

# STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## **Draft MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday December 17th 2018 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room**

**Present:** Cllrs C. Letts (in the Chair), L Freeman, D. Warren, N Lovell; Mr A Patel Flood and Water Management Officer, MKC; Ward Cllr Andrew Geary. 4 members of the public.  
Clerk Mr J. Vischer.

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr I Allen
2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** – None
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – November 2018
  - 3.1. The minutes were duly approved and signed. Proposer: N Lovell, seconder I Freeman; unanimous.
  - 3.2. **MATTERS ARISING**
    - 3.2.1. Poppy Wreath donation – it was agreed to donate £40 to the British Legion.
    - 3.2.2. Letters to Clean-up Group benefactors – the two letters had been sent.
    - 3.2.3. Ditch behind tennis courts – update awaited from Cllr Allen
    - 3.2.4. [Flood-retaining bund damage repair - planned for April 2019]
4. **VILLAGE PLAYGROUND** – Ellie Sapwell reported via the Chair that £2,250 had now been raised. Grant replies were awaited. Cllr Warren pointed that further donations may be obtained if the fundraisers presented the possibility of accepting cheques. Chair to pass on. **CL**
5. **VILLAGE FLOODING**
  - 5.1. The MKC Report was not yet published on the website. The flood officer had not responded with an update regarding the need for regular annual maintenance work of ditch-clearing and balancing ponds. Ward Cllr A Geary offered to chase-up. **WD CLLR AG**
  - 5.2. Report of Flood Working Group – update awaited from Cllr Allen regarding whether the SGPC Report had been completed as planned before the Christmas break.
  - 5.3. Gully clearance - Cllr Lovell reported that further quotes were awaited. **NL**
6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)** –
  - 6.1. Update awaited from Cllr Allen [Public meeting to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019].
7. **FINANCE**
  - 7.1. **Payments (gross) for September & balance** –  
Payments: Clerk's salary £257.90; Electricity (Reading Room) £94.53; admin/expenses £14.56; PAYE (3rdQtr) 209.60; Electricity (Reading Room) £159.28; Councillor expenses (bulbs) £58.89; British Legion (wreath) £40.00.  
**Available to spend** at 31<sup>st</sup> October: £10,033.  
The financial statements were approved. Proposer: L Freeman, seconder D Warren; unanimous.
8. **PLANNING**
  - 8.1. **Previous Planning Applications** – 18/02343/FUL 9 Town End Crescent Stoke Goldington, Erection of a detached two storey dwelling house and associated works. *Application withdrawn*  
18/02370/FUL 3 George Inn Place Stoke Goldington, Change of use of barn to provide one residential dwelling and associated garage, parking and garden areas. *Permitted*  
18/02526/LBC & 18/02525/FUL, 56 - 58 High Street Stoke Goldington. Erection of a dwarf stone wall (approximately 70cm in height) enclosing a small section of garden at the rear of the property to create a courtyard. *Permitted*  
18/02757/FUL, 9 Town End Crescent Stoke Goldington. Erection of a detached 2 storey dwelling house and associated works. *Pending*
  - 8.2. **New Planning Applications** – 18/02819/LBC & 18/02818/FUL Salisburys 50 High Street Stoke Goldington, Listed building consent to provide a flood gate, flood protection wall, demolish the small utility room and rebuild in stone, and provide flood protection measures to the new Utility Room. No objections.  
18/02842/LBC & 18/02841/FUL 68 High Street Stoke Goldington, Repair and extension of existing front stone wall to property at existing height. Construction of dwarf wall (under 90cm) in front garden of property and a further dwarf wall to two sides of the driveway. No objections.

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18/02850/LBC 56 - 58 High Street Stoke Goldington, Listed building consent for the replacement of an external door at the rear of the property. Fitting of a timber window in the top part of the opening and fill the bottom part of the opening in rubble stone. No objections.

### 9. **SUB COMMITTEES:**

9.1. **Guntrip Trust** – Christmas pay-out has been delivered. A replacement member of the committee representing SGPC was required. Cllr Freeman was duly elected. Proposer: C Letts, seconder N Lovell; unanimous.

9.2. **Reading Room** - Update awaited from Cllr Allen

9.3. **Recreation Ground/Highways** – the Clerk introduced a new Log of all Environmental Issues affecting the parish. This was made-up of ongoing, already reported matters and the list, including photographs, created by the Clean-up group, courtesy of Cathy Williscroft. There were 26 entries, of which the 6 new Highways matters had been reported to MKC. The following issues were discussed:

9.3.1. Dove House Mews exit 'white-lines' – Ward Cllr Green had emailed the Clerk a link to an online MKC form. This was about to be submitted. [*post-meeting note*: the form was submitted the day after the meeting, December 18<sup>th</sup>]

9.3.2. B526 to Gayhurst road surface, FS92849462 – the standard response had been received from MKC that the "repair is not a priority". The Chair had telephoned Highways to request a site visit to no avail. It was noted that a temporary 'danger of skidding' warning sign had been erected on the roadside leaving the village.

9.3.3. Roadside 'sharp bend' bollards - the standard response had been received from MKC that the "repair is not a priority". It was agreed to research prices for replacement bollards. **CL**

9.3.4. Drain on bend (B526) - FS69714898 – this matter had been outstanding since March. Ward Cllr Geary agreed to take up the issue with MKC officers.

9.3.5. Tree/hedge surgery quotes (the Rectory tree, Maltings Close, Mt. Pleasant hedge) – Cllr Lovell had spoken at length with a tree surgeon who had made useful recommendations only pruning back part of the hedge and the need for traffic control for the tree surgery. The quotation was awaited.

9.3.6. Dag Lane branches: FS92487873 – the main leaning branch had been removed, clearing-up of smaller branches still outstanding.

9.3.7. Several overgrowing hedges/shrubs – It was agreed that the Clerk circulate a draft letter requesting residents to carry out the necessary work. Once approved, Cathy Williscroft volunteered to hand deliver.

9.4. **Dog Fouling** - The new bin was in place.

9.5. **Village Hall** – dilapidated grit bin, FS96010412. The Chair confirmed that the Village Hall committee were planning to replace the old bin and use the grit on the car park in icy weather.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE** – other than via email – MK Council Christmas card to SGPC.

### 11. **COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS**

11.1. **Councillors** – Cllr Letts reported that a group who wished to set up a Vintage Car Club had approached him. They would potentially display the vehicles on the Recreation Field perhaps at the Summer Fair. Cllrs supported the initiative.

11.2. **Residents** – N. Willard reported that plans were being made to resurrect the Cricket Club. This would require some changes to the Recreation Field. Cllrs supported the initiative.

11.3. C. Williscroft had been informed by the Clerk that the order for the litter-picking kits, via the MKC Clean-Up Fund, had been accepted and enquired as to how these might be loaned out. Councillors suggested that enthusiastic litter-picking residents should keep a kit at home.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019** at 7.30pm in the Reading Room.

*The meeting closed at 8.40pm*

*signed*

*date*