

Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council

Chairman Cllr S Henley

Clerk – Mrs L Carter

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 28 February 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
14 members of the public

1940. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Rupert Frost and David Smith (WNC).

1941. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

The Clerk granted a dispensation to all Councillors in respect of Planning Application WND/2021/0668 in order that there were sufficient Councillors able to make a decision based on material considerations.

1942. Minutes

Members APPROVED the minutes of the meetings of the Council dated 7th December 2021 and 10th January 2022

1943. Matters arising from previous minutes for update only.

None which did not appear elsewhere on the agenda.

1944. Unitary Councillors

None in attendance.

1945. Planning applications received.

The Chairman advised that the Council would allow 15 minutes at the start of this item members of the public to speak on the matter.

New Applications

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

Having listened to the views of residents, Councillors agreed to submit a policy-based response which supported the agricultural use, but only for the applicant's own purposes, if the building was returned to one which was compliant with the relevant permitted development regulations.

Councillors noted the overwhelming concern from residents of Upper Stowe regarding the end use of the building and would ask for monitoring of the application(s) and any consent.

1946. Previous Applications

WND/2021/0059 Dairy Farm, Main Street, Upper Stowe – Refused – Appeal against enforcement had been submitted

WND/2021/0369 Land at Stowe Hill, - Siting of Caravans – no committee date as yet

APP/Y2810/W/21/3278852 - Home Farm Francis Row, Upper Stowe, – The appeal had been granted.

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1947. Highways and Footpaths

The Parish Council had received notification from National Highways regarding works at Northampton Road junction requiring night time closures of the A5 between Towcester and Weedon beginning on March 7th and lasting for 7 nights.

Access to businesses and residences would be maintained wherever possible.

Contact details were info@highwaysengland.co.uk or Tel:0300 123 5000

1948. Statement of accounts/accounts for payment.

- i. Councillors RECEIVED statement of account showing balance of £5083.07

Councillors APPROVED payments:

Clerks Salary (January – March)	£574.78
HMRC	£143.60
TPD - New Bench	£410.44
Ravensthorpe Nurseries –‘Jubilee’ Tree	£75.00
Old School Room Hire Charge	£40.00

TOTAL £1243.82

- ii. Councillors APPROVED the Risk Assessment and Management (Financial).

1949. Community Defibrillators.

Refresher training took place on Tuesday 8th February and 8 residents completed the training in CPR and using the defibrillator.

1950. Historic Memorials

1951. Village Benches

The bench on Main Street was damaged would be replaced. The Council had taken delivery of a recycled plastic bench as a replacement, which would be installed shortly.

1952. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee 2022

- i. ‘Plant a Tree for the Jubilee’ –tree to be planted at the Community Breakfast on 5th March
- ii. Beacon – Councillors AGREED to the purchase of a bespoke beacon for the celebrations at a cost of £490 + VAT
- iii. Commemorative mugs – these would be funded by the church

1953. Community Breakfast

The Community Breakfast would be held on 5th March at 8.00am with input from the Gardening Club and funds raised for Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.

1954. Village Newsletter

It was AGREED that the next newsletter would be produced at the end of March focusing on events in April – June.

1955. West Northamptonshire Council.

The only communication had been from Cllr David Smith regarding enforcement responses, but no action.

1956. NCALC.

Asset Mapping Project – NCALC had received money from the Communities Renewal Fund to carry out an asset mapping project across Northamptonshire. The Parish Council would receive a grant from NCALC for participating in the project, by setting up a working group to map assets and services within the parish which were the responsibility of West

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Northamptonshire Council. The Clerk and Chairman would complete the mapping with assistance from other Councillors as required.

1957. CPRE

Nothing to report

1958. Complaints

The Chairman reported back on correspondence from the Planning Enforcement Officer, but the application in relation to Alnoth's Barn had not been validated.

1959. Matters for information

Keep Britain Tidy Campaign Spring Clean 25th March – 10th April - a Village Litter Pick would be organised in April.

Residents reported that the WNC road sweeper had emptied slurry in the gateway by the top footpath and also asked when the street signs would be re-erected – Give Way at A5 towards Weedon and passing place in Northfield Lane. The Clerk would speak to Highways.

1960. Future Meeting dates

Meeting dates for 2022 were: 11th April, 23rd May, 27th June, 8th August, 19th September, 31st October and 12th December.

Chairman

Date