

Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council

Chairman Cllr S Henley

Clerk – Mrs L Carter

Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 28th October 2019 at 8.00pm at the Old School Rooms.

Present: Cllrs S Henley, A Taylor, A Brodie and D Lane
Parish Clerk – L Carter
District Cllr J Amos
1 Member of the Public

1540. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs J Hillyard, A Teague and A Sanderson

1541. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

None made

1542. Minutes

Councillors agreed to approve the minutes of meeting of the Council dated 16th September 2019.

1543. Matters arising from previous minutes - for update only.

None that were not on the agenda

1544. District Councillors

Cllr Johnnie Amos attended and advised that, following a meeting with at DDC a number of traveller sites have been checked for compliance with planning consent. He advised that, if the parish council wished to voice its longstanding concerns about how the site was authorised, despite non-compliance with conditions, and the lack of subsequent enforcement, that a letter should be sent to the leader of Daventry District Council.

1545. Planning applications received.

- i. New Applications – DA/2019/0839 New Front Porch – Purystone House 5 The Green Church Stowe – No objections
- ii. Decision Notice – DA/2019/0726 Consent to carry out works to a tree subject to a TPO at Wyndham House – noted.
- iii. Appeals – DA/2017/0781 – Home Farm, Francis Rowe, Upper Stowe – the applicant was present and advised that he is hoping that a site visit will take place in December.

1546. 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.

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1547. DDC Settlement & Countryside Local Plan (Part 2)

Cllr Henley provided an update on the amendments being proposed regarding development within settlement boundaries of smaller villages.

1548. Village Design Statement

Cllr Tony Teague had reported that the District Council is consulting on the plan.

1549. Statement of accounts/accounts for payment.

- i. Statement of account at Lloyds Bank.
Current Balance is £4280.39
- ii. Payment requests: - None this month
- iii. Council Insurance – As the payment will fall due between meeting, Councillors **agreed** to delegate responsibility for approval of payment to two councillors
- iv. Budget for 2020/21 –
The Clerk had circulated an updated spread sheet showing payments to date and percentage spend against budget. Councillors were asked to identify any further needs for next years' budget for consideration at the meeting in December.

1550. Community Defibrillators.

Nothing to report at present

1551. Historic Memorials

As the War Memorial Trust had advised that it would take 2 months for a response to the grant application, it was suggested that the offer of funding from a donor be accepted. However, it was felt that the offer may not meet all of the expense, as the works would not now take place until next year, so the grant application should be allowed complete its progress.

1552. Old School Rooms – Asset of Community Value

The application to register the Old School Rooms as an Asset of Community Value had been submitted to Daventry District Council and acknowledged.

1553. Northants County Council.

No Correspondence

1554. Daventry District Council

Daventry District Council had advised that two new websites had been launched to provide information about the move to unitary governance in Northamptonshire. 'Future Northants West' was available to view at <https://futurenorthantswest.org/>

1555. Footpath Warden

The Footpath Warden had not submitted a report for this meeting..

1556. Broad band

Gigaclear were still delaying the start of the works and it was felt that they should be invited to attend the December meeting and explain the reasons for the delay.

1557. NCALC.

In preparation for the creation of Unitary Councils in Northamptonshire, NCALC had launched a 'Building Communities' prospectus. It was intended to stimulate debate and act as a starting point in the dialogue with the new councils about how they will work with their parish partners.

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NCALC had also asked that Councils consider the 2020 elections and any likely vacancies.

1558. CPRE

No Correspondence

1559. Clerks report from SLCC Conference

The Clerk reported that sessions at the conference included an informative workshop about new style democracy emerging in the Somerset which proposed a bottom up model and an interesting session by Friends of the Earth based around '20 actions parish and town councils can take on the climate and nature emergency'.

1560. Complaints.

Parking on Main Street – It was felt that nothing further could be done at the present time.

1561. A5 Flooding and Update re roadworks

The recent flooding had been reported and Highways England appeared to be suggesting that action would be taken. Cllr Brown had also sent on some correspondence showing that the work on the A5, currently between Weedon and Daventry, would be extended to the section between Weedon and Towcester in the new year and would include cutting back vegetation and clearing ditches.

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

1562. Neighbour Welcome Packs

Cllr Shenley advised that in the past a friendly 'welcome' to the village had been arranged by a group of residents, and suggested that the Parish Council might re-introduce the practice. The Clerk advised that she would look into the cost of providing a printed folder which could be used to hold leaflets about the local groups and societies in the parish, to be given to new residents.

1563. Future Meeting dates.

2019 - 16 December

2020 – 15th January, 24th February, 6th April, 18th May (APM & AGM)

29th June, 10th August, 21st September, 2nd November, 7th December