

STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday February 6th 2017 at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms

Present: Cllrs D. Warren (in the Chair), S Grant, C. Letts, I Allen; 3 members of the public. Ward Cllr A. Geary
Clerk Mr J. Vischer.

1. **APOLOGIES** – None.
2. **RESIGNATION OF CHAIR & ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR** – the Chair Cllr Trett had resigned in-between meetings as he had moved away from the area. Cllr Warren was nominated to supersede him as the most experienced councillor. He accepted the nomination. **Resolved: that Cllr Warren be interim Chair until the next annual meeting.** Proposer Cllr Allen, Seconder Cllr Grant. Unanimous.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** – None
4. **MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – 5th January 2017
The minutes were duly signed and approved. Proposer Cllr Allen, Seconder Cllr Letts. Unanimous.
5. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - 5.1. Purse Lane Potholes 6th Jan 2017 ref FS11386388. Notification for repair had been issued for this week.
 - 5.2. Dumped tyres reported 28 December 2016 ref FS11047505 – removed. However more dumped tyres had been noticed off the Olney road. Cllr Letts agreed to investigate. **Cllr Letts**
 - 5.3. Blocked drains – reported 9th November FS9623511 Not cleared. No update from MKC. The Clerk was invited to ask again to have sight of the drains-emptying schedule – this had not been forthcoming on previous occasions. If this failed Ward Cllr Geary suggested the Clerk submit a Freedom Of Information Request to MKC. This was agreed. **Clerk**
 - 5.4. Streetlight no.12 - reported 9th November FS9624622 & streetlight 14 (reported 30 Nov.) Marked as 'closed' by MKC – these had been repaired.
ANY OTHER MATTERS not covered below - none
6. **FINANCE**
 - 6.1. **Formal Budget and Precept Approval** – These were approved. Proposer Cllr Allen, Seconder Cllr Letts. Unanimous. The precept was set at a 2% increase (£11,935). The Budget was set at £15,050.
 - 6.2. **Payments (gross) for this month & balance**
Payments – a) clerk's salary - £271.26; b) admin expenses - £5.04; c) cleaning (Reading Rooms) - £40.00; d) bins emptying (8652 re-issue) - £90.38; e) Reading Room roof repairs - £120.00; f) Electricity (Reading Rooms) - £225.23.
Available balance - £17,560 (including savings account of £13,361)
The financial statements were approved. Proposer Cllr Letts, Seconder Cllr Allen. Unanimous.
 - 6.3. The Clerk commented that he had not been able to update his address details as he was not a full signatory. Cllr Grant had foreseen this and reported that the matter was in hand. **Cllr Grant**
7. **PLANNING**
 - 7.1. **Previous - 16/02938/FUL** Land North East of Bulls Head Farm Eakley Lanes Erection of an agricultural barn. *Awaiting Decision*
 - 7.2. **16/03007/FUL** 8 Town End Crescent, Erection of a detached 2 storey dwelling house. *Pending.*
 - 7.3. **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. *Permitted.*
 - 7.4. **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. *Permitted.*
 - 7.5. **16/03607/FUL** 1 Orchard Way Stoke Goldington Erection of detached dwelling and detached garage with associated works. *Pending.*
 - 7.6. **NEW** – None

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8. SUB COMMITTEES:

- 8.1. **N.W. Area Forum** – next meeting still to be arranged.
- 8.2. **Guntrip Trust**– with the resignation of the outgoing Chair there was a vacancy on the board of trustees. Cllr Grant offered to take up the role. This was approved. Clerk to contact Gillian Rose.
- 8.3. **Reading Rooms** – Cllr Allen reported that:
 - 8.3.1. The loft insulation was still to be fitted.
 - 8.3.2. The rear gate was permanently open as it had become warped. Cllr Allen offered to fix it.
 - 8.3.3. Invoices to be raised for RR rents and VH/Pre School rent. **Cllr Allen**
- 8.4. **Recreation Ground/Highways** –
 - 8.4.1. Maltings Close ditch blockage reported in-between meetings (31 Jan 2017) ref- FS12406580. MKC had replied to say that the apparent blockage did not require action at the present time.
 - 8.4.2. The ascot rail outside the school had been damaged.
- 8.5. **Dog Fouling** – Cllr Warren reported that he had prepared some new dog fouling warning signs. Councillors, and residents, agreed that the situation had deteriorated recently. Cllr Warren agreed to affix signs at the worst hit locations. **Cllr Warren**
- 8.6. **Village Hall** –
 - 8.6.1. Cllr Letts reported that the quality of workmanship of the newly re-surfaced Hall floor was poor and the wrong kind of polish had been used; the fumes of which had been causing sore throats amongst the children of the Pre-school and some dismay amongst parents. Remedial repair work was planned for half term (w/c 13th February) but the costs would be substantial.
 - 8.6.2. The AGM was planned for Friday 10th March 2017 at 7.30pm.
 - 8.6.3. Summer Fayre date had been proposed: 9th July 2017.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE** – The following items were noted – Invitation to the annual Mayor and Mayoress' Civic Reception; Prior notification from Anglian Water that it would no longer be the sole water supplier to business premises as from April 2017.

10. COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS

- 10.1. **Councillors** – Cllrs to meet on Saturday 18th Feb to review options to improve the War Memorial and Village Hall flower beds. **Cllrs Warren/Letts/Grant**
- 10.2. **Cllr Grant** proposed the purchase of a strong fire-proof box for the archiving of important documents as these currently were merely in cupboards in the Reading Rooms. It was agreed that she research costs. **Cllr Grant**
- 10.3. With the departure of the previous Chair the Emergency Plan contact list would need updating. **Clerk**
- 10.4. The GPO post-boxes had still not been repainted as promised. She would investigate. **Cllr Grant**
- 10.5. **Cllr Letts** reported that he had received several complaints about intermittent broadband, of late – in addition to the well-known patchy mobile signal. The Chair agreed to mention this in his Gate Group News Report and invite further reports.
- 10.6. **Cllr Warren** stated that action should be taken to advertise the councillor vacancy. The Clerk had already contacted the relevant Elections officer in order to seek permission to post a Notice in the village to allow residents to call an election should ten or more request one. If none came forward within 14 working days, the parish council would be free to co-opt.
- 10.7. **Residents** – Mrs Janet Thomas asked for information regarding the digging of a trench across the field behind Ram Alley. Cllr Letts believed it was a mains water repair.
- 10.8. **Ward Cllr A Geary** updated the meeting on the latest PlanMK information. The proposed Haversham development area had been withdrawn. However when the final document is published it is expected to contain provision for an overall rural target of 1,000 houses by 2030; all rural parishes will be expected to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan within the following 5 years.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday MARCH 6th 2017

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

signed

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