

# STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## **MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015 at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms.**

**Present:** Cllr. R.Trett, (Chair), Cllr. D. Warren, Cllr. Allen, Cllr. S. Grant, Cllr. C. Letts; 3 members of the public.  
Ward Cllr. L. Patey-Smith  
Clerk Mr J. Vischer.

1. **APOLOGIES** Ward Cllrs. A. Geary, J Green
2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** – None
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 7<sup>th</sup> September** – These were duly signed and approved. Proposer Cllr. Warren, Seconder Cllr. Letts. Unanimous.
4. **MATTERS ARISING** –
  - a. Drain at the bottom of Dag Lane – (Ward Cllrs. Geary/Green with MKC’s David Hall). No update had been supplied to the clerk between meetings and Ward Cllr. Patey-Smith had not been informed of any developments.
  - b. Vehicle-activated sign - *reported 8<sup>th</sup> January ref – 480206 – re-reported 4 Feb. ref 507189* (Ward Cllr. Geary/Green with MKC’s David Hall). No update had been supplied to the clerk between meetings and Ward Cllr. Patey-Smith had not been informed of any developments. Cllr. Grant reported that the sign had been on but only for a very short period. Cllr. Allen had brought this item up at the Area Forum meeting: the MK officer present, Heather Baker, had agreed to look into it.
  - 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) Cllr. Warren reported that this had been done.
  - d. 66a High St, planning enforcement – On 18<sup>th</sup> September the clerk had received an update to the effect that a planning application would be forthcoming and that a temporary tenant was staying in the property (which had been flagged to the Local Authority).
  - e. Village tidy-up - bent bollards (*re-reported ref: 723626*). No update. It was agreed to ask the clerk to re-report emphasising the safety aspect.
  - f. Repainting new seat by rectory – RJ Sharp had still not replied to the clerk’s email request for a quote. At the October walk-around it had been agreed that councillors would clean and re-stain. **Chair & Cllr. Warren**
  - g. Footpath to Gayhurst (B526) – (*ref 661198 & ‘footpaths’ - ‘Resolved’ 10 August*). The path was now being cleared incrementally.
  - h. Footpath 18 – waymarker/stiles. At the October walk-around it had been agreed that Cllr. Letts would put up a second waymarker.
  - i. Reading Rooms Roofing Repair – The work was completed; invoice to follow.
  - j. Car Park by Allotments – (awaiting application outcome). No confirmation had been received yet for the match-funding. Cllr. Allen had reported at the Area Forum: Notification for any partnership funding was still awaited by other Parish Councils.

### **ANY OTHER** (not covered below) –

The renovated bench had been installed by Cllr. Warren.

Red and white barrier around the telegraph pole (A1024) opposite the Lamb Public House – BT had found the relevant pole on their maps and suggested that the barrier be removed as there was no ‘job’ outstanding on their book and it must have been left behind in error.

Cllr. Grant & Allen to carry out Fire Risk Assessment of the Reading Rooms.

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5. **OCTOBER WALK-AROUND** – Councillors met up on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015 for the first walk round. Cllr. Grant recorded the following items in addition to items 4f and 4h above.
- a. **Reading Rooms** - Obtain X3 Quotes to relay drain as a permanent fix: **Clerk/Cllr. Allen**
  - b. **Land opposite Reading Rooms** –
    - i. Remove peripheral shrubs leaving the mature holly bush and forsythia but clear all bushes from the area nearest the telephone box: **Councillors/Village volunteers**
    - ii. Grass over and plant spring bulbs.
    - iii. Re-report damaged rubbish bin to MK Council. If no replacement forthcoming prepare a quote for same. **Clerk**
    - iv. *[bent bollards (4e)]*
  - c. **Seat in front of old rectory/new rectory/allotment area** –
    - i. *[seat by rectory (4f)]*
    - ii. Road Drain close to seat appears blocked. **Clerk**
    - iii. Ivy growing through dry stone wall/causing damage. **Cllr. Letts**
  - d. **Church area** - Footpath diagonally down from the Church is not clearly marked. A short wooden post is ambiguous. **Clerk** to request MKC re-site the footpath post at the edge of the field
  - e. **High street** –
    - i. Red and white barrier around the telegraph pole (A1024) opposite the Lamb Public House – clerk to verify with BT as pole is also leaning at a 10 degree angle – and invite them to remove it. **Clerk**
    - ii. Street / Road signs (in general) could all do with a clean. **Clerk to report**
    - iii. Monitor Royal Mail action to repaint the village post boxes.
    - iv. Seat opposite the bus shelter needs a tidy up/remove weeds etc. **Cllr Grant**
  - f. **Around War Memorial** –
    - i. Paint/treat the Ascot Rail **Councillors**
    - ii. Plant some spring bulbs - The **Chair** offered to purchase crocuses and snowdrops.
    - iii. Village Sign needs repainting. **Cllr. Warren** to contact Kay Thompson to see if she can help with repainting the village sign.
  - g. **Village hall/recreation ground/tennis courts** –
    - i. Ascot rail in front of rubbish bin is damaged. **Clerk** to contact Colin Charge.
    - ii. *Tennis Courts*: Leylandii hedge at the back of the courts is in need of height reduction and prune back away from wire mesh fence. **Clerk** to contact Colin Charge
    - iii. Various matters – weeds; electric switch boxes; *Village Hall*: picket fence; damage to entrance wall - Cllr. Letts to raise at the upcoming VH Committee meeting. **Cllr. Letts**
  - h. **General** - The whole village would benefit from a weedkill spray along kerbs and walled areas. Clerk to enquire as to when this would be carried out. **Clerk**
  - i. **For future consideration** –
    - i. Periodic clearing of VH/Rec Field ditch.
    - ii. Creation of a new conservation area at the back of the pre-school play area to be seeded with wild flowers. It was agreed to approach VHC/Pre School for their engagement. **Cllrs.**

