



OVERSTONE Parish Council



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Chairman: Councillor John Austin

Clerk: Lorna McGoldrick

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Minutes of Overstone Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 3rd September 2024, 7.15pm at Overstone Village Hall

Present: Cllrs John Austin (Chairman), Stephen Williams (Vice Chairman), Steve Betts, Angela Taylor, Dave Spooner, Kevin West, Emma Weston and Sue Pettitt.

In attendance: 8 members of the Public
The Clerk – Lorna McGoldrick

066.24 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Council **Resolved** to approve the absence of Cllr Chris Morley.

067.24 NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE: The Inspector of the Neighbourhood Team advised that there has been under reporting because initially when incidents occurred there were lots of reports and they were able to act on those. However the reporting has tailed off, they had only received 5 reports in the last few months regarding racing and speeding on the A43 on the dual carriageway between the Aldi and Overstone Gate roundabout. They have carried out some analysis and there is no correlation between the reports on social media and subsequent reports made to the Police. So, he would encourage people to report incidents online, call 101 or 999 if the issue is in progress and there are still vehicles on scene. The only way to get other departments act on it and further resources is if they have those reports. To stop anti-social behaviour, residents need to call and obtain incident numbers, the data will bring the issue to the forefront and the Road Traffic Team will intervene and put a plan in place, such as a Court injunction for 'persons unknown' this injunction will capture all persons for dangerous driving or other associated anti-social behaviour. A Public Space Protection Order under progress currently. The API network in Northampton is one of the best in the country. One of the Councillors mentioned residents on the main estate had endured this behaviour for the last 3 years. The Inspector advised persons involved may have been prosecuted, they would have been picked up using APR, providing residents had gained incident numbers.

The Beat Bus to attend Overstone Gate on 28th September between 10am and 12pm. The Beat Bus has now started to operate on Weekends too, such as Dobbies Garden Centre based on the Harlestone Road on Saturdays.

068.24 PUBLIC FORUM:

Stratford Drive has no designated enforcement signs and now that both ends are open, this will provide a rat run from the A43 when the traffic stops/slows which seems to be a regular occurrence in the mornings. OPC will outline this to DWH Brixworth Neighbourhood Team has been expanded.

One resident outlined concern over Sywell Road that has been widened by Highways, this now causes storm water to run to the bend and flood. Again, the verge is being eroded which in turn will now de-stabilise the wall, which was built straight on clay, without footings. OPC to detail this again to WNC, as residents are concerned the wall will collapse and who will pay for the rebuilding.

A few residents mentioned parents parking around Blacksmith's corner which extends above the bend, as there is serious concern this will lead to a head on collision, as this stops visibility on both sides of the road. OPC have attempted to push WNC to add double yellow lines to stop parking on and around the bend. The Inspector agreed to request WNC to add them ASAP.

A resident raised concerns about the Wall on Sywell Road, which does not have a foundation. It is being weakened due to the erosion of the verge on Sywell Road by Highways extending the road into the verge.

A resident complained about the £1,500 a year OPC is paying for pet waste removal. Complaints from Overstone Lane and the Avenue reporting insufficient bins for dog mess, OPC have purchased further dog bins.

A resident asked that a complaint should be sent to WNC planning about the amount of time it takes to get a planning application validated.

069.24 CONSIDER MINUTES: Members **Resolved** to approve the minutes from the Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd July 2024 and they were signed by the Chairman.

070.24 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (if any) – For information only.

071.24 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATION REQUESTS FOR RELEVANT ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: Cllr Emma Weston declared an interest in Planning Application **2024/3796/LPD**

072.24 RESOURCES:

a) **Income received: £3051.16** VAT Refund

b) **Payments made since last meeting and at this meeting**

Date	Payee	Detail	Payment Method	Total amount
06/08/2024	Three	Sim Cards	D/D	34.49
06/08/2024	L McGoldrick	Home working	UT	26.00
06/08/2024	L McGoldrick	Salary August	UT	1353.71
06/08/2024	Nest	Pension	D/D	92.93
06/08/2024	Npower	Unmetered Electricity	D/D	109.36
06/08/2024	Pet Waste Solutions	Bins on Church Farm Field	D/D	180.00
06/08/2024	Hayeswood	Mowing and maintenance	UT	750.00
03/09/2024	Village Hall	Hall Hire (September)	UT	24.00
03/09/2024	Three	Sim Cards	D/D	34.39
03/09/2024	L McGoldrick	Home working	UT	26.00
03.09/2024	L McGoldrick	Salary September	UT	1353.71
03/09/2024	Nest	Pension	D/D	92.93
03/09/2024	Pet Waste Solutions	Bins on Church Farm Field	UT	180.00
03/09/2024	Parish Online	Digital mapping	D/D	90.00
03/09/2024	Signomatic	Signs for CFF	UT	35.96
03/09/2024	Npower	Unmetered electricity	D/D	106.36
03/09/2024	Barbara Osborne	Payroll	UT	87.00
03/09/2024	PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	UT	378.00

c) **Bank balances, Bank Reconciliations and Receipts and Payments:** Bank balance 31st August 2024 is **£50,478.84** Council **Resolved** to approve.

d) **Internal Check:** ICO Cllr Weston checked the payments and Council **Resolved** to approve the payments

e) **Additional Bank Signatory:** Council **Resolved** to approve Cllr Williams be added to the list of Bank Signatories

e) **Finance Committee:** The Finance Committee agreed to meet at 6pm on 1st October prior to the Parish Council Meeting.

073.24 PLANNING

a) To consider Planning Applications received and those received after the publication of the Agenda.

