

STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday May 3rd 2018 at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms

Present: Cllrs D. Warren (in the Chair), I. Allen, L Freeman, C. Letts; 6 members of the public.
Clerk Mr J. Vischer.

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr N. Lovell; Ward Cllr Andrew Geary. These were accepted.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** on items on the agenda – None
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – 5th April 2018
 - 3.1. The minutes were duly approved and signed. Proposer Cllr Allen, Seconder Cllr Warren. Unanimous.
 - 3.2. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - 3.2.1. Drain on bend - puddle (B526) – This was still outstanding
 - 3.2.2. Flood-retaining bund damage repair (*carry forward*).
4. **VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (VAS)** - (traffic speed monitor) – Cllr Freeman had researched prices and maintenance contracts with three other providers. It was agreed to accept the quotation from Westcotec for £8,010 ex VAT, pending: a) MKC agreement; b) the Mount Pleasant post is replaced. Proposer Cllr Freeman, Seconder Cllr Letts. Unanimous. Cllr Allen to confirm that software for downloading and reading data is included. Cllr Freeman was thanked for his thorough research and documentation. **JV/IA**
5. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – Formation of a Steering Group. Following the overwhelmingly positive reception to of the proposal to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan on April 23rd at the Village Hall it was agreed that a Steering Group be formed. Cllr Allen offered to undertake the role of coordinator to call together the 10 volunteers who had expressed an interest at the Village Hall gathering. It was further agreed that the Steering Group meeting should take place before the Parish Council met on June 4th and that a Chairperson be elected. To be logged on the Stoke Goldington Village Facebook page. **JV/IA**
6. **FINANCE**
 - 6.1. **Payments (gross) for May & balance** –
Payments: Clerk's salary (Mar) - £291.83; RR cleaning (April) - £45.00; Bins emptying (*inv10055*) - £90.38; admin expenses - £26.65; Insurance (annual) - £937.67; Portable appliance check (annual) - £30.00; Maltings area (shingle) - £250.00; Mowing and Beds (1st) - £294.00; Playground refurbishment - £938.00.
Available balance at 16th April: £16,166 (excluding savings account of £13,370).
The financial statements were approved. Proposer Cllr Freeman, Seconder Cllr Allen. Unanimous.
7. **PLANNING**
 - 7.1. **Previous Planning Applications**
 - 17/03145/FUL Land North of Westside Lane, Minor residential development for 4 detached dwellings with garages (linked to 17/02989/FUL). *Pending*
 - 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. *Refused*
 - 18/00549/FUL 45 High Street Stoke Goldington, Proposed conversion of existing detached garage store to home office. *Permitted*
 - 6.2. **New Planning Applications** –
 - 18/00808/FUL 31-33 High Street Stoke Goldington, Erection of ancillary outbuilding. No objections but with the comment “as long as the outbuilding is considered part of the main building and not as an independent dwelling”. **JV**

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8. SUB COMMITTEES:

8.1. **Guntrip Trust** – The Trust met and agreed the Spring pay-out which would be delivered soon.

8.2. **Reading Rooms** –

8.2.1. *Online bookings diary* – Cllr Allen had completed this and posted it in the Reading Rooms.

8.2.2. *Exterior woodwork* – awaiting drier/warmer weather. IA

8.2.3. *Further Archiving of files* – To be arranged. DW/JV

New –

8.2.4. *New Hire rates* - Cllr Allen proposed increasing the hire rates from £5.50 to £6.00 (daytime), and from £7.50 to £8.00 (after 6pm). This was agreed.

8.2.5. *Roof insulation* - To be arranged. NL/IA

8.3. **Recreation Ground/Highways** –

8.3.1. *Wildflower seed* – Cllr Letts had scattered the remaining wildflower seed over the wildflower area.

8.3.2. *Olney Road potholes* to be reported. JV

8.3.3. *Purse Lane potholes* reappearing in the middle and towards the end opposite Priors Wood House. JV

8.4. **Dog Fouling** –

8.4.1. New signs had been prepared. Signs to be posted. Cllr Freeman agreed to take over this role from the Chair.

8.4.2. It was agreed to purchase a new dog bin and position by the general waste bin on the High St. Proposer Cllr Freeman, Seconder Cllr Allen. Unanimous. JV

8.5. **Village Hall** – Cllr Letts gave a report on the AGM adding that the long-term investment in solar panels was now paying off as a steady income.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – other than via email – None.

10. COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS

10.1. **Councillors** –

10.1.1. Cllr Allen reported that the 'Rural West Liaison Meeting' would be held on 16th May 2018

10.1.2. Cllr Letts offered to spray the road gutter weeds as per last year, as MKC had virtually ceased doing this maintenance task. This was agreed.

10.2. **Residents** –

10.1.1. Residents had reported potholes to MKC on Dag Lane and Church Lane.

10.1.2. Comments were made in support of the chosen VAS device.

10.1.3. The fir tree at the entrance of Malting Close is overgrown and needed removing. Chair to investigate.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday June 4th 2018 at 7pm Annual Meeting followed by the Ordinary Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

signed

date