6. **FINANCE** Cheques & balances –

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>
dd	e-on	25.99	
102222	DR Jones - repairs	255.00	
102223	Stoke Goldington Stores	45.91	
102224	S KITCHEN	37.50	
102225	AH Contracts - 8263	112.98	18.83
102226	Warners - 10234, 10294	240.00	40.00
102227	J VISCHER - salary	197.06	
102228	J VISCHER - expenses	3.75	0.62
Total		918.19	59.45

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The payments above were approved. Proposer Cllr. Letts, Seconder Cllr. Warren. Unanimous.  
Available balance at end of September: £19,792.

- b. Budget discussion – The Budget vs Actual paper was scrutinised. The clerk to send another reminder to RJ Sharp to put in invoices – none received to date. The clerk was asked to itemise staffing costs and bin emptying costs as they appeared to be going over budget.

## 7. PLANNING

**Previous Re-submission** - 15/01175/FUL [and ..76/ LBC] 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). *Application withdrawn.*

**NEW** - 15/02307/ANOT The Long Barn Eakley Lanes. Prior notification for erection of two agricultural open frontage storage barns – *for info only.*

15/02314/FUL 3 Dovehouse Mews High Street First floor rear extension, single storey rear and side extension and front porch. No objections, but comments to be submitted to the effect that assurances must be given that the highway and pavements be kept clear of building materials due to the restricted access to the site from the High Street.

## 8. SUB COMMITTEES:

- a. **N. W. Area Ward Forum** – Cllr. Allen reported that there had been general agreement amongst attending parishes that it was very difficult to actually get MK Council to do many of the things reported on the environment portal. Much of the meeting had been taken up with a presentation and questions about the new Landscape Character Assessment and Renewable Energy Policies that are currently being out for consultation. It was agreed to pass copies of these documents around councillors.
- b. **Guntrip Fund** – No meeting last month.
- c. **Reading Rooms** – No update on the cleaning of the radiators. Cllr. Allen had tidied up the rear garden and jet washed the semi-blocked kitchen drain with great success. He acknowledged the help of the neighbours in allowing him the use of their hose and water supply. It was agreed to purchase a bottle of wine to show the Parish Council's gratitude. **Cllr. Allen**  
Gas hoses to be checked. Bolts to the rear door and smoke alarm to be purchased and fitted.  
Plug sockets in cupboard to be checked. **Cllr. Allen**
- d. **Recreation Ground/Highways** – covered under item 5.
- e. **Dog Fouling** – one incident reported in the Recreation field – sign to be posted. **Cllr. Warren**
- f. **Village Hall** – Cllr. Letts reported that the very successful Summer Fair had raised over £1,250. All items had been cleared out of the shipping container.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – The latest Mobile Library Notice was circulated. A thank you letter had been received from the Best Kept Village Competition organisers.

## COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS –

It was agreed that the usual grant cheques be made ready for signing at the next meeting. The British Legion wreath could be delivered direct to the Chair. **Clerk**

The Chair reported a missing water supply cover in Dag Lane. **Clerk** to report to Anglian Water. Cllr. Letts reported that after speaking to the headteacher, Mrs Compton, about the parking situation outside the school an item had been included in the school newsletter to parents He believed the parking situation had become less acute since then. Mrs J Thomas (present) supported this saying that parking had improved since the last meeting with more cars using the Village Hall Car Park.

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Mrs Thomas had also reported between meetings two malfunctioning streetlights only one of which the number could be read – (no.7). Others present confirmed the fault – the clerk had already reported the matter to MK Council. *[post meeting note – the lights were reported fixed on Friday 9 October]*

Mrs Jackie Sharp asked for a correction in the previous meeting minutes item 5 ‘Best Kept Village Competition’ that should have read: ‘Mrs Jackie Sharp offered to donate biscuits on behalf of the Gardeners Club’.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015 at 7.30pm at the Reading Rooms

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

signed

date