Application No.	Description	Location	Response
fac2024/3842/TP O	Reduce roadside limbs to 3 x Oak, Remove epicormic growth to 2 x Lime Trees TPO	Field End, 45 Sywell Road, Overstone NN6 0AG	Council agreed that Michael Venton WNC should
2024/3796/LPD	Lawful development certificate (proposed) for proposed pool house and gym	Churchwood 47 Sywell Road, Overstone NN6 0AG	Objection – this proposal is a revamp of the plan which was recently refused.
2024/3456/FULL	Single storey rear extension and first floor part two story front extension	Cotswolds, Overstone Lane NN6 0AA	No objection
Planning Application Committee Date Application No. WND/2021/0960	Construction of 76 new units of holiday accommodation (31 new build and 46 twin unit lodges), parking, landscaping, refurbishment of existing facilities and associated infrastructure.	Overstone Park Golf Club Overstone Park Overstone Northamptonshire NN6 0AS	An addendum outlining the number of houses allowed Overstone and the lack of facilities within the Park large developments. More housing will exacerbate the lack of amenities

074.24 OVERSTONE HALL: It was **Resolved** that a meeting with BHH should not be a closed meeting. There is a lot of interest in the fate of Overstone Hall and to exclude the Public would lack transparency. The proposed Planning Application has not been made public. It being validated by WNC Planning prior to publication.

075.24 OPEN SPACES:

Mowing/Maintenance Issues: Council discussed the mowing of Church Farm Fields. Councillor Betts expressed concern that the grass in Church Farm Fields had been mowed destroying the ecosystem without discussion or the authorisation by the Council.

It was explained that there had been a misinterpretation by the contractor when the Clerk had made an enquiry with them to ascertain a contractor with the equipment to carry out the task.

This had been interpreted as a request to complete the task and it had been done without following the usual procedure.

Some Councillors questioned whether the invoice for the mowing should be paid and it was requested that this should be taken up with the contractor.

There was then a discussion on what policy OPC should adapt for conservation of the land of Church Farm Fields and it was resolved to seek expert advice from Nature Conservation bodies on how OPC should manage the land

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(b) **Open Spaces:** It was **Resolved** that 6 trees should be purchased for the Village.

(c) **Highways:** It was **Resolved** to obtain a quote for spraying the verge on Billing Lane.

076.24 ALLOTMENTS: David Wilson Homes (DWH) has advised residents of Overstone Gate that OPC is making a list of those wishing to have an allotment. OPC has not been consulted by DWH. Therefore, until a formal consultation has taken place between DWH and the Council, enabling Cllrs to take a decision, residents should contact DWH.

077.24 CLERK'S PHONE: Council **Resolved** to agree the purchase of a mobile phone and a stationery allowance for the Clerk.

078.24 NORTHANTS CALC ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Cllr Stephen Williams agreed to attend Northants CALC Annual Conference on October 5th.

079.24 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION AND TO AGREE ACTION (IF ANY): Council **Resolved** that the Parish Council Notice Board will not be moved so that a resident can view the road from their ring doorbell.

080.24 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE: The rubbish that has accumulated on Overstone Lane has been reported to WNC Street Cleansing. Highways have checked the surface of the lane and concluded that the surface is not sufficiently damaged for them to resurface at this time.

081.24 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION (Notified to the Chairman before the meeting): The conclusion of the External Audit from PKF Littlejohn arrived after the publication of the Agenda. It was **Resolved** to approve and accept the External Auditors Report. Exceptions noted.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.20pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 1st October 2024

Signed:

Date:

Chairman Overstone Parish Council

Future Meeting dates:

Tuesday 5th November 2024

Tuesday 7th January 2025

Appendix 1 Planning

b) Planning application decisions to report (if any):

appli **2024/2461/FULL** Construction of detached garage, 45 Sywell Road, Overstone Approved

2024/3055/FULL Proposed single storey rear and front extensions. 42 Woodlands Avenue, Overstone NN6 0AJ Approved

2024/2967/FULL First floor extension, porch and rear bi-folding doors. Mayfield 9 Sywell Road, Overstone NN6 0AQ Approved

c) Planning awaiting decisions

WND/2022/1055 Demolition of Overstone Hall, Parkland, Church Lane, Overstone

2023/6526/FULL Listed Building Consent for Barn Conversion and Orangery Annex, Lavender Hill Farm, Sywell Road, Overstone, NN6 0AG

2023/6527/LBC Listed Building Consent for Barn Conversion and Orangery. Annex Lavender Hill Farm, Sywell Road, Overstone, NN6 0A

2024/0431/106V Section 106 (Deed of Variation) Overstone Leys Overstone Lane Overstone Northamptonshire Request for a variation to S106 Agreement dated 27 August 2015 in relation to planning application DA/2013/0850 to change the mortgagee in possession clause, a change to the affordable housing occupation criteria and to include a clause which confirms that the 1992 Agreement does not apply to the Affordable Housing Land. 15/02/2024 Barratt Developments PLC Barratt Developments PLC Barratt Developments PLC Pegasus Group Pegasus Group Mr. G Lees 4, The Courtyard, Church Street, Lockington, Derby,

2024/0284/MAO Proposal Outline application for up to 32 dwellings, including affordable housing, access and associated work (all matters reserved except for access). Location Land adjacent Overstone Leys

WND/2021/0960 Construction of 76 new units of holiday accommodation (31 new build and 46 twin lodges), parking, landscaping, refurbishment of existing facilities and associated infrastructure. Overstone Park Golf Club Overstone Park, Overstone, Northamptonshire NN6 0AS

2024/2604/TPO 3m reduction to 1x Oak Tree (TPO DA 41-W1) 2, Court Farm, Overstone Park, Overstone NN6 0AP

