

# Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 held at the Memorial Hall Commencing at 7.30pm

**Present:**

Cllrs Mr T Pateman (in the chair), Mr C Carey, Mr I Watson, Mr A Holloway, Mrs N Gibbs, Mrs L Murgatroyd, Mr R Smith, Mr S Tolley, Mr M Fitch and Mr M Kelk (from min 2)

1. Apologies for Absence  
Cllr Mrs T Arthur (Personal Commitment), Stuart Tolley (Working Away) and Cllr Ken Pritchard (WNC Councillor)
2. Casual Vacancy  
Mr M Kelk attended and had shown interest in joining the Parish Council and was welcomed  
**\* Declaration of Acceptance completed.**  
Register of Members interests to be completed by next meeting  
  
All Councillor vacancies are now filled
8. Public Speaking Time - moved from Agenda point 8

- a) Members of the public came to discuss the Furtho Pit development proposals. Discussions about the Environment agency objections regarding flooding, runoff from the site, attenuation lakes and lack of attenuation from the culverts. There were also discussions around highways having withdrawn their objections, however no longer a roundabout proposed and significant volume of traffic.

The group are seeking funding towards the employment of experts on highways, flooding, environmental issues. The members of the public were advised that they can use the memorial hall should they wish to hold a public awareness meeting and that they can apply for a grant

**\* With no further questions, the members of the public left the meeting.**

- b) OSIB have identified a new nursery (Barnwells) providing a more cost effective offering that the one used to date. **Post meeting note – Clerk has emailed regarding setting up an account. No response as of 24/06/23**

OSIB would like the barrier planters to be added to the watering of planters, which is currently paid by OSPC (additional £15/water). **\* Resolved to approve subject to confirmation of £15/collective water rather than £15/basket**

Mowing outside the travel lodge – can this be undertaken by OSPC. Advised it is not our land, so cannot meet this request.

**\* With no further questions, the member of the public left the meeting.**

4. Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the Agenda)  
Cllr Alan Holloway – canal boat feature
5. Minutes for approval of the Annual Meeting dated Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
Minutes of the meeting dated 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were signed as a true record
5. To Adopt
  - Fixed Asset Register for 2023/24:
    - Councillor request for benches to be added
  - Terms of Reference for Working Parties

*\*Resolved to adopt* – Proposed by TP seconded by NG > unanimously agreed.

6. Election of Committees and Working Party Groups and Representatives
 

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|------------------------|---|
| <b>Planning:</b>       | Full council                                |
| <b>Finance (4):</b>    | Cllrs Pateman, Smith, Carey and Fitch       |
| <b>Staffing (4):</b>   | Cllrs Pateman, Gibbs, Murgatroyd and Watson |
| <b>Complaints (4):</b> | Cllrs Pateman, Smith, Carey and Kelk        |

**Other representatives**

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|---|------------------------------|
| <b>Pocket Park:</b>                     | The clerk                    |
| <b>Passenham United Charities:</b>      | Cllr Fitch                   |
| <b>Parish Path Warden:</b>              | Clerk, Cllrs Gibbs and Carey |
| <b>Neighbourhood Watch:</b>             | Cllr Smith (Liaison)         |
| <b>Allotments:</b>                      | Clerk                        |
| <b>OSIB:</b>                            | Cllr Arthur                  |
| <b>Parish Charity (Community Hall):</b> | Cllr Smith                   |
| <b>Buckingham Canal Society:</b>        | Cllr Carey (Liaison)         |

