

STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 1st December 2014 at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms.

Present: Cllr. R.Trett, (Chair), Cllr. D. Warren, Cllr. D Geliher, Cllr. I. Allen, Ward Cllr. J. Green (Milton Keynes Council), clerk Mr J. Vischer. 3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies** - Cllr. S. Grant
2. **Declarations of Members Interests** – None
3. **Minutes of the Last meeting 3rd November** – Approved. Proposer Cllr. I. Allen, Seconder Cllr. Geliher Unanimous.
4. **Matters Arising** –
Garages – A further email from Jane Reed, Director of Housing and Community, stated that the business team had concluded it was too expensive to demolish all or part of the garages and furthermore deprive the Council of the rental income stream, small though it was. Councillors wondered whether a fire engine could gain emergency access when all the cars were parked in the Crescent the parking was so congested. Could the grass verges be officially used in some way?

Clerk
5. **1st Responder** – Richard Tracey informed the meeting that in his view a public access defibrillator was more useful to the village than buying a full kit for 1st Responders to use as it was more specifically for Stoke Goldington's needs, moreover if a 1st Responder was not available the normal ambulance wait would ensue. Defibrillators were very simple to use and could be used on children. The cost would be £843 + VAT (reduced from £1,295 for community use) and if purchased from The Heart Foundation would qualify for a 50% discount – provided the public have 24hr access. He reported that when the defibrillator was needed the person merely had to dial 999 or 111 to be told the access code. The lockable box for storing the defibrillator could be bought for £540 + VAT which would include a combination lock and heating element to prevent the defibrillator's battery from being drained in cold weather. The running cost of the cabinet would be about £30 per annum and a defibrillator battery would last about 5 years depending on usage. The latter cost about £125 to replace. There was no maintenance cost as such but the pads have to be replaced every two years (£15 per set). It was agreed: ***'To purchase two defibrillators and cabinets with the ANESCO grant.'*** Proposer Cllr. I. Allen, Seconder Cllr. Warren. Unanimous. Location to be finalised but probably on the outside walls of both the Reading Rooms and the Village Hall.

Clerk to order, councillors to suggest fitters.
6. **SID's Volunteers** – It was agreed that no police presence had been noted following the reporting of the speeding statistics - indeed had additional enforcement been requested? To be fed back to Adrian Carden, Milton Keynes Road Safety Team Leader.

Clerk

Ken Foxley, Leader of the volunteer group, pointed out that the feedback issue (previous meeting) related to Community Speed Watch (CSW) and not SID's. Number plate information goes to Thames Valley Police (TVP) HQ, where letters are sent to the transgressors, and if 3 letters are sent to the same "speeder" then this individual becomes a target that the traffic police follow up. The group has never had any feedback on how many speeders there have been at any of the Stoke Goldington CSW deployments, how many letters have been sent out (1, 2 or 3 times) or how many speeders end up facing legal consequences as a result. TVP had initially said that they could not provide this information because of Data Protection issues, but even though it was made clear that the group was not after individual's details just management numbers the group have never received any feedback. It was agreed to invite a representative from the police to a meeting specifically to feedback on what letters have been sent out, how many and what enforcement action is being taken.

Clerk
7. **War Memorial** – the extra work required for the top cross will begin on Wednesday and finished by the end of the week. It was agreed that once work was complete a letter be sent to the school asking that pupils are discouraged from playing or climbing on the memorial.
8. **Finance** -
 - a. **Cheques & Balances** approved. Proposer: Cllr. Warren, Seconder: Cllr. Allen. Unanimous.

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102160	J VISCHER	192.76
102161	WARNERS	84.00
102162	S KITCHEN	37.50
102163	J VISCHER	13.78
102164	HW MASONS	1,500.00
102165	AH CONTRACTS	90.38
102166	D Geliher (123-REG website - annual)	52.44
102167	RJ SHARP	375.00
	TOTAL	2,345.86

Balances

<u>Current Account Balance 16 October 2014</u>	£4,335.84
less payments	£1,893.04
plus receipts	£296.50
<u>Current Account Balance 17 November 2014</u>	<u>£2,739.30</u>

BUSINESS SAVER ACCOUNT

16.10.2014	bal c/forward	£19,469.71
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<u>BUSINESS SAVER ACCOUNT BALANCE</u>	<u>£19,469.71</u>
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<u>TOTAL CASH AT BANK 17th November 2014</u>	<u>£22,021.51</u>
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less Allocated Reserves	£5,500.00
less un-presented cheques	£187.50

<u>AVAILABLE CASH AT BANK 17th November 2014</u>	<u>£16,334.01</u>
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9. Planning - PREVIOUS

14/01227/FUL – Development of Solar Photovoltaic Farm, Tathall End, Hanslope – *Permitted*.

NEW

14/02532/TCA - Notification of intention to carry out remedial works on 15 trees
At: The Old Rectory, 61 High Street. No comments.

10. Sub-committee Reports -

- a. **Neighbourhood Action Group** – Cllr. Allen reported that much of the discussion had been about speeding and parking issues.
- b. **N. E. Area Ward Forum** – Cllr. Allen reported that discussion revolved around the Site Allocation Plan and PlanMK (previously discussed here). Representatives of the new landscape contractor SERCO were present and enthusiastic about the new service. The Tathall End Flood Alleviation programme stage one is complete (2 more phases).
- c. **Guntrip Fund** – The Xmas payment has been agreed. Cheques will be signed at the next meeting this Thursday.
- d. **Reading Rooms** – Nothing to report.
- e. **Recreation Ground/Highways** – Nothing to report.
- f. **Dog Fouling** – No new reports.

11. **Correspondence** – A letter had been received from the ex-Chair of Governors at the school concerning the falling numbers and how a new low-cost housing scheme might alleviate this problem. This topic had already been discussed previously where councillors had agreed that the reduced premium that landowners would

receive for their land meant there was little hope, on a small scale, of such a scheme getting off the ground.

12. Councillors & residents Items –

- a. **Drain at the bottom of Dag Lane** – this would be looked at by councillors when it was raining to determine which way the water was actually flowing.
- b. **Car Park by Allotments** – The clerk had eventually received a form but this had turned out to be dysfunctional. Clerk to research another source.
- c. **Dag Lane** - full of leaves and conkers – reported 7 November. Ref 441600 Said to have been done by MK Council but councillors reported still full of leaves. **Clerk**
- d. **Stoke Water** – Cllrs. had met up with David Sharp and investigated the cistern and pipes. The latter made of iron were full of leaks although the cistern was in good condition. It had been agreed to replace the leaky bung where water could be seen to be constantly running out, in the dry summer weather as it was not possible to do this now.
- e. **'Jackie's' Drain** – the above appeared to be linked with Stoke Water and would be investigated in the summer.
- f. **Footpath** – A reply had been received from Rosie Armstrong, Assistant Rights of Way Officer stating that she was currently waiting for some stock to be ordered for the signposts. Item 3 on our map *"is not a public footpath and is not shown on the definitive map. There is however a public footpath two horizontal pathways north of this on the plan you provided, the one that travels just underneath the words Wood House."* Item 4 that we had queried *"is a public footpath and is shown as such on the definitive map."* **Clerk to order up-to-date footpath maps; Cllr. Allen** to investigate.

13. Date of Next Meeting – 5th January 2015

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

signed

date