

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES - OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 8th July 2025 held at the Memorial Hall Commencing 7.30pm

Present:

Mrs N Laurence (Clerk), Cllrs Mr T Pateman (chairman), Mr L Hart, Mr M Fitch, Mr B Clayton, Mr M Kelk, Mrs L Murgatroyd. District Councillors: I McCord and I Dabbs, Members of the Public– None

Item	Subject	Action	Status
1	Apologies for Absence Mr R Smith (away), Mrs N Gibbs (away), Mrs T Arthur (away)		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) 5(b) Councillor Kelk		
4	Minutes for approval The minutes of the annual parish council meeting dated Tuesday 10 th June 2025 was signed as a true record. Resolved.	Chair	*Signed
5	Clerks Report		
5(a)	S106 update Response received advising contact regarding leisure provision. Clerk to follow up Cllr McCord arranging meeting with MK Councillor re: health centre	Clerk	Arrange meeting
5(b)	Parks Trust proposals Richborough Consultants have sent plans for 220 homes (circulated) and have mailed as a consultation to 1200 properties in Old Stratford and North Stony Stratford. As agreed at June meeting, a face to face has been arranged for Chair and Clerk along with WND Councillors to meet with developers. Write to Deanshanger, Potterspury etc to look at combined traffic effects of new development. Potentially restart A5 Alliance -1/4ly meetings?	Clerk	Contact adj clerks.
5(c)	OSIB matters Quotes obtained for Autumn / Winter Planting of 116 yellow pansies, 116 orange pansies and 13 Euonymous (Euonymous to be reused for spring display also): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barnwells £325.85 Preston Bisset £354.60 Buckingham Garden Centre £190.23 OSIB Preference for Barnwells as plants are much bigger and more established upon delivery (pansies in 9cm pots as opposed to very small plants in 6-packs). Proposed by Cllr Murgatroyd and Seconded by Cllr Clayton. Unanimous Proposed protection of green space in OPD – low level kick fence (deferred from last year) – NJB quote £610+vat Proposed by Cllr Murgatroyd and Seconded by Cllr Fitch. Unanimous		Resolved Resolved

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5(d)	Allocation of 2025/26 Chairmans allowance Proposals to provide a small “thank you” for KP following his retirement. Gift bought from chairmans allowance (£30+vat) – clerks expenses Chairman had committed to paying DJ for summer fete and contribution towards BBQ. DJ costs higher than anticipated so £120 left for BBQ donation		Resolved Resolved
5(e)	Streetwatch Initial meeting held with Police. 8 potential volunteers. Need to arrange follow up meeting as volunteers require DBS checks.	Clerk / RS	Arrange meeting
5(f)	Lime Bikes / Scooters in Old Stratford Several complaints received about volume abandoned. Not legal to use them outside of Milton Keynes. Emails to customer services are not effective. Clerk working with Ian McCord to see if MKC can put us in touch with a human that can change geofence.		
5(g)	Allotments. No people on waiting list at present. If interested in a plot get in touch with Allotment Association osallotmentsadam@gmail.com		
6	<i>*Meeting Closed</i> Public Speaking Time No representation <i>*Meeting reopened</i>		
7	WNC Councillors Report Lime bikes and s106 as per Clerks report Local Plan reg 18 draft due in October – see if allocations make Parks Trust land off Deanshanger Rd it as a suggested site. Encourage residents to respond. No updates from regarding Furtho Pit		
8	To consider the following items:		
8(a)	To consider and resolve on a supplier for Annual insurance policy renewal (due 1 st Aug) Third quote sought but policy would not cover fireworks – needed to apply for separate cover. Clear Councils policy for 3 year term recommended as most cost effective. Some new requirements to note regarding fireworks, use of sports field and playgrounds. Identified a need for training course – playground inspections	Clerk	*Resolved Investigate options
8(b)	To appoint a Climate & Nature Champion to represent the council in matters relating to the climate, nature, and the environment. NCALC asks Councils are asked to appoint a CAN Champion, who can be a councillor, officer, or member of the public. JD on NCALC website – sign up by 3 rd Oct. Cllr Fitch appointed.	Clerk	Advise NCALC
8(c)	To consider a response to the WNC Local Plan draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) This sets out how the Council will engage and consult in the undertaking of its Planning functions. The consultation commences on Tuesday 1st July and will close at 23.59pm on Monday 25th August 2025. Any proposed text to clerk by 31 July to compile and agree next meeting	Clerk	Draft response
9	Correspondence received since last meeting		
9(a)	SSTFC – request for pitch repairs following dry weather They would provide the labour to fill the cracks if some sand / soil		

