

# STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## **DRAFT MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms.**

**Present:** Cllr. R.Trett, (Chair), Cllr. D. Warren, Cllr. D Geliher, Cllr. S. Grant; 5 members of the public.  
Clerk Mr J. Vischer.

1. **APOLOGIES** - Cllr. I. Allen.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** – None.
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 2<sup>nd</sup> April** – Approved. Proposer Cllr. Grant, Seconder Cllr. Warren Unanimous.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** – Updates
  - a. **Benches and Rubbish Bin** at the Recreation Ground – The benches had been removed but the bin was still awaiting removal. MK Council had not laid claim to it and upon inspection the bin was not a standard MKC issue. Furthermore the bin-emptying contractor had confirmed that they normally emptied it, therefore it must belong to the Parish.
  - b. **Drain at the bottom of Dag Lane** – no update (Ward Cllr Geary offered to chase)  

**Ward Cllr Geary**
  - c. **Vehicle-activated sign** - reported 8<sup>th</sup> January ref – 480206 – re-reported 4 Feb. ref 507189. The small function-box had been removed, hopefully to be recalibrated (no update had been sent by MKC)
  - d. **Tree at 9 Maltings Close** – No update. [dates back to 4<sup>th</sup> March] 

**Clerk**
  - e. **Streetlight no 31** – ‘resolved’: ref 560698. Still not working. Clerk to chase. 

**Clerk**
  - f. **Council estate double-glazing letter** – no update. 

**Ward Cllr. Green**
  - g. **Pre-school Agreement** – [April minutes: The clerk had sent a reminder email to the school regarding the signing of the Agreement but had heard nothing. Cllr Allen had spoken with Vicky Cartwright who has asked if she could talk to the Parish Council about the Agreement before she signed it. Cllr. Allen to arrange] No update. Concerns were raised over the lack of progress. It was agreed that if the matter was not resolved this month that the Parish Council would consider the Agreement null and void because of the liability exposure. Cllr. Allen to be asked to make contact with Vicky Cartwright (Manager) again and clerk to send reminder email and explain the parish council’s position. 

**Clerk, Cllr. Allen**
  - h. **66a High St new post box** – No update 

**Clerk to chase**
  - i. **Defibrillator – by Reading Room.** A letter had been sent to the resident confirming that the defibrillator cabinet could remain where it was on condition that the Parish Council would remove it if the resident so wished at a later date. The Chair reported back on the training session which he felt had been very worthwhile although there were not many in attendance. It had been suggested that the community might like to set up a ‘defib helpers’ phone circle to have those willing to help in an emergency readily available as some communities already do. This would be put forward in the Chair’s Gate News article.
  - j. **Telephone Box glass** – still not repaired.
  - k. **New Shrub Bed** (opposite Reading Rooms) – Cllrs had not yet met on site to inspect this area. This was also where the broken Ascot rail reported between meetings was located. Clerk to invite a quotation from Colin Charge to repair this rail. No decision was reached as to whether to return this area to grass or reinitiate a new flowerbed in the light of the Best Kept Village Competition. It was agreed to arrange a visit to look into this.
  - l. **Flower Bed maintenance by Rec.** – this had been carried out (although no copy of public liability insurance had been received from the contractor). There was concern raised by Cllr.

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Grant over the neatness of the edging of the beds and a dead rose. It was agreed to arrange a visit to look into this.

- m. [Re-staining of bus shelter – Awaiting good weather]
- n. [Car Park by Allotments – awaiting application outcome]

- 5. **BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION** - The Competition Entry Form had been sent off with cheque. It had been necessary to mark out a map with salient features, which the clerk had also returned.
- 6. **FINANCE - Cheques & Balances** approved. Proposer Cllr. Warren, Seconder Cllr. Geliher. Unanimous.

