

STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday June 5th 2017 following the Annual Meeting in the Reading Rooms

Present: Cllrs D. Warren (in the Chair), C. Letts, N. Lovell, I. Allen, Ward Cllr Andrew Geary; 9 members of the public.

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** – 1st May 2017
 - 3.1. The minutes were duly signed and approved. Proposer Cllr Letts, Seconder Cllr Lovell. Unanimous.

MATTERS ARISING

 - 3.2. Lime Trees on the Rec - Councillors agreed at a site meeting that the trees should be pruned in the autumn.
 - 3.3. Purse Lane Potholes 6th Jan 2017 ref FS11386388. – Cllr Letts reported that the outstanding potholes had been repaired.
 - 3.4. Blocked drains – reported 9th November FS9623511 Not cleared. The Clerk had submitted a further Freedom of Information request. The response was that Stoke Goldington along with all parishes were ‘not inspected/visited every year’. The last visit had been in February 2016 in which it was stated that all drains had a silt level of 50% and all had been cleared. The Clerk was asked to find out when the next planned visit would be. [*post-meeting note: the next scheduled visit would be May 2019*]
 - 3.5. ANY OTHER MATTERS not covered below – None
4. **COUNCILLOR VACANCY** – The resignation of Cllr Grant had created a new vacancy. Clerk to establish if a new Notice of Vacancy had to be posted or not. If so Clerk to arrange. **Clerk**
5. **FLOWER BORDERS** at the Rec. and War Memorial – the works were complete and the area looked good. Invoice had not yet been submitted.
6. **PLAYGROUND REFURBISHMENT** – Councillors and Mrs Marsh had met on site to take stock. It was agreed to look into alternatives and arrange to meet the Milton Keynes Council playgrounds officer on site for advice. Mrs Marsh and her friend volunteered to look into possible local support grants and to fundraise in the village. Mrs Marsh circulated a printed version of the Friends of Stoke Goldington recent exchanges on the subject that were positive and supportive. **Clerk**
7. **FINANCE**
 - 7.1. **Payments (gross) for this month & balance** -
Payments – a) clerk’s salary - £226.05; b) admin expenses - £34.16 c) RR cleaning (May) - £40.00; d) bins emptying (*inv9407*) - £112.98; e) RR electricity - £58.80; f) Insurance (annual) - £945.98; RTM Landscapes (May) - £168.00; HMRC (PAYE) – 176.20.
Available balance at 16th May - £21,075 (including savings account of £13,361)
The financial statements were approved. Proposer Cllr Letts, Seconder Cllr Lovell. Unanimous.
 - 7.2. **Signing External Audit Form (Annual Return)** – The Clerk explained how the official 2017 Form (the 2016 Form was displayed) had not been received and once noticed he had applied for one to be sent out. This had not yet arrived. As this would be the last meeting prior to the required submission date the Clerk had prepared the necessary summary figures as a spreadsheet and now circulated them. These were approved. It was further agreed that the Chair sign the Audit Form on councillors’ behalf in between meetings to enable submission. Proposer Cllr Allen, Seconder Cllr Letts. Unanimous.
[*post-meeting note: this was signed on the following Thursday June 8th*]
8. **PLANNING**
 - 8.1. **Previous - 16/03007/FUL** 8 Town End Crescent, Erection of a detached 2 storey dwelling house *Pending*. As this application would be discussed at the upcoming MKC Development Control Meeting that

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would be attended by Ward Cllr A Geary he offered to speak on the parish council's behalf. This offer was gratefully accepted.

8.2. **17/00678/TCA** Fir Tree Cottage 17 High Street, Notification of intention to fell 1x Conifer (T1).
Permitted.

8.3. **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). *Permitted*

8.4. **New - 17/01094/FUL** East Town Barn, 40 High Street Proposed side extension, porch and alteration to openings to create new windows and doors. No objections.

8.5. **17/01331/FUL** 39 Malting Close, Single storey side/rear extension. No objections.

8.6. **Any Other Planning matters** - Scheme of Delegation - Ward Cllr Geary relayed that the new Scheme of Delegation regarding Planning Applications meant that Parish Councils only had 28 days to respond and that an objection would no longer trigger automatic scrutiny of the application by the Panel. This now required a specific request by the PC to present their case at the hearing. Non-attendance could mean disqualification from making an objection for 6 months.

9. SUB COMMITTEES:

9.1. **N.W. Area Forum** – Yet to be called.

9.2. **Guntrip Trust** – Nothing to report

9.3. **Reading Rooms** –

9.3.1. **Archiving files** – Councillors had not met to go through the two Reading Rooms cupboards. Councillors agreed to meet on the evening of June 26th to undertake this task. Ex-councillor Grant offered to assist. Cllr Allen to check that the Rooms would be free. **Cllrs/Cllr Allen**

9.3.2. **Reading Rooms door keys** – Cllr Allen reported that there appeared to be six current key-holders: Cllr Allen, ex-councillor Grant, the Bridge and the Sewing Club shared a key...?

Cllr Allen

9.4. **Recreation Ground/Highways – Litter scheme** - it was noted that information regarding the community litter-picking scheme proposed by Ravenstone Parish Council Chairman had been received via the MK Council circulation list shortly after the last meeting. However nothing further had been received since then with reference to action or events.

9.5. **Dog Fouling** – Cllr Warren reported that he had been dismayed to find dog-fouling on the recreation ground where games were played. This was a health hazard and he would compose a strongly worded piece for the next Gate News. He would venture to display additional warning signs.

9.6. **Village Hall** – Nothing further to report.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE** – other than via email – an invitation to the Armed Services Flag-raising Ceremony at MKC offices; an invitation to the Mayor's Annual Civic Service.

11. COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS

11.1. The Clerk relayed a request from the footpaths officer for further clarification on the exact location of the footpath reported by ex-councillor Grant in between meetings - Church Farm down to the pond which joins up with the Old Park Farm track. Cllr Allen promised to look up the reference number. [*post-meeting note: Mrs Grant reported that the footpath had been 'cut back in' the day after the meeting*]

11.2. Ward Cllr A Geary reported that he would be the only ward councillor attending SGPC meetings for the time being as Ward Cllr Green was indisposed; Ward Cllr Patey-Smith was looking after Newport Pagnell meetings.

11.3. Mrs Grant reported shrubs overgrowing the pavement at the house by the school – the same as last year. Clerk to write a letter asking for them to be cut back. **Clerk**

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday JUNE 5th 2017 at the Reading Rooms

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

signed

date