

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES - OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 10th June 2025 held at the Memorial Hall Commencing 7.30pm

Present:

Mrs N Laurence (Clerk), Cllrs Mr T Pateman (chairman), Mr R Smith, Mrs N Gibbs, Hart, Murgatroyd.
District Councillors: I McCord and I Dabbs, Members of the Public– None

Item	Subject	Action	Status
1	Apologies for Absence Cllr Arthur (away), Cllr Fitch (away), Cllr Clayton (away), Cllr Chambers (work), Cllr Kelk (ill)		Noted
2	Councillor Vacancies Following the election (uncontested) one vacancy remains and must be filled by co-option	Clerk	FB & website
3	Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda) None		
4	Minutes for approval The minutes of the annual parish council meeting dated Tuesday 13 th May 2025 was signed as a true record. Resolved.	Chair	*Signed
5	Clerks Report		
5(a)	Deanshanger Rd Double Yellow Line Consultation – responses by 19 th June.		
5(b)	Insurance policy update Renewal received - £4305.66. Seek further quotes but must decide next meeting as due 1 st Aug.	Clerk / Cllrs	Action – forms at next meeting
5(c)	OSIB Minuteman quote for boat hull panels £100 Proposed by Cllr Murgatroyd and Seconded by Cllr Gibbs		
5(d)	Debit card update Unity trust card £50 plus £3/month. Agreed not sufficient justifications. Clerk to review expenses in Financial regs		
5(e)	Election expenses and Declarations of Interest All submitted where presented		
5(f)	Summer fete financial support - £1000 donation from community hall support budget towards prizes etc. Chairmans allowance – BBQ and DJ (costs TBC) Proposed by Cllr Gibbs and Seconded by Cllr Smith		
5(g)	Memorial Hall Flagpole repairs and servicing. Two quotes so far – £920+vat (maintain and replace halyard) or £1297 plus vat (clean pole, replace halyard and new gold top, rehang flag). Cllr Hart volunteered to lower flagpole so work can be undertaken	Cllr Hart / Clerk	Action
5(h)	Vandalism to mature cherry tree in Oxfield Park Drive open space. No action at present	Clerk	Monitor
6	<i>*Meeting Closed</i> Public Speaking Time No representation <i>*Meeting reopened</i>		

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7	WNC Councillors Report Still quiet at WNC – first cabinet meeting held. First Councillor meeting on 25 th . Councillor training taking place. Local plan consultations due towards year end Scrutiny committee 16 th – Cllr McCord chairs this Parks Trust 220 houses – request for pre application discussions. Concern re: 5 year land supply issue now Northampton part of WNC		
8	To consider the following items: 8(a) OSIB request to consider recognition of volunteer Request to buy gift card – boat. No legal power exists to spend on recognition, but volunteers efforts are appreciated. Clerk asked to send thank you and acknowledge in newsletter 8(b) To adopt committee terms of reference. Proposed to adopt with amendment to having 3 councillors on staffing committee. Proposed by Cllr Gibbs and Seconded by Cllr Smith 8(c) To consider participation in pre-application consultation for proposal of 220 houses off Deanshanger Rd Historically, OSPC have not engaged in pre-application consultation. However, Councillors are concerned that by not engaging there is lost opportunities to leverage gains for the Parish should the proposal go ahead. Proposed that Chairman and Clerk engage with developer alongside the WNC councillors on a “without prejudice” basis.	Clerk	Action *Resolved *Resolved
9	Appointment of Committees and Working Parties (no of members) Finance Cttee (4) - Cllrs Pateman, Fitch, Smith and Kelk Staffing Cttee (3) - Cllrs Pateman, Gibbs and Arthur Complaints Cttee (4) - Cllrs Pateman, Gibbs, Murgatroyd and Clayton S106 working group (3) - Cllrs Pateman, Fitch and Smith Old Stratford in bloom – Cllr Arthur		
10	Correspondence received since last meeting 10(a) Passenham One Way consultation launched. Unanimously agreed OSPC write in support. Highlight that 100% support from residences from Passenham should have more weight than smaller percentages from other adjacent villages. Proposed by Cllr Murgatroyd and Seconded by Cllr Gibbs 10(b) S106 response from WNC– email advising current position received and circulated. Clerk responded to ask what can be done to support and how OSPC can access other s106 money		*Resolved
11	Planning 11(a) Applications received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025/2061/FULL – Single storey rear extension, 48 Chapmans Drive. No observations 11(b) Decision Notices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025/1343/FULL - Demolition of existing conservatory & proposed single storey rear extension & part garage conversion, 75 Dickens Drive. Approved • 2025/1021/LDP – Loft conversion, 16 Oxfield Park Drive Approved • 2025/1568/FULL - Single storey office block, Land South Of Furtho Pits Old Cosgrove Rd. Approved 11(c) Enforcement / Appeals 11(d) Press Notices		

12	Finance		
12(a)	To Approve Current State of Finance and budgetary controls to date Current State of Finance at 1 st June 2025 Bank Accounts £79670.48 Earmarked Reserves: £60400.44 Available Capital: £64270.04 (includes £45000 unpaid precept) Proposed by Cllr Gibbs and Seconded by Cllr Smith. Unanimous.		*Resolved
12(b)	To Approve Accounts for Payment (list at the meeting) Proposed by Cllr Murgatroyd and Seconded by Cllr Hart. Unanimous.		*Resolved
13	Streetlighting - None		
14	Highways Clerk to email highways re outstanding issues previously raised	Clerk	Action
15	Councillor Project Updates Streetwatch- advise PCSO ready to hold meeting	Cllr Smith	Action
16	Items for Next Agenda None		

Payments Made since last meeting

Payee	Detail	Value
Lloyds Bank	Account fees	4.25
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Service Charge	6.00
Yu Energy	Public lamps - unmetered supply 2000190121	635.68
Yu Energy	Public lamps - unmetered supply 2000190122	40.36
Yu Energy	Memorial Hall Gas 2000190113	36.48
Yu Energy	Memorial Hall Electricity 2000190112	38.27

Accounts for Payment

Payee	Detail	Value
Nest	Clerks Pension	89.72
N Laurence	Clerks Salary & expenses	982.48
HMRC	PAYE	394.59
L Peach	Memorial Hall Cleaning + expenses	272.09
NJ Blackwell Garden Services	Mowing and OS Maintenance	1797.18
Shield Maintenance Ltd	Dog Bin emptying	208.00
Maureen Holloway	OSIB boat repairs (minute 5c - 08/04/25)	108.00
Kevin Peach	Memorial Hall Tree Work and Weed prevention	181.50
Odell & Co Ltd	OSIB - compost	168.16
Fully Fused Fireworks	Fireworks Payment 2/3	1283.04
Old Stratford Parish Charity	Hall contribution - Summer Fete	1000.00
R&S Barnwell	OSIB Summer plants	519.12

Meeting ended at 8:29pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th July 2025 commencing 7:30pm

Nicky Laurence, Clerk

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