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DRAFT MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday MAY 5th 2016 at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms.

Present: Cllrs D. Warren (in the Chair), S. Grant, C. Letts, I. Allen. No Ward Cllrs; no members of the public.
Clerk Mr J. Vischer.

1 **APOLOGIES** – Cllr R. Trett.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** – none

3 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** 4th April 2016 – These were duly signed and approved. Proposer Cllr Letts, Seconder Cllr Grant. Unanimous.

4 **MATTERS ARISING**

4.1. New kissing gates request (reported 7th March). The gate by the tennis courts had been replaced. 'Birds Lane' stile – the officer had reported that she was still awaiting a reply from the residents on whose rear garden boundary the stile sits.

4.2. Vehicle-activated sign – (*originally reported 8th January 2015 ref 480206 & since re-reported. Ringway's responsibility*) No update from Ward Cllrs.

Ward Cllrs

4.3. Land opposite Reading Rooms – shrub removal/grass seeding/bulbs; bollards (re-reported 7 Oct.). The site meeting had gone ahead on Wednesday 13th April between the Parish Council (Cllrs Trett, Warren and the Clerk) and Andy Hudson Head of Environment and Waste and Tony Draper from SERCO. The project met with an enthusiastic response and would go forward with a rough plan to be put together by SERCO and sent out to the Clerk for confirmation. SERCO were happy to add in the provision of a new bench and rubbish bin, and would remove most of the plants from the most unsightly shrub bed. Andy Hudson would clarify the situation with the damaged bollards. The representatives were made aware of the Best Kept Village deadline.

Clerk

4.4. Seat in front of old rectory/new rectory/allotment area – cleaning/repainting seat. This had been re-installed. Cllrs praised Cllr Trett and Warren for a good job well done. The rubbish bin was still missing.

Chair

4.5. Recreation ground/tennis courts – Cllr Grant reported that the ascot rail had been fixed.

4.6. New road-name sign for Malting Close – email enquiry 10th Dec. *Logged as ref 833617 Jan 25th – awaiting bulk purchase.* No update from Ward Cllrs.

Ward Cllrs

4.7. Cleaning of the bottom end of Dag Lane – (reported 3rd Feb – ref 842365) 11Feb – 'To be done on next visit'. Whether this visit had taken place or not was impossible to determine, especially as the area had been swept relatively clean by the recent heavy rain. No update from Ward Cllr Geary. To be removed from agenda.

4.8. Replacement tree (Western Power) – (contacted 3rd Feb) The Clerk reported that on 8 April, after chasing, the contractor had stated that he had ordered two whips and that he would be in touch when they were delivered. He had not been in touch since then.

Clerk

4.9. School parking issue site visit - no update from Ward Cllr Geary. Cllr Warren noted that the parking seemed as congested as ever when passing.

Ward Cllr Geary

4.10. *Items kept on agenda for monitoring purposes – Dag Lane Drain.* No update.

ANY OTHER MATTERS not covered below –

4.11. Proposed use of Ward Grant – It was agreed to purchase and install a new seat by the recreation field. Proposer Cllr Allen, Seconder Cllr Grant. Unanimous. Clerk to enquire as to installation costs from Colin Charge.

Clerk

4.12. Damaged bund from recent flooding – it was noted that this had not been repaired yet – to be kept on the agenda.

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4.13. Village Sign – this had been refurbished (invoice to follow) and re-erected. Thanks expressed to Cllr Warren for organising and compliments to the restorer, Kay Thompson, for a professional job.

5. **EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE** – it was agreed that contact details etc needed updating. Clerk to email copies for Cllrs. to make changes and bring to next meeting for final editing. **Clerk/Cllrs**

6. **SPRINGTIME WALKABOUT** – It was agreed to meet to see what needed doing before organising an actual clean-up. The meeting was arranged for May 22nd at 10.00hrs at the village hall; and the clean-up 29th May. Cllr. Letts offered to contact the Youth Club. Clerk to arrange litter pick sticks. **Clerk/Cllr Letts**

7. **READING ROOMS STEP** – After some discussion it was agreed that the best solution would be to fix a ‘grab’ rail to the wall outside and place a ‘caution step’ sign inside. Cllr Allen to price-up. **Cllr Allen**

8. **FINANCE** Cheques & balances 29th April 2016 –

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
		<u>(gross)</u>	<u>VAT</u>
dd	Eon	158.05	
102272	S KITCHEN	40.00	
102273	Warners - 10717 VAT, 10733,10789,10809	344.76	69.36
102274	Colin Charge – leylandii, ascot rail	700.00	
102275	AH Contracts - 8652	90.38	15.06
102276	J VISCHER - admin expenses	65.97	
102277	J VISCHER - salary	<u>214.76</u>	
		1,613.92	84.42

Available balance £19,419

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

9. PLANNING

9.1. 16/00273/FUL Hillcrest, 2 High Street Stoke Goldington. Demolition of existing garage and erection of detached garage with ancillary accommodation. *Application Permitted.*

9.2. 16/00530/FUL 55 High Street Stoke Goldington, Part two storey part first floor front extensions and part two storey and part single storey rear extension. Demolition of an existing rear conservatory. *Application withdrawn.*

9.3. 16/00564/FUL Access Path North East of Bulls Head Farm Eakley Lanes, Widening of existing field access and the laying and formation of access track across the field. The application relates to the first 25m of access track. *Application withdrawn.*

9.4. **NEW – No planning applications.** It had been noted that the accommodation at the Maltings was being advertised for rent. Clerk to enquire if planning control were aware. **Clerk**

10. SUB COMMITTEES:

10.1. **N. W. Area Ward Forum** – No meeting.

10.2. **Guntrip Fund** – the Easter cheques had been paid out.

10.3. **Reading Rooms** – Cllr Allen reported that the next batch of invoices would soon be sent out. He expressed concern about the previously discussed ‘crack in the wall’. After some discussion it was agreed that a proper survey should be a budget item for next year. In the meantime clerk to investigate potential grants as reported in the clerks Magazine. **Clerk**

10.4. **Recreation Ground/Highways** – Cllr Letts reported that he had weed killed the moss on the tennis courts. Cllr Warren had witnessed a dog inside the play area which should be considered a dog free zone. It was agreed that this should be emphasised in the next Gate News report.

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- 10.5. **Dog Fouling** – Cllr Warren reported that he had shuffled the warning signs around up by the allotments and this seemed to be being effective. More signs would soon be required.
- 10.6. **Village Hall** – Cllr Letts reported that he had carried out various landscape maintenance tasks around the Hall.
11. **CORRESPONDENCE** – A Parks Trust calendar was circulated - to be posted up.
A Best Kept Village poster had been received to be posted up.
12. **COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS**
As the next meeting would begin with the annual meeting it was agreed that councillors should send out emails requesting reports to clubs etc and inform the clerk who they would send them to.
13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Annual Meeting - Monday June 6th at 7pm at the Reading Rooms. The next ordinary meeting would follow this.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

signed

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