

Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council

Chairman Cllr S Henley

Clerk – Mrs L Carter

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 16th August 2021 at 8.00pm in the Old School Rooms, Church Stowe

Present: Cllrs S Henley (Chair), A Brodie, S Callear, D Lane, C Newitt and T Teague,
Parish Clerk – L Carter

1 Members of the Public

1844. Apologies for absence

No apologies received – all Councillors were present.

1845. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

No Declarations were made

1846. Minutes.

Councillors received and APPROVED the minutes of the Council meeting held on 5th July 2021

1847. Unitary Councillors

Cllr Smith had sent his apologies. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Smith to ask if one of his colleagues could attend when he was unavailable, given his role in the new authority.

1848. Matters arising from previous minutes – no matters were raised.

1849. Planning applications received.

New Applications – None

Previous Applications

WND/2021/0059 Dairy Farm, Main Street, Upper Stowe, NN7 4SH – Refused - Councillors were advised that the WNC Legal department was preparing the enforcement notice.
DA/2021/0356 – Land to the rear of Bank House – Demolition of agricultural buildings.
Construction of single dwelling -Approved.

1850. Planning Approvals– Review of past planning applications.

DA/2015/1164 – Land adjoining Sheepfold Grange, Upper Stowe. – *may be coming up for renewal – the Parish Council would oppose again if the application was unchanged.*
DA/2015/0195 – Land at Stowe Hill, Watling Street, Weedon

1851. Highways Matters

The questionnaire relating to the possibility of a 30mph speed limit in the parish, had resulted in Upper Stowe having 31 responses in favour of a speed limit with 2 opposing while Church Stowe had 46 in favour with 39 against, some of whom would like to see a reduction in speed but not the necessary signage.

Members **APPROVED** a request to West Northamptonshire Highways team for a speed limit in Upper Stowe, where there was a clear mandate, and to ask the Highways Liaison

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Officer to walk the village with the Chair and the Clerk to consider ways in which the speed might be reduced in Church Stowe.

1852. Statement of accounts/accounts for payment.

- i. Councillors **APPROVED** the invoice for payment:
WNC Election costs £90.00
- ii Councillors authorised the purchase of a replacement filing cabinet and the costs of disposal of the old one.

1853. Footpath Report

No report available this month.

1854. Community Defibrillators

The First Responder had indicated that he would be available to provide training in the use of the defibrillators. The opportunity for a course at the Old School Rooms would be advertised – date and time to be confirmed.

There was an issue with the power supply to the telephone box in Upper Stowe caused by a faulty circuit breaker. Cllr Newitt would progress this with the electrician who assisted with the original set up.

1855. Historic Memorials

There was a possibility that the gravel around the war memorial may need topping up.

1856. Village Benches

The bench on Main Street between Church Stowe and the Preston Capes Road may have been purchased from the village amenity fund. The Chair would make enquiries before a new bench was provided.

1857. Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The village had previously organised events relating to the Golden Jubilee and the Millennium. It was **AGREED** that a small group be set up to work on an event for the Platinum Jubilee in June 2022.

1858. Community Breakfast

The WI would be providing a Community Breakfast in the School Rooms on Saturday 18th September from 8.00am – 10.00am to welcome new residents and encourage participation in village activities. Cllr Teague would attend to talk about the activities of the Parish Council.

1859. Village Newsletter

Helen Walker, who currently edited and distributed the newsletter attended the meeting. She had asked contributors for someone to take over the responsibility but had, so far, received no offers. The Parish Council offered to take on the production and distribution (currently about 30 paper copies with the rest by e-mail). There were discussions on the GDPR implications and the necessary actions.

Helen wanted to produce one more edition and see if anyone came forward to take over the role, otherwise the Parish Council was willing to assume the responsibility.

1860. Freedom Of Information

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Following the recent requests from Church Stowe Management Ltd in relation to the planning application DA/2021/0356, the Clerk had prepared a report for Councillors detailing the time and costs involved in responding to them.

Cllr Teague noted that the costs involved equated to 2% of the Council's current budget. It was **AGREED** to provide a contingency for FOI requests in future budget provision

1861. West Northamptonshire Council.

Nothing to report at the moment

1862. Broadband

No current issues

1863. NCALC.

The Clerk advised that the NCALC AGM was on Saturday 2nd October at One Angel Square, if any Councillor wished to attend..

1864. CPRE

Nothing to report.

1865. Matters for information.

The Chairman reported that there had been complaints regarding a CCTV camera on Main Street which was positioned to capture images beyond the boundary of the property and the matter had been referred on.

1866. Future Meeting dates

The meeting dates for the remainder of 2021 would be:
13th September, 1st November and 6th December.

Chairman

Date