

STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 2nd February 2015 at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms.

Present: Cllr. R.Trett, (Chair), Cllr. D. Warren, Cllr. D Geliher, Cllr. I. Allen, Ward Cllr. A. Geary (Milton Keynes Council), & 4 members of the public; clerk Mr J. Vischer.

1. **APOLOGIES** - Cllr. S. Grant
2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** – Cllr. D Geliher *item 8d*
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 1st December** – Approved. Proposer Cllr. Allen, Seconder Cllr. Warren Unanimous.
4. **MATTERS ARISING – War Memorial** – the final invoice was still outstanding. A proposal for the future maintenance schedule had been received from HW Masons. It recommended: general inspection and cleaning every 4 years but inspection of the cross every year to ensure the joint was holding and the stone was not crumbling faster than foreseen.
5. **DEFIBRILLATORS** – The defibrillators and their cabinets had been delivered, and were now being stored at the Reading Rooms, but it was agreed to store the actual devices at councillors’ houses. Mr David Jones to be contacted. **Chair**
6. **PRE-SCHOOL AGREEMENT** (*see below item 11*) – last year’s agreement had been circulated by email back in September. It was agreed that all that was needed was both parties’ signatures. **Cllr. Allen**
7. **PAINTING OF BUS SHELTER** – It was agreed that councillors would undertake the re-staining in good weather
8. **FINANCE** -
 - a. **Cheques & Balances** approved. Proposer Cllr. Allen, Seconder Cllr. Warren Unanimous.

cheques	Payee	Amount
dd	Eon	44.05
102168	ANGLIAN WATER	£51.50
102167	RJ SHARP	£375.00
102170	S KITCHEN	£37.50
102171	J VISCHER	£246.23
102172	HMRC (PAYE)	£156.60
102173	J VISCHER - expenses	£6.36

AVAILABLE CASH AT BANK 16th January **£13,488.41**

- b. **Landscape Contract** – It had been agreed at the budget meeting to accept the tender from Warners of Bedford for Part A on two conditions, and the tender from RJ Sharp for Part B. Warners has happily agreed to the two conditions. **Clerk**
 - c. **Budget & Precept** – the agreed figures from the extra budget meeting were approved. The 2015-16 precept of £11,585 represents a 3.3% rise on last year. Proposer Cllr. Allen, Seconder Cllr. Warren Unanimous. **Clerk**
 - d. **Village Hall Rent Review** – It was agreed to leave the rent unchanged at £500 per annum for the next 5 years. Proposer Cllr. Allen, Seconder Cllr. Warren Unanimous.
9. **PLANNING** – No new applications
10. **Sub-committee Reports** –

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- a. **N. W. Area Ward Forum** – (22nd Jan) MK Council had developed an App for reporting potholes etc. which was currently being tested. Frosts Landscapes had won the MK landscape contract (in conjunction with Serco) and they would be responsible for the villages. The annual pothole repair programme was about to recommence. Fixing and repairs generally would only be carried out if the equipment/situation is a health and safety issue, although Parish Councils could put in to have the repairs done at their expense. Tathall End flood alleviation scheme was nearly complete. Superfast broadband was being installed in the village (and neighbouring villages). Next meeting 14 May 2015.
 - b. **N. E. Area Ward Forum** – Cllr. Allen offered to attend the next meeting.
 - c. **Guntrip Fund** – Nothing to report.
 - d. **Reading Rooms** – Invoices had been sent out and some had already been paid. The annual Fire Extinguisher inspection would be carried out in February. David Jones to be contacted with regard to the replacement or upgrade of the radiators. Reading Room rent had been discussed at the extra budget meeting where it had been proposed that they be increased. Item for the next agenda.
 - e. **Recreation Ground/Highways** – Cllr. Warren had checked the benches and both needed removing. It was agreed to retrieve the plaques and offer them to the families of the original donors of the seats. The litter bin needed replacing – **Cllr. Allen** offered to check make and type
 - f. **Dog Fouling** – No new reports from councillors.
11. **CORRESPONDENCE** – None, other than email – **Stoke Goldington Pre-school** – in an email the headteacher had asked permission for further elaborations to the garden; this was now discussed. It was agreed that: extra shrubs could be planted in the hedgerow on condition that the varieties of plants were confirmed for acceptance to the council beforehand; the sandpit could go ahead providing it could be easily removed (e.g. a commercial plastic basin). Both the wooden train and the willow dome were not approved.

Clerk to write

12. COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS ITEMS –

- a. [**Drain at the bottom of Dag Lane** – from last Autumn - repairs not carried out yet - to be checked in 1 months time]
- b. **Car Park by Allotments** – *ref 498693*. The clerk and Chair had met with the Highways Inspector Michael Kerrigan from the contractor Ringway who would carry out the work. After explaining the options of either granite setts or Ascot-rail fence it was agreed that he would prepare a quotation for creating an Ascot-rail fence around the bay with granite setts to line the kerb with the tarmac (there was no kerb at present and a stream drains off the road and down in to the allotment site in wet weather). There would be a gap in the rail to allow plot-holders access from the car park to the plots.
- c. **Dag Lane** – (*reported 7 November. Ref 441600; now updated to 451327*). This had been done.
- d. **Footpaths** – An up-to-date map was now available on the Parish Council website. The Assistant Rights of Way officer Rosie Armstrong had made it clear by email that the signpost repairs and extra way-marking posts works were underway; councillors and members of the public confirmed this. It was expected that once seed was sown that the path across one of the fields would be passable.
- e. **30mph illuminated sign** - *reported 8th January ref – 480206* – still not illuminated. Clerk to re-report as ‘vehicle-activated’ sign.
- f. **Tree towering over no.9 Maltings Close** The chair and Cllr Warren had investigated and reported that there was little that could be done short of felling the triple-trunked tree. It was agreed to invite an inspection by a qualified professional.
- g. **NEW** - Ward Cllr. Geary informed councillors that he was asking ‘his’ Parish Councils for projects to spend his ward based budget on. He agreed to put £250 towards the unforeseen War Memorial repair. Clerk to send bank details.
- h. Two SID’s brackets - handed in by Ken Foxley - were surplus to requirements as all the necessary brackets had been installed. Clerk to contact Adrian Carden.

13. Date of Next Meeting – 2nd March 2015

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

signed

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