

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES - OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 9th September 2025 held at the Memorial Hall Commencing 7.30pm

Present:

Mrs N Laurence (Clerk), Cllrs Mr T Pateman (chairman), Mr R Smith, Mrs T Arthur, Mrs N Gibbs, Mr M Fitch, Mr M Kelk. District Councillors: I McCord, Members of the Public– Three

Item	Subject	Action	Status
1	Apologies for Absence Mrs L Murgatroyd (away), Mr B Clayton (away), Mrs C Chambers (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) 9(a) – Cllr Kelk		
4	Minutes for approval The minutes of the annual parish council meeting dated Tuesday 12 th August 2025 was signed as a true record. Resolved.	Chair	*Signed
5	Clerks Report		
5(a)	Updates on bus shelter – roof sealant etc. None		
5(b)	Draft Northampton Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Consultation. Agreed no feedback necessary		
5(c)	S106 and CiL Training on 18 September 2025 19:00–20:30 Cost: £35 + VAT for Members. Cllr Fitch to attend		
5(d)	Precept and 2026/27 Budget setting Second half of precept should be received by end of September. Any new requests for spending next year to be submitted for consideration at Oct meeting		
5(e)	Update on football pitch improvements Contact from SSTFC after last meeting advising works urgent. Agreed with Chair to buy topsoil from Bletchley Turf – SSTFC bought seed and have invoiced OSPC. Resolved to pay - unanimous		Resolved
5(f)	OSIB updates. Planter agreed at August meeting has been ordered – payment was required within 14 days		
5(g)	Newsletter – text to include to Clerk by 22 nd Sept		
6	<i>*Meeting Closed</i> Public Speaking Time No representation <i>*Meeting reopened</i>		
7	WNC Councillors Report Legal action on asylum hotels – 2 nd stage of objections. Have issued planning contravention notices and collating evidence. Planning application for MK Parks Trust – enforcement team investigating whether recent trenches were a requirement of archaeological team. Roadworks at Potterspury – significant queues		

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<p>8</p> <p>8(a)</p> <p>8(b)</p> <p>8(c)</p> <p>8(d)</p> <p>8(e)</p> <p>8(f)</p>	<p>Correspondence received since last meeting</p> <p>Whalley's Apprenticing Charity - request for Parish Council representation. Cllr Gibb volunteered</p> <p>OSIB – compliments from MOPs noted</p> <p>To discuss Circulation of communications Many newsletters received by Clerk– approx. 10-15/week. Agreed happy for Clerk to filter them</p> <p>Election Charges West Northamptonshire Council have sent email advising an invoice will be raised for is £594.99 – correspondence in November advised costs of £101. Cllr McCord will raise as an issue and Clerk to respond and ask for more detail.</p> <p>Proposed 50 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit – A422 Deanshanger – A5 roundabout to West Northants / Bucks County boundary Clerk & Chair to respond</p> <p>FDOG enquiry about Grants – application for next meeting</p>	<p></p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>	<p></p> <p>Contact returning officer</p> <p>Agree response with Chair</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9(a)</p> <p>9(b)</p> <p>9(c)</p> <p>9(d)</p> <p>9(e)</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>Applications received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025/2767/MAF- Proposed solar farm, associated infrastructure. Land near Yardley Gobion, West Northamptonshire, NN12 7TT (OSPC not a formal consultee) Proposed response circulated - issues with traffic for cable route, runoff and flooding, loss of productive farm land – Contradicts national policy, No benefit to local community • 2025/3251/TCA Tree Pollarding, Passenham Mill No observations • 2025/3477/MAO Outline planning for 220 dwellings at Land South Of, Paddock View, Old Stratford Extension agreed by WNC. Proposed response for discussion at next meeting <p>Decision Notices - None</p> <p>Enforcement / Appeals - None</p> <p>Press Notices - None</p> <p>Update on changes to planning appeals process for written representations: the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government has explained their intention to make changes to written representations appeals . The planning inspector will decide the appeal on the same basis and information as the planning application was decided. The main parties will not submit new evidence for the appeal unless expressly agreed.</p>	<p></p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>	<p></p> <p>Submit response</p> <p>Circulate draft for next meeting</p>
<p>10</p> <p>10(a)</p> <p>10(b)</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>To Approve Current State of Finance and budgetary controls to date Current State of Finance at 1st September 2025 Bank Accounts £62351.41 Earmarked Reserves: £59859.88 Available Capital: £ 47491.53 (includes £45000 unpaid precept)</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Fitch and seconded by Cllr Arthur. Unanimous</p> <p>To Approve Accounts for Payment (6753.30) Proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Fitch. Unanimous</p>	<p></p>	<p></p> <p>*Resolved</p> <p>*Resolved</p>

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10(c)	To receive External audit report and recommendations No issues raised by auditors Proposed by Cllr Fitch and seconded by Cllr Gibb. Unanimous		*resolved
10(d)	To discuss potential s106 grants and arrange working party meeting if required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor Leisure £42,086.16 - floors, lights etc Playing Fields £129,723.58 – not playgrounds. Improve basketball court, pitches, goalposts etc. Meeting 7pm on 7 th October		
11	Streetlighting 5 day burning lights. Shield to be added to light on Dickens Drive		
12	Highways Bus stop on Towcester Rd will be re-marked this year. Deanshanger Rd will be next year Travelodge vegetation – reported, still no action		
13	Councillor Project Updates OSIB seeking donations - some sponsors have now left the village. Litter, graffiti and fires under A5 bridge. Thank you to residents for sorting Mounthill Ave planter – 130 plants purchased. Ornamental grass. Will be planted once plants have matured		For newsletter
14	Items for Next Agenda Planning – MK Parks Trust		

Payments Made since last meeting and Direct Debits

Payee	Detail	Value
Amberol Limited	Octagonal Planter	564.00
Yu Energy	Public lamps - unmetered supply 2000190121	604.00
Yu Energy	Public lamps - unmetered supply 2000190122	40.55
Yu Energy	Memorial Hall Gas 2000190113	8.89
Yu Energy	Memorial Hall Electricity 2000190112	71.18

Accounts for Payment

Payee	Detail	Value
N Laurence	Expenses	58.50
HMRC	PAYE	414.83
L Peach	Memorial Hall Cleaning	180.00
NJ Blackwell Garden Services	Mowing and OS Maintenance	743.12
Shield Maintenance Ltd	Dog Bin emptying	208.00
Stak Holding Ltd	Minuteman - signs for playgrounds	360.00
Fully Fused Fireworks	Fireworks Payment 3/3	1283.04
Bletchley Turf Co Ltd	8 Tonnes Topsoil - Playing field repairs	483.60
Stony Stratford Town Football Club	Premier Pitch Seed (60kg)	413.55

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Chubb Fire & Security Ltd	Annual Fire Extinguisher tests	178.64
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Type B poppy Wreath and £30 donation	50.00

Meeting ended at 9:12 pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 14th October 2025 commencing 7:30pm

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