

STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday January 21st 2019 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room

Present: Cllrs C. Letts (in the Chair), L Freeman, D. Warren, I Allen; 7 members of the public.
Clerk Mr J. Vischer.

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr N Lovell.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** – None
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING and Matters Arising** other than those below –
 - 3.1. The December 2018 minutes were duly approved and signed. Proposer: Cllr Allen, seconder Cllr Freeman; unanimous.
 - 3.2. **MATTERS ARISING** – in view of the cutting of the hedgerow outside Springbank Court by MKC it was agreed to authorise the remaining tree work as proposed at the last meeting. Proposer: Cllr Allen, seconder Cllr Freeman; unanimous. **NL**
4. **VILLAGE PLAYGROUND** – Ellie Sapwell reported that £3,817 had now been raised. This included £1,500 from the MK Community Fund. She proposed to purchase the first piece of play equipment for the playground, a basket swing. Councillors approved this. She confirmed that she had obtained 4 quotations and that the MK officer for playgrounds had added his approval. Maintenance duties would be incorporated into the MKC schedule. **CLK**
5. **VILLAGE FLOODING**
 - 5.1. It was noted that MKC had done nothing by way of ensuring that the next heavy rain would not bring a repeat of the flooding. The MKC Report was still not yet published on the website, although it had been revealed that this would not discuss flood mitigation measures. No update from Ward Cllr A Geary regarding the need for regular annual maintenance work of ditch-clearing and balancing ponds. Clerk to chase. **CLK/WD CLLR AG**
 - 5.2. Report of Flood Working Group – Cllr Allen reported that the (approx.) 50 replies had been analysed but due to illness the SGPC Report was not finalised. Any further reports would be welcomed. **IA**
 - 5.3. Gully clearance – it was agreed to accept the day rate quote received to empty all the gullies in the village on the assumption of one day and a half's work. Cllr Lovell to instruct contractor. **NL**
6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)** – the Open Day on Saturday 26th January, to be held at the Village Hall, would provide residents with an insight into where things stood. The first of the parish-wide consultations is planned for mid-February. **IA**
7. **DEVOLVED LANDSCAPE SERVICES** – the Clerk reported back on the afternoon's MKC workshop. Councillors needed to decide whether they wished to pursue the taking on of the MKC landscaping responsibilities as contractual details were now being worked out. Final signing would not take place until just before implementation in April 2020 but a declaration of firm intent would be presented for signing in October 2019. Councillors confirmed their intention to continue with negotiations. Clerk would circulate a written report of the workshop. **CLK**
8. **ENVIRONMENT LOG** – the Clerk presented the second edition with the latest updates; the twenty-nine items were gone through. Four items had been completed. Cathy Williscroft, who had also reported all the damaged road signs, volunteered to report them once again as MKC had declared that none were damaged seriously enough to warrant repair or replacement. Cllr Allen to pursue ditch by the tennis courts investigation and report back. The reported slippery road surface section of the B526 was due to be re-surfaced next month. The Chair and Cllr Lovell to investigate the status of the post & rail and picket fence at the back of the Old Rectory. The Chair agreed to issue to two new letters to the other Town End properties regarding overgrowing shrubs. **IA/CL/NL**
9. **FINANCE**
 - 9.1. **Payments (gross) & balance** –
Payments: Clerk's salary £322.53; Electricity (Reading Room) £236.90; admin/expenses £16.67;
Councillor expenses (Reading Room and Neighbourhood Plan) £46.64; Water (Reading Room) £79.06.
Available to spend at 31st December 2018: £9,626.

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The financial statements were approved. Proposer: Cllr Warren, seconder Cllr Freeman; unanimous.

9.2. Budget 2019-2020 approval – The budget figures (£24,615 total annual expenditure) were duly approved. Proposer: Cllr Freeman, seconder Cllr Warren; unanimous.

9.3. Precept 2019-2020 approval - The precept figures representing an 18% rise (£8.50 per annum per Band D property) were duly approved. Proposer: Cllr Freeman, seconder Cllr Warren; unanimous.

10. PLANNING

10.1. Previous Planning Applications

18/02757/FUL, 9 Town End Crescent Stoke Goldington. Erection of a detached 2 storey dwelling house and associated works. *Permitted*

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. *Pending*

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. *Pending*

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. *Pending*

10.2. New Planning Applications – None.

11. SUB COMMITTEES:

11.1. Guntrip Trust – Nothing to report

11.2. Reading Room - Cllr Allen reported that loft insulation; shed; curtain lining; and further archiving remain ongoing. The latest invoices had been sent out.

11.3. Recreation Ground/Highways – Cllrs Letts and Freeman reported that the two new VAS had still not been installed. Clerk to chase. **CLK**

11.4. Dog Fouling – Reports had been received of deposits both on the recreation field and High St. Cllrs Warren and Freeman agreed to investigate. **DW/LF**

11.5. Village Hall – the Chair and Cllr Lovell had attended the most recent Committee meeting.

12. CORRESPONDENCE – other than via email – SLCC Clerk's Quarterly.

13. COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS

13.1. Councillors – Cllr Letts reported the return of the potholes in Purse Lane. Clerk to report. **CLK**

13.2. Residents – A resident expressed his dismay at the lack of response from MKC regarding flood prevention. It was agreed to contact Mark Lancaster MP and invite the Flood and Water Management officer to the next meeting. **CLK**

13.3. A resident complained that there would be no bus service during the working day for the upcoming road works. It was not clear as to whether the buses would use the alternative route.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – **Monday 18th February 2019** at 7.30pm in the Reading Room.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

signed

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