

STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 3rd August 2015 at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms.

Present: Cllr. R.Trett, (Chair), Cllr. Allen, Cllr. S. Grant (after 10 mins), Cllr. C. Letts; 2 members of the public.
Clerk Mr J. Vischer.

1. **APOLOGIES** - Cllr. D. Warren; Ward Cllr. A. Geary
2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** – None
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 6th July** – These were duly signed and approved. Proposer Cllr. Letts, Seconder Cllr. Allen. Unanimous.
4. **MATTERS ARISING** –
 - a. Drain at the bottom of Dag Lane – (Ward Cllr. Geary/David Hall). No update.
 - b. Vehicle-activated sign - *reported 8th January ref – 480206 – re-reported 4 Feb. ref 507189* (Ward Cllr. Geary/David Hall) No update.
 - c. Streetlight no 31 on Mount Pleasant– *ref 531360; re-reported: 8 April 560698 – ‘resolved’ 13 April. Re-reported 2 June ref 610662* (Ward Cllr. Geary/David Hall) No update.
 - d. 66a High St, planning enforcement – the clerk had asked for an update a week ago but none was forthcoming – as it had been promised the Parish Council would be told of any developments it was assumed there were none.
 - e. Village tidy-up - bent bollards. No update.
 - f. Repainting new seat by rectory – It was agreed to ask RJ Sharp for a quote to clean and re-stain the seat. **Clerk**
 - g. Village Sign - to be repainted. To be moved to the October inspection tour of the village.
 - h. Damaged stile – to be replaced with a kissing-gate. This had been done.
 - i. [Car Park by Allotments – awaiting application outcome]

ANY OTHER (not covered below)

Footpath to Gayhurst - The clerk had established that the paved path by the B526 came under Highways and only the last section across the fields came under ‘Footpaths’. The footpath officer was looking into the latter; the former had been recorded as an environmental request (*given ref 661198*)

Rubbish Bin by recreation field – the cable ties had been cut so the bin was again loose. It was agreed to bolt the bin to the ascot rail and place a heavy weight in the bottom to hold it in place. **Cllr. Allen.** The base had however been removed – **clerk** to make enquiries.

Hearing Health Roadshow – had been booked for August 28th; 2pm - 5.30pm in the Village Hall Car Park

5. **BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION** – Councillors were surprised and delighted to have won the Bucks Best Kept Village Competition for villages under 500 population (The Gurney Cup). Congratulatory emails had been sent by Ward Cllr. Green and ex-Ward Cllr. Mclean (currently Mayor). The organisers will be sending more information regarding the presentation to take place on 12th September but in the meantime it was agreed that the clerk should ask for more details so that a publicity poster could be prepared. **Clerk**
6. **FINANCE** Cheques & balances –
 - a. The payments below were approved. Proposer Cllr. Grant, Seconder Cllr. Allen. Unanimous.

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<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>
102211	Warners - 10048, 10113	240.00	40.00
102212	S KITCHEN	37.50	
102213	J VISCHER - salary	197.06	
102214	AH CONTRACTS -7867, 7921	203.36	33.89
total		677.92	

- b. The Bank mandate was now complete.
- c. The clerk circulated a Budget vs Actual paper showing the current situation.

7. PLANNING

Previous - 15/00469/FUL Land South East of The Hollow Tree 19 High Street; Erection of detached bungalow and outbuilding (resubmission of 14/01515/FUL) *Permitted*
15/00639/FUL 71 High Street Replacement of existing dwelling with new dwelling. *Pending*
15/01176/LBC Church End Cottage 9 Dag Lane Listed building consent for conversion of existing garage to garden room, two storey side extension and single storey side extension (resubmission of previously approved application 15/00232/LBC with amendments). *Withdrawn*
15/01175/FUL Church End Cottage 9 Dag Lane Conversion of existing garage to form garden room, two storey side extension and single storey side extension (resubmission of previously approved application 15/00231/FUL with amendments). *Withdrawn*
15/01497/FUL Addersey End Eakley Lanes Single storey rear extension. *Pending*

NEW None

8. SUB COMMITTEES:

- a. **N. W. Area Ward Forum** – Next meeting September.
- b. **Guntrip Fund** – No meeting last month.
- c. **Reading Rooms** – Cllr. Allen reported that the heaters in the toilets had been fitted. He had placed an additional lock on the outer gate so it now had two locks. He had also fixed another bolt to the outside wall so that the LPG tanks can be chained to the wall. **Cllr. Allen to complete.**

The kitchen drain definitely needed unblocking. A rotten soffit board had been reported on the back wall and the bottom row of tiles appeared to have slipped downwards. It was agreed that this needed immediate attention. Cllr. Grant offered to pass on details of a reliable roofing contractor.

There did not appear to be any sort of grants available for the radiator/heaters.

The stopcock for the building could not be located; this required further investigation.

After some discussion it was agreed to invite the Fire Service to offer advice about both smoke alarms and the need for a fire-door. **Cllr. Allen**

- d. **Recreation Ground/Highways** – Colin Charge had been in touch with Cllr Warren regarding fixing the renovated bench, but it was not yet done.
- e. **Dog Fouling** – no reports.
- f. **Village Hall** – Cllr. Letts had not been able to attend the two committee meetings that had taken place since June.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – The **Bus Users Group** (BUG) newsletter had been received for the first time – issues 15 and 16.

E-on the electricity supplier had sent their new Terms and Conditions leaflet which included an additional small discount for direct debit holders.

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Request for a pedestrian crossing – the Chair had received a request via email for a crossing opposite the school or further towards the pre-school. In spite of this having been rejected in previous years he had agreed to hold a site meeting to discuss it. Adrian Carden Road Safety Officer for MK Council furnished the traffic figures for previous years which showed no personal injury collisions and the averaged 85th percentile speeding figures of 39mph. David Hall, Environment Manager of MK Council concluded that on this basis MK Council would not be willing to fund the project although they would not be averse to other bodies providing a crossing. Councillors agreed that this would be well beyond the means of the Parish Council and in any case the need for a crossing had not been made as there had been no other calls for such a facility. Members noted that when pupils did cross the road in any numbers it was under the good guidance and supervision of the school.

A resident had sent an email to the clerk thanking the Parish Council for its recent repair work on stiles and installation of a kissing-gate but added that the waymarker for FP18 at that site had been removed. He further suggested that FP 18 at West Side Farm, which is not currently maintained and has no proper gate or stile, could benefit from a kissing-gate. Although FP25 across the same field is a convenient alternative it is only known to local people - he had witnessed visitors puzzling over the continuation of FP18. This to be forwarded on to the Footpaths Officer. **Clerk**

10. COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS –

Cllr. Grant proposed revising the Activities In The Village poster for a reprint. This was agreed.

Cllr. Grant

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 7th September 2015 at 7.30pm at the Reading Rooms

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

signed

date