to their availability and that of the Old School Rooms) and advertised on the website and Facebook page with the possibility of leaflets to residents.

1505. Statement of accounts/accounts for payment.

- i. Statement of account at Lloyds Bank.
Balance after last payments £2706.21
- ii. Progress with transfer of authority to Parish Clerk
This was now completed.
- iii. Payment requests:

CPRE Membership	£36.00
Contribution to Clerk's SLCC Conference	£100.00
Councillors agreed payments totalling £136.00	
- iv. Budget update –
The Clerk had circulated a basic spread sheet showing payments to date and percentage spend against budget. Cllr Teague explained that the Council would be underspent at the yearend due to the Clerk taking her salary quarterly in arrears.

1506. Community Defibrillators.

Nothing to report at present

1507. Historic Memorials

Cllr Sanderson confirmed that he had completed the pre-application form for the War Memorial Trust and submitted it with some new photographs detailing the damaged areas.

If successful then a full application would be submitted in due course, but this would require further quotations as three must be submitted.

1508. Old School Rooms – Asset of Community Value

It was suggested that the Parish Council applies to Daventry District Council to have the Old School Rooms listed as an Asset of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011. This would correct the perceived anomaly in relation to the designation, in the DDC Settlements & Countryside Local Plan (Part 2), of Church Stowe as an 'other village' based on the presence of the Old School Rooms as a Community Asset.

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Councillors **AGREED** that an application should be made, but that the Church and the PCC should be informed first. The Clerk was asked to write to the Vicar to explain the Council's decision.

1509. Northants County Council.

Northamptonshire County Council Highways Team had responded to the enquiry regarding maintenance issues. They confirmed that they do carry out weed spraying in the village – not for aesthetic reasons but to limit damage to the road surface. They also carry out three cuts per year of the roadside verges and an inspection every six months for defects. Councillors noted the report.

1510. Daventry District Council

Councillors noted that the DDC Polling Station Review was now complete and there would be no change to the arrangements for the parish.

1511. Footpath Warden

The Clerk had notified the Rights of Way Team of the change in wardens and passed on Lisa's details. She had also checked regarding the maintenance of the 'gravel path' and they had confirmed that the path was mowed twice a year. The Chairman asked that the Clerk enquire as to when the next cut was due as it had not been done since March.

1512. Broad band

Gigaclear – The cabinet locations had all been marked in the appropriate positions in Church Stowe and Upper Stowe, and all locations publicised on the website and the village Facebook page. One position had been amended and was now marked with yellow paint rather than the original blue – nearer to the bus shelter in Church Stowe. It was hoped that work would commence in September or early October.

Cllr Sanderson **AGREED** to contact Gigaclear to see if someone could attend the parish council meeting in September to update Councillors on when work would commence and the likely date for the system to be up and running.

1513. NCALC.

The NCALC AGM would take place on 5th October 2019 at Mouton Community Centre. Councillors **AGREED** that the Clerk would attend and vote on the Council's behalf

1514. CPRE

The Autumn Roadshow would be held on Thursday 10th October at Great Houghton Village Hall. Councillors **AGREED** that Cllr Sanderson would attend.

1515. Complaints.

None currently

1516. A5 Update re roadworks

The latest update regarding the re-surfacing works had been published on the website. The works are likely to continue for a further three months.

1517. Meeting dates for 2019.

16 September, 28 October, 9 December