

STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday August 7th 2017 at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms

Present: Cllrs C. Letts, (in the Chair), N. Lovell, I. Allen, Ward Cllr Andrew Geary; prospective parish councillor Lee Freeman; 5 members of the public.

Clerk Mr J. Vischer.

1. **APOLOGIES** – D. Warren. These were accepted.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** on items on the agenda – None
3. **COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION** – Mr Lee Freeman was duly co-opted as a parish councillor. Proposer Cllr Allen, Seconder Cllr Lovell. Unanimous. Mr Freeman signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. **MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – 3rd July 2017

4.1. The minutes were duly approved and signed. Proposer Cllr Lovell, Seconder Cllr Allen. Unanimous.

MATTERS ARISING

- 4.2. Congested ditch Westside farm – the Clerk had written to the Farm but no reply had been forthcoming. To be checked.
- 4.3. Mobile phone signal – following the intervention of Mark Lancaster’s office the mobile signal had greatly improved - although, this only seemed to apply to O2 subscribers. Clerk to write a formal note of thanks to Mark Lancaster MP.
- 4.4. Overgrown shrubs – The Clerk had sent a letter to no.12; the plants had been cut back off the pavement.
- 4.5. Blocked drains – *reported 9th November 2016 FS9623511* Not cleared. The Gully Emptying Schedule had been published but only ran from June 2017 to December 2019. The Clerk had asked why Stoke Goldington did not appear on the list. He had been informed that although the full schedule/cycle ran for three years the last five months had yet to be finalised – Stoke Goldington would appear in this period. The Clerk had further asked for an explanation as to why if the village drains had last been cleared in February 2016 why it should have to wait for 4 years to fit into the missing period referred to above; this had been sent on 31 July.

ANY OTHER MATTERS not covered below –

4.5.1. **Village ‘red line’ planning limit** – the Clerk had had confirmation from MKC planning that now was the time to do this and that councillors should draw up suggestions and email to the Clerk, to be discussed at the next meeting. **CLLRS**

4.5.2. **Tree hanging over Village Hall Car Park** – the Clerk had written to no.1 Bakers Close

5. **PLAYGROUND REFURBISHMENT** – Councillor Warren had met with Colin Charge to explain the modifications and refurbishment works. A quotation was awaited.

6. **FINANCE**

6.1. **Payments (gross) for this month & balance -**

Payments – a) clerk’s salary - £282.71; b) RR cleaning (July) - £40.00; c) bins emptying (*inv9526*) - £90.38; d) Mowing (July) - £168.00; e) External Audit - £120.00.

Available balance at 16th May - £16,383 (including savings account of £13,361)

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

- 6.2. **External Audit Report** – The Clerk reported a clean slate from the auditors with no major or minor issues raised.

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7. PLANNING

- 7.1. Previous Planning Applications – 16/03007/FUL** 8 Town End Crescent, Erection of a detached 2 storey dwelling house *Pending*. Ward Cllr Geary reported that in spite of objections this had been approved at the MKC Development Control Panel.
- 17/01331/FUL** 39 Malting Close, Single storey side/rear extension. *Permitted*.
- 17/01458/FUL** St Peters Church Dag Lane, Erection of timber building for use as a disabled toilet(resubmission 16/01081/FUL). *Pending*.
- 17/01479/PNAGC3** Westside Farm 5 Westside Lane Prior notification for change of use of existing **agricultural** barn to 2 x residential dwellings (use class C3). *Pending*.
- 7.2. New Planning Applications –**
- 17/01757/TCA** The Malting House 66 High Street, Notification of intention to fell 1 x Conifer (T1). No objections.
- 17/01899/FUL** Addersey Farm House Eakley Lanes, Single and two storey side and rear extensions. New porch to principle entrance door, Re-instatement of garages with roof structure raised to form new office over, Adjustments to windows and doors, New and replacement windows & doors throughout and new porch. No objections.
- 7.3. Any Other Planning Matters – Formal Standing Orders alteration approval –** This was agreed: “51 a - Due to the new Scheme of Delegation (MKC) regarding Planning Applications stating that Parish Councils only had 28 days to respond it was agreed that councillors could discuss and agree a corporate view via email if such an application deadline would fall between meetings”. Proposer Cllr Allen, Seconder Cllr Freeman. Unanimous.

8. SUB COMMITTEES:

- 8.1. N.W. Area Forum** – To be called end September/October.
- 8.2. Guntrip Trust** – Nothing to report
- 8.3. Reading Rooms –**
- 8.3.1. Further Archiving of files** – Yet to be arranged. **CLLR WARREN/CLK**
- 8.3.2. Tables** - Ongoing. **CLLR ALLEN**
- 8.3.3. Electricity contract renewal** – details had been circulated by email. All agreed to renew the E-on contract. **CLK**
- 8.4. Recreation Ground/Highways** – Dumped Tyres FS 56129929 – these had been removed only to be replaced by dumped mattresses. These had been reported: FS56889311. [*post-meeting note* – notification of removal had been received on 9th August]
- 8.5. Dog Fouling** – No reports.
- 8.6. Village Hall** – Cllr Letts reported that a successful Summer Fair had raised £1,407.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – other than via email – none.

10. COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS

- 10.1.** Cllr Freeman pointed out that MKC appeared to lack any coherent maintenance strategy with regard to the overgrown ditches on the flood-alleviation works near Orchard Way. Ward Cllr Geary offered to take this up with MKC. **WARD CLLR**

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday SEPTEMBER 4th 2017 at the Reading Rooms

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

signed

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