

STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday AUGUST 8th 2016 at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms

Present: Cllrs R. Trett (in the Chair), D. Warren, S. Grant, C. Letts, I. Allen. Ward Cllrs J Green & A Geary; 6 members of the public.

Clerk Mr J. Vischer.

1. **APOLOGIES** – None
 2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** – none
 3. **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL & ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS – 6th June 2016**
 - 3.1. The minutes of the annual meeting were duly signed and approved. Proposer Cllr Grant, Seconder Cllr Letts. Unanimous.
 - 3.2. The minutes of the ordinary meeting were duly signed and approved. Proposer Cllr Warren, Seconder Cllr Letts. Unanimous.
 4. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - 4.1. New seat (funded from Ward Cllr Grant) – Members had agreed the exact location on a site visit. The seat had been delivered and paid for, and assembled by Cllr Warren. Awaiting installation date from the contractor.
 - 4.2. BKV Entry - The village did not win the Tindall 'Cupwinners' Cup but did receive a Highly Commended Certificate with a score of 81 out of 100. Last year's winning score had been 88 out of 100 – complicated by the fact that some marking categories and thresholds had been revised.
 - 4.3. Remaining kissing gate request (reported 7th March). The Clerk had contacted the footpaths officer who had replied to say that she still awaited confirmation from the owner to go ahead (back-garden boundary gate). Councillors agreed that this was now a matter for officer and resident and the item should be closed. Cllr Grant raised the condition of another kissing gate further towards Westside Farm. Cllr Grant to provide location details to Clerk. **Clerk/Cllr Grant**
 - 4.4. Vehicle-activated sign – (*originally reported 8th January 2015 ref 480206 & since re-reported. Ringway's responsibility*) Ward Cllr A. Geary had not received any update from Ringway.
 - 4.5. Land opposite Reading Rooms – Andy Hudson, Head of Waste and Environment, had apologised to the Clerk for the lack of action and promised to contact Tony Draper at SERCO directly to ask for an explanation. **Clerk**
 - 4.6. Replacement tree (Western Power) – (contacted 3rd Feb) Cllr Warren reported that the trees had been delivered and planted.
 - 4.7. School parking issue, site visit - Ward Cllr Geary, parish councillors and the MK road safety officer had met at school pick-up and agreed that the painting of a white-line across the entrance to Ram Alley should help to remind parents not to obstruct the road. Cllr Letts added that the school had also made a point of briefing new parents to the school. The 'white-line with a T at the ends ' could be implemented without the need for a Traffic Control Order. **Ward Cllr Geary**
 - 4.8. *Items kept on agenda for monitoring purposes – Dag Lane Drain; Bund Repair* – the clerk reported that Andy Dickinson, the MK officer in charge, had not responded to his email request. Ward Cllr Geary and parish councillors agreed that a site visit was essential to arrange a proper repair of the erosion to the bund, implement the modifications to the wall and tarmac on the High St., and at the same time discuss the blockage of the drain in Dag Lane. **Ward Cllr Geary**
- ANY OTHER MATTERS not covered below – None
5. **EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE** – Cllr Grant had updated various entries in the Plan. It was agreed that the Clerk formalise these changes and circulate the modified document for councillors to make any further alterations. Then the Clerk would assemble a final draft. **Clerk/Cllrs**

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6. FINANCE

6.1. Cheques & balances 30th July 2016 –

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>(gross)</u>	<u>VAT</u>
dd	Anglian Water - 31st May	51.19	
dd	E-on	47.62	
102295	Clerk's salary	292.48	
102296	admin expenses	18.55	
102297	Bin Contractor	90.38	15.06
102298	RTM Landscapes Ltd - 554	336.00	56.00
102299	Cleaner	40.00	
102300	water heater repair	<u>285.00</u>	
	TOTAL	1,161.22	71.06

Available balance £15,048

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

Budget vs Actual –

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
<u>INCOME</u>	14,015.00	6,805.64
<u>EXPD</u>		
ADMIN	5,946.00	2,496.46
GROUNDS	4,038.00	1,529.86
R ROOMS	2,865.00	815.38
PROJECTS	700.00	396.15
TOTAL	13,549.00	5,237.85
SURPLUS		8,311.15

6.2. The Clerk reported that Mazars the External Auditor had informed him that the parish council had been randomly chosen to be given a full audit. The auditors had subsequently asked for end-of-year bank statements, budget details and minutes showing the agreement of the budget (2015-16)

6.3. Internal Audit had been passed without major issues.

7. PLANNING

7.1. *Previous* – 16/01081/FUL St Peters Church Dag Lane, Erection of timber building for use as a disabled toilet. *Pending*

7.2. **NEW** - 16/01160/FUL Addersey End Eakley Lanes, Two storey rear extension comprising ground floor entrance with w.c. and first floor bedroom with en-suite. No objections.

