

Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council

Chairman Cllr S Henley

Clerk – Mrs L Carter

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 21st September 2020 at 8.00pm in the barn at Stowe Lodge.

Present: Cllrs S Henley, D Lane, J Hillyard, and A Brodie
Parish Clerk – L Carter
Three members of the public

1655. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Sanderson, and District Councillor J Amos.

1656. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

Cllr Henley declared a continuing professional interest in relation to Stowe Hill

1657. Minutes

Councillors **AGREED** to approve the minutes of meeting of the Council dated 20th July 2020.

1658. Matters Arising from previous minute for update only.

None which are not on the agenda

1659. District Councillors

Cllr Johnnie Amos was unable to attend.

1660. Planning applications received.

New Applications

DA/2020/0599 Wood Bank House, Main Street, Church Stowe, NN7 4SG

Members confirmed their response of '**NO OBJECTION**'.

DA/2020/0672 Bramble Hollow, 50 Manor Cottages, Main Street Church Stowe -
Demolition of existing extension and construction of new 2 storey rear extension

NO OBJECTION

DA/2020/0705 High Bank, Main Street, Church Stowe - First floor rear roof terrace.

NO OBJECTION

1661. 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

1662. Highways Matters

Responses from the Highways Authority to recent enquiries were noted. Councillors considered a draft anti-social behaviour policy in relation to recent issues in the village

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would support better enforcement. The Clerk was also asked to make telephone contact with the tree officer to arrange a meeting.

AGREED: to amend the draft anti-social behaviour policy for adoption by the Council at the next meeting.

1663. Statement of accounts/accounts for payment

- i. Statement of account at Lloyds Bank – current balance is **£2783.05 - NOTED**
- ii. Members **APPROVED** the pay increase for the Clerk in line with the national agreement (2.75%) and backdated to 1st April 2020.
- iii. Payments for approval

Clerks (Salary 1 Oct 2020)	£577,10
HMRC	£144.20
TOTAL	£721.30

All payments were **AGREED** and **APPROVED**

1664. Footpath Report

There was no current report, but Cllr Brodie asked that the Clerk put a reminder on the website and Facebook regarding keeping to footpaths during shooting season.

1665. Community Defibrillators.

The Clerk had made contact with the two residents who carried out the regular checks. Everything was currently working but Ken would source and order the replacement batteries, which were due in December, and pass on the invoice for payment.

1666. Historic Memorials

The work at the War Memorial was now completed, with gravel placed around the base. The Chairman thanked the Clerk and her family for their efforts in arranging the gravel surround.

1667. Village Benches

There are three benches within Church Stowe that the Council takes responsibility for (although a resident kindly looks after the one on Main Street at the top of the hill). It was suggested that the one in the Old School Room grounds is in need of maintenance, and that all three should be added to the Council's asset register. There was also some discussion about the millennium tree bench in Upper Stowe, but no decision was taken.

AGREED: to add the three benches in Church Stowe to the Parish Council Asset Register and to add an item to next year's' budget for continued maintenance.

1668. Northants County Council.

General updates had been received through Northants Together

1669. Daventry District Council

Councillor Amos continued to provide regular updates regarding District services and progress with the move to a unitary authority.

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1670. Broadband

It was suggested that Gigaclear are still waiting to hear from the Highways Authority about the proposed road closure, which was necessary for the completion of the scheme. There had been regular updates provided on Facebook by Cllr Sanderson.

1671. NCALC

The Clerk reported back in relation to the webinar on 'Planning for the Future', where the general feeling was that the proposal would reduce democratic and community involvement in planning decisions and should therefore be opposed. The Clerk advised that she was drafting a response to the white paper which would be circulated to members before submission

1672. CPRE

CPRE had e-mailed asking for support for their stance on 'Planning for the Future' and the Clerk had responded on behalf of the Council (simple link). Councillors asked that the request be circulated on Facebook.

1673. Complaints.

None at present other than those discussed under Highways matters

1674. A5 Flooding and Update re roadworks

Any updates received continue to be posted on the website. Cllr Henley had some concerns regarding road surfacing but would contact the contractors herself.

1675. Council Vacancies

The Chairman advised that Tony Teague had indicated that he wished to return as a Councillor, which would be welcome. Due to Covid-19 and the cancellation of elections, the Clerk had not notified Daventry of his resignation so, technically, he was still a Councillor

Carl Newitt had also indicated that he would like to fill the remaining vacancy on the Council, and Councillors supported his co-option. **AGREED:** Clerk to notify DDC

1676. Future Meeting dates.

2020 – 2nd November, 7th December