

Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council

Chairman Cllr S Henley

Clerk – Mrs L Carter

Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 16th December 2019 at 8.00pm at the Old School Rooms.

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

1564. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A Sanderson.
Cllr A Taylor had submitted her resignation to the Chairman and Parish Clerk, with immediate effect.
RESOLVED: - That the Clerk would contact DDC to advise of the Casual Vacancy.

1565. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

None made

1566. Minutes

Councillors agreed to approve the minutes of meeting of the Council dated 28th October 2019.

1567. Matters arising from previous minutes - for update only.

None that were not on the agenda

1568. District Councillors

Cllr Johnnie Amos attended and advised that, following a meeting at Daventry District Council, he had a statement from one of the Senior Officers at regarding planning conditions and their enforcement – particularly in the context of the site at Stowe Hill.

The Parish Councillors had made Cllr Amos aware of their continued concerns regarding the levels of activity at the site and the lack of enforcement of the original planning conditions, and were disappointed at the response from the District Council. There had also been concerns expressed through the Stowe Nine Churches PC website from residents of Weedon Bec, who were advised to contact the Planning Department at DDC.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk would:

- a) publish the DDC statement on the Parish Council website, and
- b) submit a Freedom of Information request to DDC for data from the past five years regarding:
 - 1) How many breaches of Planning Conditions have been identified through the departments monitoring and enforcement processes?
 - 2) How many of those breaches have been the subject of enforcement action e.g. Stop Notices or Rectification Orders?
 - 3) How many of those breaches have been resolved by way of retrospective planning consent?

Councillors also discussed canvassing local opinion before considering further action to be taken when the outcome of Member/Officer discussions at DDC is known.

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1569. Planning applications received.

- i. New Applications – None
- ii. Decision Notices - DA/2019/0839 New Front Porch – Purystone House 5 The Green Church Stowe - granted
- iii. Appeals – DA/2017/0781 – Home Farm, Francis Rowe, Upper Stowe – the applicant advised that the site visit had taken place the previous week.

1570. 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 – Councillors believed that this consent may be ‘out of time’

DA/2015/0195 – Land at Stowe Hill, Watling Street, Weedon.

1571. Village Design Statement

Cllr Tony Teague had reported that, late in the consultation period, the District Council had raised a few minor issues for amendment. Due to the resulting late receipt of our response, DDC had indicated that the consultation would need to run again in the New Year.

(Cllr Teague has since contacted DDC to confirm that there will be no additional cost to the Parish Council should the consultation be repeated.)

1572. Statement of accounts/accounts for payment.

- i. Statement of account at Lloyds Bank. - Current Balance is **£4024.57**
- ii. Payments **APPROVED**: -

Council Insurance (BHIB)	£255.82 – already paid
Clerks Salary Oct – Dec	£535.82
HMRC Oct – Dec	£134.00
TOTAL:	£925.64
- iii. Budget for 2020/21 –

The Clerk had circulated a draft budget for discussion as Councillors need to agree the Budget and precept requirement for 2020/21 at the January meeting.

The budget was largely approved with Councillors noting that it was unlikely that any precept increase would be required and that the General Reserves would now be at an acceptable level.

1573. Community Defibrillators.

Nothing to report at present. Cllr Teague was asked to check that regular monitoring was continuing. Provision had been made within the budget for the possible replacement of the batteries in the coming year.

1574. Historic Memorials

The War Memorial Trust’s response to the grant application was expected early in 2020, when a decision regarding the repair and re-lettering could be taken.

1575. Old School Rooms – Asset of Community Value

The Old School Rooms had now been listed as an Asset of Community Value to ensure that the village retained its current status within the hierarchy of settlements in the Daventry District Council planning policy.

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1576. Northants County Council.

No Correspondence

1577. Daventry District Council

No further correspondence

1578. Footpath Warden

The Footpath Warden had not submitted a report for this meeting and a further report was not now anticipated until the spring.

1579. Broad band

Gigaclear had advised that they would attend the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 15th January 2020

1580. NCALC

Weekly updates received but no significant issues raised.

1581. CPRE

The November magazine 'Outlook' and the winter edition of 'Fieldwork' had been received.

1582. Neighbour Welcome Packs

The Clerk advised that she had sourced recycled folders, which could be purchased in small quantities, and which could be used to hold leaflets about local groups and societies in the parish, to be given to new residents. The cost was £9.00 + VAT for 10.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk purchases 10 folders at a cost of £9.00 + VAT and designs a cover for them.

1583. Complaints.

None currently

1584. A5 Flooding and Update re roadworks

1585. Future Meeting dates.

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

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