

STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday JANUARY 4TH 2016 at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms.

Present: Cllrs. D. Warren (Chair), S. Grant, Allen, C. Letts; Ward Cllr. L Patey-Smith; 1 member of the public.

Clerk Mr J. Vischer.

1. **APOLOGIES** Cllr. R.Trett, Ward Cllr.. A. Geary.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** – None
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** 7th December 2015 – 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. Patey-Smith reported that Ward Cllr. Geary had escalated the matter and had been liaising with a new officer, Mr Tony Toynton, as Rob Ward, Business and Liaison Manager, had been indisposed and David Hall and Mike Hainge had both left MK Council. The clerk had drafted a response to Rob Ward on 19th December, which had been circulated to parish councillors, maintaining a) that the situation is more serious than suggested and b) that MKC had pledged to do the work this year. No reply to date. Councillors were asked to trawl through all previous correspondence once more to find any and all information/photographs regarding this item. **Clerk** to contact Tony Toynton to press for an update.
 - b. **Vehicle-activated sign** - reported 8th January 2015 ref – 480206 – re-reported 4 Feb. 2015 ref 507189 [Now part of Ringway maintenance program since December 2015 meeting] No change. It was established that the Parish Council had no point of contact with the contractor Ringway. Ward Cllr. Patey-Smith offered to obtain one.
 - c. **Land opposite Reading Rooms** – shrub removal/grass seeding/bulbs; bollards (re-reported 7 Oct.) No change.
 - d. **Seat in front of old rectory** – cleaning/repainting seat; blocked road drain. Awaiting update from the Chair.
 - e. **Church area, Footpath:** request for better signage (reported 9th October). MK officer Rosie Armstrong had confirmed to the clerk that the landowner would deal with the request. It had been noted that the pathway had been cleared but a new tall signpost was required to make it clear where the footpath was going. Clerk to contact R. Armstrong. [post-meeting Note: The officer had confirmed the installation of a new kissing gate but ‘tall signposts are only erected at the edge of a highway’ however she promised that she would ‘ensure that the routes in this area are adequately signed’]
 - f. **High street** – telegraph pole sign (reported the 2nd time 8th Oct); cleaning road signs; post boxes. Awaiting update from the Chair, although it was noted that the telegraph pole sign had been removed.
 - g. **Recreation ground/tennis courts** – Ascot rail; leylandii hedge work. Colin Charge had been instructed to do the work.
 - h. **New road-name sign for Maltings Close** – The clerk had requested a new road name sign to replace the already damaged existing one stating ‘Maltings Close leading to Hollowbrook’ on 10th December but no reply received to date. **Clerk**
 - i. **Purse Lane, potholes** – reported by the clerk 10th December, ref 799989. ‘In progress’.
5. **MK PLAN** – Ward Cllr. Patey-Smith reported that Ward Cllr. Geary had arranged a public meeting at Castlethorpe on 21st January 2015 to which Stoke Goldington residents and councillors were invited. The start date of the public consultation had not been confirmed but was believed to be mid-January running for 3 months.

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6. FINANCE Cheques & balances –

| <u>Chq No</u> | <u>Service</u> | <u>Amount</u> <u>(gross)</u> | <u>VAT</u> |
|---------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| dd | Anglian Water - Sep-Nov | 50.92 | |
| 102247 | AH Contracts - 8427 | 112.98 | 18.83 |
| 102248 | S KITCHEN | 37.50 | |
| 102249 | J VISCHER - salary | 197.06 | |
| 102250 | J VISCHER - admin expenses | <u>13.21</u> | 2.20 |
| | | 411.67 | 21.03 |

Available balance at end of November: £14,557.

The payments above were approved. Proposer Cllr. Letts, Seconder Cllr. Allen. Unanimous.

7. PLANNING

15/02314/FUL 3 Dovehouse Mews High Street First floor rear extension, single storey rear and side extension and front porch - *permitted*

15/02575/FUL The Malting House 66 High Street, Application for change of use from Public House/Restaurant (use class A3/A4) to residential (use class C3) including external works. (& 15/02576/LBC: *listed building consent*) – objected to – *pending*.

NEW – None

8. SUB COMMITTEES:

- N. W. Area Ward Forum** – next meeting January 2016.
- Guntrip Fund** – Last year's payments were completed.
- Reading Rooms** – Cllr. Allen reported that he had not had time to complete the remaining items from the risk Assessment. **Cllr. Allen**
He had purchased a new 'Henry' vacuum cleaner at a cost of approx. £99.99. Clerk to inform Mrs Kitchen.
- Recreation Ground/Highways** – Cllr. Warren reported that the edge of the Olney road was breaking up again on the corner approx.100yds. outside the village. **Clerk to report**
Cllr. Grant reported that the rubbish collection team had not picked up a white metal frame on the recreation ground by the wheelie-bin for several weeks. Cllr. Letts offered to mention it at the next Village Hall Committee meeting; if not claimed it would be removed. **Cllr Letts**
- Dog Fouling** – Cllr. Grant reported several bad patches: at the bottom of Dag Lane, by the Allotments, by the tennis courts on the recreation ground. To be mentioned in the Gate News report. **Chair**
- Village Hall** – Cllr. Letts reported that the electricity box by the tennis courts was still not fixed but the matter was in hand. Meeting next week.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE** – A letter of thanks had been received from the Senior Citizens Club treasurer.

10. COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS

'Clean for the Queen' Litter-pick - postponed until the next meeting.

Cllr. Allen proposed writing to MK Council to ask for copies of the Service Level Agreement between the contractors and the Council so that parish councillors could understand more about why so many requests for action apparently fell on deaf ears in MK Council. This would help manage expectations. Agreed. **Clerk**

Cllr. Grant proposed re-reporting the potholes on the main road in Gayhurst. **Clerk**

Cllr. Grant proposed that something should be written in the Gate News about not using black sacks for food waste as this seemed to be becoming more of a problem. **Chair**

Resident, Cliff Izod, reported potholes on Church Lane about 100yds from the main road. **Clerk**

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday February 1st 2016 at 7.30pm at the Reading Rooms.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

signed

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