Clerk to look at terms of reference for Grants working party

7. Clerks Report
  - Handover of Clerk duties gradually from Mr Everett to Mrs Laurence
  - Please note new phone number for the clerk - 07767 854983
  - Investigating options for smaller printer/scanner with Canon UK. Will update next meeting
  - Mrs Laurence has joined professional body (SLCC) – payment to approve in finance
  - Swing fractured on Chapmans Drive. Obtaining quote from Wickstead. ***Post meeting Update – quote £10,330 returned. Clerk investigating alternative quotes***
  - Complaint – van in Deanshanger Road hazard as it is parked in bus stop. Van taxed, but no MOT, so little can be done
  - Complaint of dead tree back of Hall Close. Clerk to attend site and schedule works if required
  - Grant awarding policy circulated for opinions. Will be presented for adoption at next meeting.
  - OS Preschool Lease for currently unoccupied land to the rear of the preschool. 10 year lease being offered.
8. Public Speaking Time  
No further public representations

## 9. WNC Councillors Report

The Meadows - Originally MK Borough objected to the application on the grounds of flooding and WNC did not object. Since MK's objection WNC has changed its mind and will now object on the grounds of flooding. The developer has agreed to the amount of affordable housing and an investigation is ongoing regarding the requirement for local people who need to occupy these houses.

## 10. OSIB Report and proposals (including upkeep of Canal Barge)

- Report appended from OSIB
- Canal barge  
The Canal Barge has been repainted, where needed, using some paint left over from when originally done. Blue gloss has been used up so another tin has been purchased.

The sides and front of barge has not weathered well and needs remedial work. It is proposed to use a printed aluminium composite panel with copied artwork as per existing, placed over the top of each side and the front. Costs £560 +Vat \* **Further quotes to be obtained in accordance with OSPC Financial Regs**

The barge is also currently listing as the paving slabs it is on has sunk. This is to be re-aligned using voluntary support. There may however be a small cost for materials. \* **Men in Sheds to be approached to cost a more permanent fix.**

## 11. Correspondence received since last meeting

None

## 12. Planning

### (a) Applications received

- WNS/2022/1741/EIA at Furtho Pits Old Cosgrove Road Old Stratford
  - Updated information received – request to extend consultation  
**\*Councillors to forward any feedback to the Clerk by 27<sup>th</sup> June, so a position paper can be compiled for circulation for the next meeting**
- 2023/5442/FULL - 33 Deanshanger Road. Replacement detached outbuilding and store  
**\*No observations**

### (b) Decision Notices

### (c) Enforcement / Appeals

### (d) Press Notices

## 13. Finance

### (a) Current State of Finance

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Current a/c               | £8506.78          |
| Business Inst a/c:        | £62,263.22        |
| Earmarked Reserves:       | £43,289.31        |
| <b>Available Capital:</b> | <b>£27,480.69</b> |

(b) **Accounts for Payment** (proposed by Cllr Murgatroyd and seconded by Cllr Smith and carried unanimously)

| CHQ No | Payee                    | Amount     | Details  |
|--------|--------------------------|------------|--|
| 3843   | Derek Everett            | £ 988.20   | June salary £952 + £36.20 petty cash   |
| 3844   | Nicky Laurence           | £ 443.47   | June salary £426.72 + £16.75 expenses  |
| 3845   | HMRC PAYE                | £ 344.80   | DE PAYE - £238 + NL PAYE £106.80   |
| 3846   | E.On Next                | £ 155.18   | Memorial Hall Gas:<br>£75.56 April Inv (KI-F09CDF7D-0020) and<br>£ 79.62 May Inv(KI-F09CDF7D-0021)   |
| 3847   | E.On Next                | £ 58.34    | Memorial Hall Electricity:<br>£58.02 April Inv (KI-F09CDF7C-0020) and<br>£ 40.32 May Inv (KI-F09CDF7C-0021)<br>Less £40 refunded - from payment in May |
| 3848   | NJ Blackwell             | £ 4,613.40 | Inv 0670. Mowing and New Fence for<br>Community Hall Playground  |
| 3849   | DNH Contracts            | £ 180.00   | Waste services - inv 2349  |
| 3850   | Viking                   | £ 19.90    | Stationery (50% Cost to Cosgrove)  |
| 3851   | Canon UK                 | £ 94.19    | Inv 2308800082451. Copy Costs £2.50 and<br>Inv 2308800083461 Printer hire £91.69   |
| 3852   | SLCC                     | £ 189.00   | Professional Membership Fees - Nicky Laurence  |
| 3853   | Odell & Co Ltd           | £ 74.26    | OSIB Compost and Slug Pellets  |
| 3854   | Lesley Peach             | £ 160.00   | MH Cleaning  |
| 3855   | Northamptonshire<br>ACRE | £ 42.00    | Membership fees 2023-24  |
| 3856   | Mrs N Gibbs              | £ 153.90   | Book token Prizes for Coronation Colouring<br>Competition  |
| 3857   | A Hickford<br>Lighting   | £ 774.00   | Public lamp repair   |
| 3858   | Ray Smith                | £ 20.89    | Fire assembly sign   |
| DD     | Nest Pensions            | £ 38.90    | As resolved Minute item 6, 11th April 2023   |