7.3. 16/01527/FUL 21 Mount Pleasant, Single storey rear extension. No objections.

7.4. 16/01614/MMAM Land South East of The Hollow Tree 19 High Street, Minor material amendment to condition 1 (approved plans) and condition 8 (telegraph pole) including amendments to render panels and highway access attached to application 15/00469/FUL. For information only.

7.5. 16/01613/DISCON Land South East of The Hollow Tree 19 High Street, Details submitted pursuant to discharge of conditions 3 (external materials), 5 (stonework sample), 6 (roof material samples), 7 (archaeological field evaluation), 11 (tree protection measures), 14 (landscaping scheme), 15 (storm water disposal) and 16 (safe access) attached to application 15/00469/FUL. For information only.

7.6. 16/01652/ANOT Land North East of Bulls Head Farm Eakley Lanes, Large open sided agricultural barn, for housing of cattle and sheep and farm equipment. Prior Approval Required and Refused.

8. SUB COMMITTEES:

8.1. **N.W. Area Forum** – No meeting.

8.2. **Guntrip Fund** – Nothing to report.

8.3. **Reading Rooms** –

8.3.1. new noticeboard - It was agreed that the clerk research costs for an open noticeboard that could be used by the community and fixed to the outside wall of the Reading Rooms. **Clerk**

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- 8.3.2. Back door step warning & handrail - It was agreed that Cllr Allen purchase 2 grab-rails at approx. £12 each and fix. Maximum spend £40 for materials. **Cllr Allen**
- 8.3.3. kitchen heater – installed.
- 8.3.4. kitchen lighting – brighter bulbs did not fit the fittings. It was agreed that Cllr Allen liaise with the contractor with a maximum spend of £50 for new fittings and materials. **Cllr Allen**
- 8.3.5. rubbish collection – the Clerk reported that the cleaner had been reluctant to change the cleaning day of the week to coincide better with the bin collection.
- 8.3.6. *Additional* – SGPC had been officially notified that a TV licence was not required for the Reading Rooms.
- 8.3.7. The cleaner had requested a new mop head. **Cllr Allen**
- 8.4. **Recreation Ground/Highways –**
- 8.4.1. *In-between meetings* – Cllr Grant had reported a tilting bollard with cracked and torn-up tarmac at its base which the Clerk had reported. After investigation MKC had declared it to be a ‘non-urgent repair’ that would be done on the normal schedule of repairs. Councillors agreed that this judgement was incorrect as it constituted a trip-hazard at the very least. Ward Cllr Geary agreed to take the matter up. **Ward Cllr Geary**
- 8.4.2. Several councillors had noted that the rubbish bins on the field were being very heavily used or being missed on the emptying round (parish council owned bin emptied by MK Council). It was agreed to monitor the situation. **All Cllrs**
- 8.4.3. Cllr Grant reported that there was a substantial amount of litter down by the Tennis Courts and no bin provided; however the distance of the location from the road made it difficult for regular emptying. It was agreed to erect a laminated Notice asking users to take rubbish home or over to the play area bin. **Cllr Letts**
- 8.4.4. Cllr Grant reported that the streetlight ‘No.1’ was faulty. **Clerk to report**
- 8.4.5. Cllr Grant reported that the flowers outside no.12 the High St were seriously overgrowing the pavement causing pedestrians with pushchairs to walk into the road. It was agreed that the Clerk write a standard letter to the resident inviting them to cut the shrubs back. **Clerk**
- 8.4.6. Councillors agreed that the recent information regarding the planned re-surfacing had been chaotic and ill-prepared; warning signs were still lying about awaiting removal a week after the works. White-lining was outstanding. Ward Cllr Geary to take the matter up with Duncan Sharkey at MK Council. **Ward Cllr Geary**
- 8.4.7. Cllr Grant reported that the rose-beds in front of the recreation ground were being poorly maintained. Clerk to contact contractor. **Clerk**
- 8.5. **Dog Fouling** – None to report
- 8.6. **Village Hall** – Cllr Letts reported that quotes were been obtained for the refurbishment of the flooring.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE** – The following items were noted –

Invitation from Eon to renew the current contract for 12 months. It was agreed that these prices be compared to other providers’. (September 19th renewal date) **Cllr Allen**

A Report on MK2050 the Future of Milton Keynes. Although not a consultation as such councillors agreed to access the copious volume online and bring comments to the next meeting.

10. **COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS**

The Chair reported more than the usual amount of litter on the exit from the village towards Newport Pagnell. Clerk to report. **Clerk**

Councillors voted a ‘thank you’ to James Chua for repairing the allotment wall.

Ward Cllr Geary informed the meeting of the newly issued PlanMK response from Gallagher Estates that proposed the building of several thousand homes around Haversham and Little Linford.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 5th September 2016 in the Reading Rooms at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

signed

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