

STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday MARCH 5th 2018 at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms

Present: Cllrs D. Warren (in the Chair), I. Allen, L Freeman, C. Letts, N. Lovell. Ward Cllr Andrew Geary; 4 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** – 5th February 2018

3.1. The minutes were duly approved and signed. Proposer Cllr Letts, Seconder Cllr Lovell. Unanimous.

3.2. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.2.1. VAS (Traffic speed monitor) – following receipt of maintenance documentation it was agreed to purchase 2 speed monitoring signs, at a cost of £4,000 each, to be placed at either end of the village where the old signs had been. It was agreed to purchase the ‘gold’ maintenance package at a cost of £345 per year for both signs. It was noted that there would be an 18% surcharge on these supplier prices levied by Ringway and MKC jointly. Ward Cllr A Geary stated that the surcharge should be waived by MKC. Proposer Cllr Freeman, Seconder Cllr Letts. 3 For and 1 Against. **CLK**

3.2.2. Grit bins refilling – of the five bins, two - by the Village Hall and Mount Pleasant - were empty, the second bin at Mount Pleasant was a third full; the Church Lane bin had not been checked; and the bin at the junction of Weston Rd and High Street was three-quarter full. The Village Hall bin had a solid layer of unusable salt in the bottom Clerk to report to MKC. **CLK**

3.2.3. Purse Lane potholes – ref FS66048765. Completed.

3.2.4. Footpaths: Church Farm signage was adequate – the post in the field would not be replaced; Westside Farm footpath 23 width was adequate; the B526 signage – on exiting the village south – had not been fixed. Clerk to re-report. **CLK**

3.2.5. Flood-retaining bund damage repair – *Carry forward* [no update from Clerk of Works since Dec 11th 2017 – presumed weather dependent]

4. **DATA PROTECTION** – the Clerk briefly highlighted the new Data Protection Regulations coming into force at the end of May and pointed out that SGPC had yet to register with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO). It was agreed that the Clerk should register SGPC as a first step. The Clerk would be attending training and information sessions on the new Regulations in due course. **CLK**

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6. **DEVOLVED LANDSCAPE SERVICES** – further information, maps, current costs, contractual information, had been provided. A formal declaration of an ‘expression of interest’ was to be returned on the basis of this information. This was agreed and the form signed. Proposer: Cllr Allen, seconder: Cllr Letts. Unanimous. **CLK**

7. **FINANCE**

7.1. **Payments (gross) for this month & balance** –

Payments – Clerk’s salary (Feb) - £226.05; RR cleaning (Feb) - £40.00; Bins emptying (*inv9939*) - £90.38; admin expenses - £27.32; Electricity (Jan) - £217.13; Electricity (Feb) - £201.83; Water - £67.71; Lime trees pruning – £864.00; Stoke Goldington Stores (annual) – £51.90.

Available balance at 16th February - £10,428 (excluding savings account of £13,363).

The financial statements were approved.

7.2. **Landscape contracts renewal** – a further quotation for Part 2 - the flower beds and grassed areas -had been received from a new contractor for the sum of £1,680. This was approximately double the quotation received from the current recreation field contractor. Resolved to go with the current contractor Proposer: Cllr Letts, seconder: Cllr Lovell. Unanimous. **CLK**

8. **PLANNING**

8.1. **Previous Planning Applications**

17/02043/FUL The Malting House 66 High Street, Change of use from pub (A4) to commercial offices (A2). *Pending*

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- 17/02249/CONS Cheyney Farm Eakley Lanes, Horse manege/school. *Not proceeded with*
- 17/03258/FUL 35-39 High Street, Proposed residential development comprising the conversion of an existing car sales office to a two bedroom dwelling; demolition of the existing single storey car showroom; the erection of a three bedroom dwelling; revised access and parking. *Permitted*
- 17/03145/FUL Land North of Westside Lane, Minor residential development for 4 detached dwellings with garages (linked to 17/02989/FUL). *Pending*
- 17/03268/TPO – *submitted by contractor for SGPC* - Tree Preservation order consent for T1 - Lime Tree - To remove epicormic growth and dead wood and T2 - Lime Tree - To remove epicormic growth and dead wood. *Permitted*
- 17/03277/FUL Land To The North of 1 Orchard Way, Erection of detached single storey dwelling, detached garage and associated external works. Previous scheme approved under 17/00552/FUL. *Permitted*
- 18/00069/DISCON Land Adjacent To 8 Town End Crescent, Details submitted pursuant to discharge of conditions 3(external materials), 5(assessment of grounds), 6(drainage strategy) and 7(boundary treatment) attached to planning permission 16/03007/FUL. *Pending*
- 18/00137/LBC The Malting House 66 High Street, Redecorating whole downstairs section of pub to create reception and meeting spaces. Bar space will be removed. *Pending*
- 18/00185/DISCON 71 High Street, Details submitted pursuant to conditions 4, 5, 6 and 3 attached to planning application number 16/02564/FUL.. *Pending*

8.2. New Planning Applications –

18/00333/FUL 3 George Inn Place Change of use of land alongside 3 George Inn Place to garden land associated to planning approval 17/02230/FUL. No objections.

8.3. Any Other Planning matters – Neighbourhood Plan - village meeting arrangements – It was agreed to fix 23rd April as the date for the meeting. Cllr Letts to confirm booking; Cllr Allen to draw-up posters; Cllr Letts to upload on to Friends of SG page on Facebook; Chair to mention in magazine report; Clerk to arrange posting on website and send copy to Gate News editor – copy deadline 16th March.

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9. SUB COMMITTEES:

9.1. N.W. Area Forum – Ward Cllr A. Geary believed that the Forum had been abandoned by MKC.

9.2. Guntrip Trust – Nothing to report.

9.3. Reading Rooms –

9.3.1. Online bookings diary – Cllr Allen to investigate options

CLLR ALLEN

9.3.2. Exterior woodwork - Quotes for re-painting were awaited.

CLLR ALLEN

9.3.3. Further Archiving of files – To be arranged.

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9.4. Recreation Ground/Highways –

9.4.1. Gravel dressing outside the Hollow Tree – awaiting work.

9.4.2. New – opposite Monarch Farm on B526 the drain frequently floods on the fast bend causing dangerous driving. Clerk to report.

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MKC rubbish bins not being emptied frequently enough, Ward Cllr A Geary believed it to be an 8-week schedule.

9.5. Dog Fouling – reported at the top of Dag Lane. Cllr Letts to provide new signs.

CLLR LETTS

9.6. Village Hall – Cllr Letts reported that the finances were sound and investment in refurbishing was going ahead. AGM date:13th April 2018. It was believed that the 50-year lease would be due for renewal next year. SGPC Documents to be retrieved from the cupboard in the Reading Rooms.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – other than via email – Clerks & Councils Direct quarterly.

10. COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS

10.1. Councillors – None

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10.2. Residents – Mr Nigel Willard brought up various car parking issues: parking on pavements generally; Dove House Mews exit: two transit vans impeding sight-lines – Clerk to report; zigzag lines outside of school extended to main road? This seemed unlikely as MKC's was cutting the maintenance budget.

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11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday April 5th 2018 (due to Easter Monday)

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

signed

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