

# Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council

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## Parish Council Meeting

All members of the Council are summoned to attend a Meeting of Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council at the Old School Rooms, Church Stowe on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 8.00pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Signed: *Linda Carter*

Clerk & Proper Officer to Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council.

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

## AGENDA

**2086. Apologies for absence.**

**2087. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda.**

**2088. Minutes**

To sign and approve the minutes of the Council meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

**2089. Matters arising from previous minutes for update only.**

**2090. Unitary Councillors**

An opportunity for Unitary Councillor(s) to provide updates on matters of local interest

**2091. Planning Proposal (deferred from May 2022)**

*Due to the lack of support from West Northants Council Planning Department, particularly in relation to enforcement, and also the personal difficulties recently experienced by Councillors, it is proposed that the Parish Council no longer submits comments on planning applications. Applications would continue to be noted on Council Agendas and listed on the website for residents, who will be encouraged to continue to make their personal responses which now carry the same weight as comments from the Parish Council.*

Councillors are asked to consider the proposal

**2092. Planning applications**

Previous Applications

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

**WND/2021/0059** Dairy Farm, Main Street, Upper Stowe – Refused – Appeal against enforcement still not decided

**WND/2021/0369** Land at Stowe Hill, - Siting of Caravans.

The reported application for St Alnoth's Barn has still not been validated

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### 2093. Highways and Footpaths

Lengthsman – Councillors were provided with a list of possible duties for a Village Handyman. Those residents on the newsletter e-mail distribution list have been consulted, along with information on the Facebook page, website and noticeboards inviting comments to gauge the level of support.

If the Council wishes to proceed, it is suggested that a sum of £750 be included in the budget to pay for 2-3 hours per month.

### 2094. Statement of accounts/accounts for payment.

i.	To Approve payments to CPRE	£36.00
	Hire of Old School Hall	£160.00
	NCALC VAT Recovery	£49.40
	Clerk Salary (Oct -Dec plus backpay)	£790.95
	HMRC	<u>£197.70</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1234.05</b>
ii.	To note the national pay increase for clerks amounting to £1.00 per hour and backdated to 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022	

### 2095. Budget and Precept

To consider the draft budget and AGREE the precept for 2023/24 which is suggested to increase to £5,150 or £5,900 if the lengthsman scheme is supported.

### 2096. Community Defibrillators.

Both defibrillators are working correctly.

### 2097. Historic Memorials

No further information, but the people who maintain the Radar memorial have been contacted to offer thanks for their continued efforts and to ask if any materials are needed.

### 2098. Community Breakfast

The breakfast held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December was poorly attended and is the last that the WI will hold.

### 2099. Village Newsletter

The next newsletter will be circulated in January.

### 2100. West Northamptonshire Council.

### 2101. NCALC.

### 2102. CPRE

### 2103. Complaints

### 2104. Matters for information and discussion

The provision of planters under the village entrance signs – measurements have been provided and a cost estimate for materials sought.

### 2105. Future Meeting dates

Meeting dates for 2023 are: Mondays:- 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 22<sup>nd</sup> May (Annual Meetings of Parish and Council), 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> August, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 11<sup>th</sup> December.