

# STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms

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

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr I. Allen
2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** on items on the agenda – None
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
The minutes were duly signed and approved. Proposer Cllr Warren, Seconder Cllr Grant. Unanimous.
4. **MATTERS ARISING**
  - 4.1. Purse Lane Potholes 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017 ref FS11386388. – reported completed 14<sup>th</sup> March. Cllr Letts reported that a few had been repaired but there were many outstanding. Clerk to re-report. **Clerk**
  - 4.2. Dumped tyres off the Olney road. The associated rubbish had been cleared.
  - 4.3. Blocked drains – reported 9<sup>th</sup> November FS9623511 Not cleared. No update from MKC. The Clerk had submitted a Freedom Of Information request for the schedule, with specific reference to Stoke Goldington. Within a week he had received a response; this had comprised the schedule for the entire Borough, listing locations alphabetically by street name and frequency of emptying. It stated the vast majority of drains had been inspected and/or cleared the required number of times. Councillors agreed that this simply could not be the case as the drains under investigation were obviously still blocked. This was supported by the Clerk who knew from other parishes that many drains had not been cleared. [*post-meeting note: on reviewing the document further it appeared that no streets in Stoke Goldington were actually listed - only the summary sheet referred to Stoke Goldington*]  
**Clerk to lodge a complaint**
  - 4.4. ANY OTHER MATTERS not covered below – None.
5. **FLOWER BORDERS** at the Rec. and War Memorial – the renovation works were partially complete, a fresh delivery of roses was awaited. The Clerk had contacted the contractor to remind him of the contractual obligation for monthly weeding and regular edging. The condition of the beds had improved around the war memorial but not by the play area. Cllr Warren volunteered to monitor. **Cllr Warren**
6. **WAR MEMORIAL TRUST** – Cllr Grant reported that grants were still available from the Trust. Funds were exhausted on a first-come-first-served basis and applied for quarterly. The next cut-off date was June 30<sup>th</sup>. Any bid would require three quotations. Technical advice from Masons was awaited.
7. **FINANCE**
  - 7.1. **Payments (gross) for this month & balance**  
Payments – a) clerk's salary - £226.25; b) admin expenses - £14.28 c) BALC Membership - £104.57; d) bins emptying (*inv: 9290*) - £90.38; e) Cllr grant refund (strongbox) - £105.80; f) Post Office (PAYE) - £176.20.  
**Available balance** - £16,176 (including savings account of £13,361)  
The financial statements were approved. Proposer Cllr Letts, Seconder Cllr Lovell. Unanimous.  
Ward Cllr Geary's Ward Grant of £200 had been received.
8. **PLANNING**
  - 8.1. **Previous - 16/02938/FUL** Land North East of Bulls Head Farm Eakley Lanes Erection of an agricultural barn. *Awaiting Decision*
  - 8.2. **16/03007/FUL** 8 Town End Crescent, Erection of a detached 2 storey dwelling house. *Pending*.  
**NEW – 17/00599/TCA**, 3 Dovehouse Mews High Street Notification of intention to reduce height of 1x Spruce by 10ft (3m) and target reduce sides by 5ft (1.5m) to shape crown and sever ivy at base by 3ft (1m).  
No objections.

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- 8.3. **17/00678/TCA** Fir Tree Cottage 17 High Street, Notification of intention to fell 1x Conifer (T1). No objections.
- 8.4. **17/00710/FUL** 5 Mount Pleasant, 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 (resubmission of 16/03287/FUL). No objections.

### 9. SUB COMMITTEES:

- 9.1. **N.W. Area Forum** – Cllr Allen not available to feedback.
- 9.2. **Guntrip Trust** – Springtime distribution to be agreed shortly.
- 9.3. **Reading Rooms** –
- 9.3.1. Fireproof strong-box – Cllr Grant reported that she had purchased the agreed strongbox and placed most archive documents within. However there were two Reading Rooms cupboards that needed going through as they may contain some archive documents. Councillors agreed to meet up and go through these before the next meeting. Clerk to contact Aylesbury archive service to establish when the last minutes were officially archived. **Clerk/All Cllrs**
- 9.3.2. Reading Rooms door keys – ongoing. Parish Councillor keyholders: Cllrs Warren, Grant & Allen. Gate News request to be inserted into next issue. **Cllrs Allen/Warren**
- 9.3.3. Rear gate – to be repaired. **Cllr Allen**
- 9.4. **Recreation Ground/Highways** - none
- 9.5. **Dog Fouling** – Cllr Warren reported that the new dog fouling warning signs seemed to be being effective. No new reports of fouling.
- 9.6. **Village Hall** –
- 8.6.1. Cllr Letts reported that the long-standing Chairman, David Geliher, was intending to stand down as Chairman. Cllr Novell reported that the kitchen sink drain was partially blocked. Cllr Grant stated that the lights had been left on all night recently on two occasions.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE** – The following items were noted – Letter from Anglian Water regarding the opening out of water supplies to other businesses. Letter from Barclays Bank announcing the closure of the Newport Pagnell branch.

### 11. COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS

- 11.1. **Councillors** – Cllr Warren stated that the Olney Road needs re-kerbing on the second bend, 300 yards from the village. **Clerk to report**
- 11.2. **Cllr Grant** reported that the base for the telecoms mast had been laid.
- 11.3. **Cllr Letts** reported that the new wildflower meadow was flourishing. The tennis court signs need re-printing and laminating.
- 11.4. **Residents** – None
- 11.5. **Ward Cllr Geary** – reminded councillors and residents that PlanMK was now officially out for consultation and urged all present to respond. It was noted that sites for development in the Parish had been identified some years previously. The Ward Councillor commented on the fact that the 5-year land supply quota had now been fulfilled, which should put an end to speculative planning applications.

### 12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday MAY 1<sup>st</sup> 2017

*The meeting closed at 8.45pm*

*signed*

*date*