	<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	102192 (from April)	Best Kept Village fee	£15.00
	102193	J VISCHER - salary	£246.03
	102194	S KITCHEN	37.50
	102195	AH Contracts - 7977	77.47
	102196	Zurich Insurance - annual Warners - 9367(Oct), 9734,	859.34
	102197	9810	252.00
	102198	BALC - annual	92.68
	102199	J VISCHER - expenses	9.47
TOTAL			1,589.49

The first precept tranche had been received. Available cash at bank £18,039

## 9. PLANNING –

**Previous** - 15/00231/FUL Two storey side extension and single storey side extension. At: Church End Cottage 9 Dag Lane. *Permitted*

- 15/00469/FUL Land South East of The Hollow Tree 19 High Street; Erection of detached bungalow and outbuilding (resubmission of 14/01515/FUL) *Pending.*, A site meeting had been attended by councillors where it was agreed that providing a cattle grid over the brook to widen the car park was to be recommended to avoid reversing vehicles into the main road. This comment had been made, otherwise no objection.

**NEW** - 15/00620/FUL Addersey Farm Eakley Lanes Change of use of agricultural buildings/shoot centre (use class *sui generis*) to allow continuation of use of buildings as self-contained dwelling (use class C3) (retrospective). No comments. No objection.

- 15/00639/FUL 71 High Street Replacement of existing dwelling with new dwelling. Providing that the timber cladding was of a natural and unobtrusive colour: no objection. Comment to be made to this effect.

**Clerk**

## 10. SUB COMMITTEES:

- a. **N. W. Area Ward Forum** – next meeting 21st May 2015.
- b. **Guntrip Fund** – Cllr. Trett reported that the vacancy was likely to be filled and at the next meeting a new Chairman of the Fund will be elected as he was only Acting Chair. New bank mandates will also be set up.
- c. **Reading Rooms** – The contract with MK Fire Ltd. had been ended and a letter had been received from them indicating that they would be absolved from any liability on the equipment if this was the case. It was agreed nevertheless to sever the contract. Another contractor has been lined up for next year. David Jones had been contacted with regard to the internal cleaning/replacement or upgrade of the radiators and recommendations would be presented

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at the next meeting. Rental invoices amounting to £630 had been issued. The new mop had been purchased.

- d. **Recreation Ground/Highways** – the contractor had replaced the failed oak tree at the recreation ground and had made a very good job of the planting and staking. It was agreed that the tree would need regular watering and it was suggested that a frequent hirer of the Village Hall might be willing to do this. **Cllr. Geliher**
- e. **Dog Fouling** – Cllr Warren reported dog fouling on Maltings Close – the Chair would mention this in his Gate News report.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Two items had been received other than email. The first concerned the insurance renewal, one wishing to quote from Aon and one from our insurer Zurich for the next year's premium. As this was a three-year agreement the offer of a quote was redundant. Cllr. Grant pointed out that a variation was needed in the cover to include the new defibrillators and cabinets.

**Clerk**

The second mail item was from the Pensions Regulator regarding the new duties of employers *vis a vis* staff pensions. This was not applicable at the low level of earnings of the clerk.

11. **COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS** –

- a. Cllr Warren reported that a cone had been placed on a drain grating on Mount Pleasant opposite the allotments by a resident because of the loud noise made by the loose-fitting top. Although understandable this does present a risk of traffic pulling out into oncoming vehicles. **Clerk to report**
- b. Cllr Geliher reported that the trees overhanging the car park at the Village Hall needed cutting back. According to boundary markers this was the responsibility of No1 Bakers Close. **Clerk to write**
- c. The Chair suggested that the noticeboard needed re-varnishing, as did the post of the village sign. This along with the other things that needed doing prompted the arranging of a site visit. This was arranged for 14<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm at the War Memorial. **All Cllrs.**  
The Chair thanked all the councillors for their commitment over the last 4 years of this council.
- d. A resident of Ram Alley reported that the parking across the street entrance had been getting worse at school drop-off and pick-up times. This caused delays of cars waiting to turn into Ram Alley from the High St with consequent knock-on congestion. There was also a danger to young children as they waited on the entrance for their parents who were chatting together. It was agreed to contact MK Council to see what long term measures could be taken to discourage this. **Clerk**

12. **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 at 7.30pm at the Reading Rooms

The meeting closed at 9pm

signed

date