

STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs R. Trett (in the Chair), D. Warren, C. Letts, S Grant, I Allen; Ward Cllr J Green; 1 member of the public.

Clerk Mr J. Vischer.

1. **APOLOGIES** – None.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** – None

3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 7th November 2016**

The minutes were duly signed and approved. Proposer Cllr Grant, Seconder Cllr Letts. Unanimous.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

4.1. Blocked drains – reported 9th November FS9623511 Not cleared. No update from MKC.

4.2. Streetlight no.12 - reported 9th November FS9624622 & streetlight 14 (reported 30 Nov.) Marked as 'closed' by MKC - To be checked. **Cllrs**

4.3. Badger sett road closure – sett removal and road repairs were duly completed in good time and even the hedgerow reinstatement had been done. Councillors were pleased with the speed that this had been achieved and with the way they were kept informed as the road works progressed, however they felt that information forewarning drivers and residents of the works both on the ground and in leaflets was of a poor standard. Clerk to pass this feedback on to MKC. **Clerk**

4.4. New street-name sign 4 Malting Close - 7th Oct FS8351408. Although the item was still marked 'open' on the MKC portal there had been no feedback from MKC. [*post-meeting note* – MKC subsequently marked this item as deemed 'not requiring remedial action at this time']

ANY OTHER MATTERS not covered below – None

5. **FINANCE**

5.1. **Payments (gross) for this month & balances**

Payments – a) clerk's salary - £216.85; b) admin expenses - £6.60; c) website fees - £76.62; d) new bench installation costs - £150.00; e) cleaning (Reading Rooms) - £40.00; k) bins emptying - £80.49.

Available balance - £19,200 (including savings account of £13,359)

Budget Update

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
INCOME	14,015.00	13,052.82
EXPENDITURE	13,549.00	9,559.66
<i>Income(detail)</i>		
Precept	11,585.00	11,585.00
Reading Rooms	1,800.00	1,342.82
Other Rental	625.00	125.00
<i>Expenditure (detail)</i>		
Admin	5,946.00	3,850.04
Grounds	4,038.00	3,081.37
Reading Rooms	2,865.00	1,252.10
Projects	1,700.00	1,376.15

The financial statements were approved. Proposer Cllr Warren, Seconder Cllr Allen. Unanimous.

5.2 **Budget meeting date** – Friday 6th January 2017 in the Reading Rooms.

6. **PLANNING**

6.1 **Previous - 16/02297/FUL** - 25 Malting Close Replacement of existing front boundary wall with new 1 metre high boundary wall. *Permitted*

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- 6.2 **16/02564/FUL** 71 High Street Stoke Goldington Replacement of existing dwelling with new dwelling (amended scheme to 15/00639/FUL). *Permitted*
- 6.3 **16/02803/FUL** 25 Malting Close Stoke Goldington Replace existing carport with new structural grade timber carport (retrospective). *Permitted*
- 6.4 **16/02845/FUL** 8 Town End Crescent Stoke Goldington, Part two-storey and part single-storey rear extension. *Permitted*
- 6.5 **16/02938/FUL** Land North East of Bulls Head Farm Eakley Lanes Erection of an agricultural barn. *Pending.*
- 6.6 **16/03007/FUL** 8 Town End Crescent, Erection of a detached 2 storey dwelling house. *Pending.*
- 6.7 **NEW – 16/03108/TCA** 12 High Street Stoke Goldington, Notification of intention to fell 1 x Leyland Cypress Conifer hedge (H1) to ground level. No objections.
- 6.8 **16/03287/FUL** 5 Mount Pleasant Stoke Goldington, Proposed demolition of existing rear two storey extension, replacement with part single storey, part two storey rear extension and construction of double garage with living accommodation above. No objections.
- 6.9 The Chair noted that there was a new application and requested councillors to view online and submit views back to him as the deadline for comments would probably expire before the next meeting. [*post-meeting note - 16/03411/FUL Church End Cottage 9 And 11 Dag Lane, Conversion of existing double garage into bed and breakfast bedroom accommodation and change of use from dwellinghouse to part residential and part bed and breakfast use.*]

7 SUB COMMITTEES:

- 7.1 **N.W. Area Forum** – No recent meeting - next meeting to be arranged.
- 7.2 **Guntrip Trust**– Christmas cheques had been signed and delivered.
- 7.3 **Reading Rooms** –
- 7.3.1. Cllr Allen reported that he had affixed the step warning signs for both steps.
- 7.3.2. Upon investigation the kitchen door lock was actually functioning adequately but the door itself needed to be lifted slightly to allow smooth operation. He therefore proposed, as the lock screws were rusted to the door, that users try this out to see if it was manageable.
- 7.3.3. A proper inspection of the roof from within had revealed that the timbers were in fact sound – he was awaiting a further quote for repairs to the broken batons.
- 7.3.4. There was no loft insulation. It was agreed that Cllr Allen determine possible prices/grants. The matter would be discussed at the budget meeting. **Cllr Allen**
- 7.3.5. Cllr Allen had received a request for new/more tables and had learnt that there was a possibility of receiving some second-hand. Details to be confirmed. **Cllr Allen**
- 7.3.6. The Clerk reported that there seemed to be no grants available for a building survey alone; although there were several options for actual renovation funding.
- 7.4 **Recreation Ground/Highways** – there was general agreement that the volume of litter seemed to be steadily on the increase. Cllr Letts asked that the Clerk report another abandoned vehicle: by the entrance to Quarry Hall Farm. **Clerk**
- 7.5 **Dog Fouling** – Reminders had been added to the Gate News Chair's Report.
- 7.6 **Village Hall** – nothing to report.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE** – The following items were noted – MK Council flyer for private sector lease scheme; Christmas card to the Parish Council from MKC; Holocaust Memorial Day Service invitation - 26 January 2017.

9. COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS

Councillors – None

Residents – None

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday JANUARY 5th 2017

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

signed

date