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9(b)	could be purchased? Clerk responded asking for quantities Parks Trust Land off Deanshanger Rd As per 5(b)		
9(c)	Deanshanger Rd 30mph Moving national speed limit cutover nearer to A422 Cllr McCord has responded asking what problem are they trying to solve by this consultation? If proposed to ease development then developer should pay. OSPC to write to support but cost not justified.	Clerk	Send response
10	Planning		
10(a)	Applications received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025/2282/FULL Proposed first floor front extension, porch alterations, insertion of solar panels to the rear roofslope, 61 Dickens Drive No observations as long as lawful • 2025/2363/FULL Loft conversion, 16 Oxfield Park Drive No observations • 2025/2655/FULL Proposed detached chalet bungalow dwelling Land adjacent to 84 Mounthill Avenue Old Stratford MK19 6AJ Comment-Parking must be retained for existing property. 		
10(b)	Decision Notices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025/1580/LDE Lawful development certificate (existing) to regularise condition 5 of planning reference S/1997/0521/P to sell and display motor vehicles, 1 Cosgrove Road. Approved 		
10(c)	Enforcement / Appeals		
10(d)	Press Notices		
11	Finance		
11(a)	To Approve Current State of Finance and budgetary controls to date Current State of Finance at 1 st July 2025 Bank Accounts £73197.24 Earmarked Reserves: £59649.93 Available Capital: £58547.31 (includes £45000 unpaid precept) Proposed by Cllr Murgatroyd and Seconded by Cllr Fitch. Unanimous. To Approve Accounts for Payment (list at the meeting) Proposed by Cllr Fitch and Seconded by Cllr Murgatroyd. Unanimous.		*Resolved
11(b)			*Resolved
12	Streetlighting		
	None		
13	Highways		
	None		
14	Councillor Project Updates		
	Community Hall Summer Fete well received. Cttee – looking at repeat.		
15	Items for Next Agenda		
	None		

Payments Made since last meeting

Payee	Detail	Value
DJ Lukey	DJ at Summer Fete (Chairmans Allowance)	250.00
Play source ltd	Playground surface repairs – Chapmans Dr	300.00

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Accounts for Payment

Payee	Detail	Value
Yu Energy	Public lamps - unmetered supply 2000190121	579.52
Yu Energy	Public lamps - unmetered supply 2000190122	39.87
Yu Energy	Memorial Hall Gas 2000190113	12.27
Yu Energy	Memorial Hall Electricity 2000190112	32.40
Nest	Clerks Pension	89.72
N Laurence	Clerks Salary & expenses	1034.66
HMRC	PAYE	394.39
L Peach	Memorial Hall Cleaning	212.50
NJ Blackwell Garden Services	Mowing and OS Maintenance	1214.10
Shield Maintenance Ltd	Dog Bin emptying	208.00
Anglian Water Business Ltd (t/a Wave)	Memorial Hall Water	67.60
Stak Holding Ltd	Minuteman - signs for boat	120.00
Clear Insurance Management Ltd	Parish Council Insurance Policy (1st Aug)	1994.14

Meeting ended at 8.55 pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th August 2025 commencing 7:30pm

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