(c) To Receive Internal Audit Report for End of Year Accounts  
Proposed Tony and Seconded MF

14. Street Lighting  
Chapmans Drive lamp out

Question raised regarding undertaking a campaign change of all lamps?  
*Deferred to October*

15. Highways  
Deanshanger Road – surface damage at roundabout following vehicle fire

Towcester Road – request Cadent Update regarding timescales and re-instatement

16. **Councillor Project Update, Questions and Items for Next Agenda**

Cllr Smith

Resident request to add pushchair accessible gate to RS12 at London Rd *\*send Fix My Street report*

Issues with vehicles using Deanshanger Rd as cut through. *\* reminders on social media of fines if caught?*

Cllr Fitch

Sewage discharge into river – connection issue (EA aware and served notice in Feb)

Cllr Watson

Broken drain cover in Mounthill Ave *\*send Fix My Street report*

Cllr Carey

Lecterns – manufactured and ready for delivery. Graphics (nearly ready for OS centre).  
Need info for Passenham

Cllr Gibbs

Padlock to post into Oxfield Park Drive open space not replaced. *\* arrange number lock*  
Speeding in the village. *\*Clerk to arrange download of SIDs with Cllr Carey*

Cllr Murgatroyd

Resident request to plant trees along verges to prevent damage. **Utilities present** *\*to develop plans so OSPC can request highways approval for planters*

Cllr Holloway

Question whether works to adjacent property are undermining Memorial Hall Wall? **No impact noted**

*Cllr Murgatroyd left the meeting*

Tony Pateman

- Meeting with Andrea Leadsom re:Furtho Pit - commitment to petition for roundabout, smaller warehouse and finding a meeting between developer and councillor.
- Discussion about need to be apolitical as a councillor
- NALC – working partnership with LAPS. OS placed in the Deanshanger LAP Zoom meeting 26/06/23. *\*Clerk and Cllr Fitch to attend*

17. **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 commencing at 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 21:50pm

Nicky Laurence

Clerk

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Dated: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Old Stratford in Bloom  
Minutes of meeting May 24<sup>th</sup> 2023

Attendees: S.Tait M. Elliot, M Holloway

Purpose to meeting

1. To update Old Stratford Parish Council on current status of OSIB
2. To provide costs for future plans

Report

1. Current status

For year April 2023 to March 2024, OSIB have raised £1760 in sponsor money for plaques and a donation for OSIB will be paid in as soon as cheque is received. The money from sponsors has been paid into OSPC account already.

The estimated spend for the last years amounted to: Summer bedding --- £503 and winter bedding £330

2. Future plans

Bulbs to value £250 are on order (Derek approved)

The barrier baskets and up the pole baskets will be planted with spring bulbs in autumn as these should last year after year. No additional bulbs will be required for these planters

Many of the plants removed have been planted in the nursery beds at rear of the Memorial Hall.

Winter bedding plants (cost £165) and summer plants (cost £580) require ordering in July. OSPC to approve spend.

OSIB have compared costs and Barnwell's near Woburn for plants and Acorn near Olney for trees are the cheapest.

It would be an idea to consider OSIB to have a budget and separate account