

Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council

Chairman Cllr S Henley

Clerk – Mrs Linda Carter

Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 10th July 2019 at 8.00pm at the Old School Room.

Present: Cllrs S Henley, D Lane, A Teague, A Sanderson, A Taylor, A Brodie and J Hillyard
Parish Clerk – L Carter
District Councillor – J Amos

1477. Apologies for absence.

None – all Councillors were present

1478. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

None made

1479. Minutes

Councillors agreed to approve the minutes of Annual Meeting of the Council dated 21st May 2019.

1480. Matters arising from previous minutes - for update only.

The Calor Grant application had been unsuccessful. The Clerk suggested an application to National Lottery Fund Awards for All and members asked that she look in to completing an application.

1481. District Councillors

Cllr Johnny Amos attended and advised that plans for the new Unitary Authorities were proceeding but that there was some conflicting information regarding the term of office for current Councillors. He advised that the CAB were operating a dedicated service to assist those applying for Universal Credit and that the Good Neighbour Scheme Annual Event would be held at Moulton Community V Centre on 1st October 2019

1482. Planning applications received.

- i. New Applications – None at present - noted
- ii Current Applications in Progress
 - DA/2019/0218 8 Main Street Upper Stowe - granted
 - DA/2019/0219 9 Main Street Upper Stowe - granted
 - DA/2019/0338 32 Main Street Church Stowe - granted

1483. 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 – Believed to be currently compliant but Councillors will continue to monitor
- DA/2015/0061 – Eco House adj. Kiln Cottage, Watling Street, Upper Stowe – Councillors to arrange a visit
- DA/2010/0123 – Land At Upper Stowe Road, Upper Stowe – the Clerk was asked to speak with the Arboricultural Officer at DDC regarding the trees.

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1484. Village Design Statement

Cllr Tony Teague reported that he had submitted the document to DDC as previously agreed. The External Lighting Guidelines had now been received and would be added to the VDS following comments from Councillors. Cllr Teague outlined the process involved in the document being approved by the District Council, which could take a further 3-6 months. It was suggested that the Council could deposit a copy in Church to make it readily available to residents

1485. Statement of accounts/accounts for payment.

- i. Statement of account at Lloyds Bank.
Balance after last payments **£3376.03**
- ii. Progress with transfer of authority to Parish Clerk
Forms had been obtained and Councillors were completing them before passing to the Clerk for submission to the bank.
- iii. Payment requests:
 - i. Clerk's Salary (April – June) - £536.02
 - ii. HMRC - £133.80Councillors agreed Payments totalling **£669.82**
- iv. Budget update –
The budget update would be brought to the next meeting, as the Clerk currently had no access to the bank account.

1486. Community Defibrillators.

Nothing to report at present

1487. Historic Memorials

A quotation from Boden & Ward for repairs to the war memorial had been received for £1500

Cllr Sanderson had completed the pre-application form for the War Memorial Trust and would submit that. If successful, then full application would be submitted in due course. Cllr Sanderson also re-iterated his intention to contact other places on the Radar Trail with a view to the Village Radar Memorial being included.

1488. Northants County Council.

A Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan had been prepared by Northamptonshire County Council. DDC Officers had invited comments to be submitted to them to be collated <https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/northamptonshire-highways/rights-of-way/Pages/rights-of-way-improvement-plan-page.aspx>

The Clerk was asked to contact the Rights of Way team and remind them of the agreement to maintain 'the gravel path'(FE2)

1489. Daventry District Council.

Town and Parish meeting Minutes had been received. It would appear that the main speakers had been unable to attend so the meeting had largely been a question and answer session regarding Local Government Reorganisation and the impact on parishes.

1490. Footpath Warden –

The Chairman reported that Lisa Pearson of Sheepfold Grange had agreed to be the Footpath Warden and had submitted her first report.

The Clerk would notify the Rights of Way Team of the change in wardens and pass on her details to the team.

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1491. Broad band

Gigaclear – A Cabinet Plan had been obtained showing approximate locations, but these would be clarified during a walk around the parish with the installation manager.

1492. NCALC.

West Northamptonshire Unitary Council- Parishes Meeting - This had been successful, with a significant number of parishes represented.

NCALC had also circulated a Rural Policing Newsletter which the Clerk had posted to the Council website and sent out to Councillors

1493. CPRE

The latest newsletter had been received.

1494. Complaints.

- i. **Parking**- following complaints, this matter had been followed up with the Highways Authority and with the Police and there were no further options available to the Council
- ii. **Weeds etc** – It had been suggested that the Parish Council considers employing someone to carry out minor works (known in some areas as a Parish Lengthsman). Members discussed this and felt that, rather than spend money employing someone, for which there was currently no budget, it would better if the Highways Authority could be contacted to carry out the work. The Clerk would contact the Authority to see what works were scheduled for the parish
- iii. **Abandoned Vehicle**
The Chairman had tried to get this vehicle removed by the ELVIS team (End of Life Vehicle Impound Scheme), but as it was on private land this had not been possible.

1495. A5 Update re roadworks

The latest update regarding the re-surfacing works from Weedon to 'Heart of the Shires' shopping village had been published on the website. The works are likely to continue for a further three months.

1496. Meeting dates for 2019.

12 August, 16 September, 28 October, 9 December