

STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

1. **APOLOGIES** – None.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** on items on the agenda – None
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – 6th February 2017
The minutes were duly signed and approved. Proposer Cllr Allen, Seconder Cllr Grant. Unanimous.
4. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - 4.1. Dumped tyres off the Olney road. These had been removed but the associated rubbish was still there. Clerk to re-report. **Clerk**
 - 4.2. Blocked drains – reported 9th November FS9623511 Not cleared. No update from MKC. The Clerk had asked fellow clerks if they had ever seen a schedule. No clerk responded in the affirmative. He had subsequently been advised by an officer in MKC that a schedule did used to exist but it was currently under revision. The revised version should be available in April. Councillors agreed it was still worthwhile pursuing a Freedom Of Information request for the old schedule. **Clerk**
 - 4.3. Purse Lane Potholes 6th Jan 2017 ref FS11386388. Cllr Letts reported that these works had not been carried out as planned. To monitor.
 - 4.4. ANY OTHER MATTERS not covered below – Cllr Grant reported that she had been told that the GPO post-boxes would be repainted this Spring.
5. **COUNCILLOR VACANCY** – The Clerk had been advised that no request for an election had been received by MK Council and therefore the Parish Council was free to co-opt. Mr Nicholas Lovell was duly co-opted into the role. The new parish councillor signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Code of Conduct and Standing Orders to be emailed. **Clerk**
6. **FLOWER BORDERS** at the Rec. and War Memorial – Councillors had met on site and agreed a proposal to refurbish the beds. This included 11 rose bushes, 14 shrubs of 3 types, removal of old plants, and soil improver, and some pruning. This is budgeted at approx. £400. Clerk to contact Ward Cllr A. Geary regarding Ward Grant. After some discussion regarding edging the beds it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the maintenance contractor and specify that monthly weeding operations and regular edging are expected as part of the contract. **Clerk**
7. **FINANCE**
 - 7.1. **Payments (gross) for this month & balance**
Payments – a) clerk's salary - £217.05; b) admin expenses - £6.60 c) cleaning (Reading Rooms) - £40.00; d) bins emptying (*inv: 9233*) - £90.38; e) Reading Room electrical check - £135.00; f) Electricity (Reading Rooms) - £185.70; g) flower-bed maintenance (annual) - £850.00.
Available balance - £17,157 (including savings account of £13,361)
The financial statements were approved. Proposer Cllr Grant, Seconder Cllr Letts. Unanimous.
Change of address details were now up-to-date.
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. **16/03607/FUL** 1 Orchard Way Stoke Goldington Erection of detached dwelling and detached garage with associated works. *Application Withdrawn.*
 - 7.4. **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** – Next meeting Tuesday 14th March; including election of new Chair.
- 8.3. **Reading Rooms** – Cllr Allen reported that:
- 8.3.1. Fireproof strong-box – Cllr Grant reported that the local locksmiths Brinnicks had not had any suitable boxes for sale which was partly due to the size required to fit into the storage cupboards in the Reading Rooms. The clerk no longer received sales catalogues for such items. It was agreed to budget about £300 for the box. Cllr Grant to pursue. **Cllr Grant**
- 8.3.2. Reading Rooms door keys – these special security keys had been distributed around the regular users of the Rooms many years ago and no-one knew how many were available. Three parish councillors had copies. It was agreed to contact the various groups to enquire as to who their key-holders were for insurance purposes. **Cllr Allen**
- 8.4. **Recreation Ground/Highways** –
- 8.4.1. Car Boot Sale – a request had been received via the Clerk to ask if the Field could be used for a sale. This was unanimously rejected. **Clerk**
- 8.5. **Dog Fouling** – Cllr Warren reported that he had put up some of the new dog fouling warning signs. Since this had been done a noticeable improvement had occurred. All present were urged to report any further outbreaks as more signs could be erected.
- 8.6. **Village Hall** –
- 8.6.1. Cllr Letts reported that the new floor had been very successfully repaired. AGM this Friday 10th March.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE** – The following items were noted – Clinical Commissioning Group Consultation on hospital services in Milton Keynes – individuals were invited to take copies and respond. The War Memorial Trust was again offering grants – Cllr Grant offered to follow-up what types of grants were available; this was agreed. **Cllr Grant**

10. COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS

- 10.1. **Councillors** – None.
- 10.2. **Residents** – A resident (?) asked if there had been any update on the attempted break-in on Orchard Way. Neither the Parish Council nor councillors had not received any information.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday APRIL 3rd 2017

Councillors discussed moving the date of the May meeting as it fell on the May Bank Holiday. TBC

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

signed

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