

# STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## **Draft MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday JUNE 4th 2018 following the Annual Meeting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs C. Letts (in the Chair), I. Allen, L Freeman, N. Lovell, D. Warren; Ward Cllr Andrew Geary; 29 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** – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018
  - 3.1. The minutes were duly approved and signed. Proposer Cllr Freeman, Seconder Cllr Allen. Unanimous.
  - 3.2. **MATTERS ARISING**
    - 3.2.1. Road gutter weeds – Cllr Letts had treated the weeds but the ensuing wet weather had made the results patchy.
    - 3.2.2. The fir trees at the entrance of Malting Close – the two trees had been inspected. It was agreed that the trees should be felled in the autumn. It was also proposed and agreed to ask the tree surgeons employed to provide an assessment of the nearby horse chestnut tree.
    - 3.2.3. Purse Lane potholes - FS58541788 Drain on bend - puddle (B526) – still outstanding
    - 3.2.4. Flood-retaining bund damage repair (*carry forward*).
4. **VILLAGE FLOODING** – Flood defences and drains had been overwhelmed by a sudden downpour on Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> – about 40mm in an hour, probably a month's worth of rain. It was agreed that nothing could have been done to prevent such a catastrophe as it happened so fast. However it was also agreed to strengthen flood defences and improve preparations. A Milton Keynes Council engineer had been out to assess the damage and listen to some residents' stories. Ward Cllr A Geary had also been in touch with Andy Dickinson, Roads and Highways MKC, who had promised to come out to see the lie of the land and attend a special public meeting when invited. It was agreed to set up a working group to draw together data and experiences to have a bank of evidence to show MKC with the aim of establishing a holistic plan for village drainage. This would serve both as a village record and as input to the Neighbourhood Plan and any future housing needs. Working Group brief :
  - 4.1. **Data** – to collect and collate residents' experiences and observations.
  - 4.2. **Map** - to update the land map of the village with properties and areas affected.
  - 4.3. **MKC Relief Fund** – to investigate how to access this fund.
  - 4.4. **Gully-emptying** ('roadside drains') – to investigate the viability of devolving this service to the Parish Council or having a bespoke frequency of emptying to suit village needs.
  - 4.5. **Culverts** - to ensure a full inspection of all culverts is carried out – an emergency visual inspection has been carried out already on the worst affected culverts.
  - 4.6. **Anglian Water** – to liaise with Anglian Water – e.g. a sewer which is prone to overflow in heavy rain passes through the garden of a property causing damage.
  - 4.7. **Insurers** – to invite household insurance companies to become involved in the process to share their advice and experience.
  - 4.8. **Sand bags** – how to organise supplies to be held by residents, not only centrally stored.Residents were invited to register with the Clerk at the end of the meeting if they wished to be a member of the Group. [Tristan Kipling (collating video's and photographs), Sue Grant (administration), Alex Mitchell, Mark Russell, Julie-Ann and Mark Giannandrea, Claire Coltman, Julia and John Smyth, Michael Wesson, Marios Josephidou.  
**17/03145/FUL** - It was further agreed for the Clerk to write to MKC to reiterate SGPC concerns regarding the proposed West side Lane development of four dwellings with reference to the increased flood risk. **CLK**
5. **VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (VAS)** - (traffic speed monitor) – The Clerk reported that he had informed the MKC officer of SGPC's preferred choice. The officer had replied to say that he had passed on the information to the current MKC Highways contractor (Ringway) and awaited their response.
6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – a Steering Group had been formed comprising 11 members, and Chair and Vice Chair chosen. The members are: Chair Alex Mitchell, Vice Chair Cllr Ian Allen, Victoria Harries-Harris, Emily Chua, Jackie Sharp, Rachael Ludlow, Tristan Kipling, Rodney and Carole Gunn, Stacy Rawlings, and Emma Whittaker. Two meetings had been held of an introductory nature and the study of the 'road-map' towards achieving a successful

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Neighbourhood Plan. The next meeting was due on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Two meetings are planned each month. Minutes would be kept and circulated. The inclusion of Gayhurst remained undecided, representatives had been invited to attend a Steering Group meeting.

### 7. FINANCE

#### 7.1. Payments (gross) for May & balance –

Payments: Clerk's salary (May) - £256.30; RR cleaning (May) - £45.00; Bins emptying (*inv10102*) - £90.38; admin expenses - £14.20; Landscape maintenance (*inv 1123*) - £420.00.

**Available to spend** at 16<sup>th</sup> May: £6,962 (excluding savings account of £13,370).

The financial statements were approved.

#### 7.2. Internal and External Audit –

7.2.1. Internal Auditor's report – the successful report had been circulated. The Internal Auditor had concluded from her review that financial controls "are consistently applied and effective".

7.2.2. Approval of Annual Governance Statement (External Audit) – approved Proposer Cllr Letts, Seconder Cllr Allen. Unanimous.

7.2.3. Approval of Accounting Statements (External Audit) - approved Proposer Cllr Freeman, Seconder Cllr Lovell. Unanimous.

### 8. PLANNING

#### 8.1. 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*

18/00808/FUL 31-33 High Street Stoke Goldington, Erection of ancillary outbuilding

#### 8.2. New Planning Applications

18/01172/CLUP Coach And Horses Farm Eakley Lanes, Proposed double garage. Ward Cllr Geary explained that Parish Councils could not have any input on this.

### 9. SUB COMMITTEES:

9.1. **Rural West Liaison Meeting** – no recent meetings

9.2. **Guntrip Trust** – The Spring pay-out had been delivered.

#### 9.3. Reading Rooms

9.3.1. **Flood damage** – the recent flooding had inundated the floor of the building and damaged some files in bottom cupboards. The insurance assessors had been called-in and a claim was under way. Carpets and floor tiles had been removed, driers installed. Should the water have penetrated under the revealed quarry-tile floor any repairs would be covered for the next two years.

9.3.2. **Exterior woodwork** – awaiting drier/warmer weather.

9.3.3. **Further Archiving of files** – To be arranged.

9.3.4. **New Hire rates** - Cllr Allen reported that new invoices would be circulated next week.

9.3.5. **Roof insulation** - To be arranged.

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#### 9.4. Recreation Ground/Highways

9.4.1. **Olney Road potholes** were being repaired.

#### 9.5. Dog Fouling –

9.5.1. Installation date for the new dog bin was awaited.

9.6. **Village Hall** – Nothing new.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE** – other than via email – None.

### 11. COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS

11.1. **Councillors** – none.

11.2. **Residents** – Mr Nigel Willard enquired after the Dove House Mews exit 'white-lines', and possible extension of the zigzag lines outside of the school to the main road.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday July 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room.

*The meeting closed at 8.55pm*

*signed*

*date*