

STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday February 18th 2019 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room

Present: Cllrs C. Letts (in the Chair), L Freeman, D. Warren, I Allen, N Lovell; 6 members of the public. Ward Cllr W. Green.

Clerk Mr J. Vischer

1. **APOLOGIES** – None.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** – None.
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING and Matters Arising** other than those below –
 - 3.1. The January 2019 minutes were duly approved and signed. Proposer: Cllr Lovell, seconder Cllr Allen; unanimous.
 - 3.2. **MATTERS ARISING** – None.
4. **VILLAGE PLAYGROUND** – Ellie Sapwell reported that the Basket Swing had been installed today. Over £4,000 had now been raised. A cleaning and re-painting session had been planned for March 3rd in the playground.
5. **VILLAGE FLOODING**
 - 5.1. The MKC Report had been published today, along with a pamphlet on how Parish Councils could help. A copy of the Report is posted on the SGPC website,
 - 5.2. The Flood and Water Management officer had not responded to an invitation to this meeting.
 - 5.3. The Clerk had contacted Mark Lancaster MP who had replied to say that “Although this is directly the responsibility and remit of the local authority we are always happy to raise such concerns on behalf of residents, as is evidenced by existing defences. We will pass this on the MKC for you immediately requesting immediate attention”.
 - 5.4. Stoke Goldington Parish Council (SGPC) Report of Flood Working Group – Cllr Allen reported that in the light of the newly released MKC Report the SGPC Report may become more of a recommendations paper. The SGPC Report would still serve as a chronicle of events for future reference. It was hoped that ‘flood risk’ might qualify for a secondary Neighbourhood Plan grant designed for exceptional conditions; this could be used to pay for professional assistance. Cllr Allen to investigate. **WGRP**
6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)** – the Open Day on Saturday 26th January had been well-attended with over 80 visitors. Useful information had been collected regarding the nature of the upcoming village consultation. The date for the first of these had not yet been set. **WGRP**
7. **ENVIRONMENT LOG** – the Chair ran through the fourth edition:
 - 7.1. Of the thirty-one items six had been completed.
 - 7.2. Cllr Warren agreed to visit 10 Mount Pleasant. **DW**
 - 7.3. The corner property as you enter Town End Crescent and head left is to be checked. **CLLRS**
 - 7.4. The tree surgeon had been given the go-ahead (the Rectory tree and Malting Close trees).
 - 7.5. The gully-clearance operation is due to take place next week.
 - 7.6. Area opposite the Reading Room: Cathy Williscroft & crew had tidied this up, and the remaining bulbs had been planted. It was agreed to reduce the number of beds to two and grass over the third. Cathy Williscroft to purchase more bulbs & some plants. The area to be maintained by Cathy Williscroft & crew.
8. **ANNUAL MEETING** – As it was election year it was agreed to hold the Parish Annual Meeting, hosted by SGPC, before the start of the April Parish Council meeting, the last for this Council. Cllr Allen to invite reports from the community. Clerk to request presence of beat officer. **IA/CLK**
9. **FINANCE**
 - 9.1. **Payments (gross) & balance** –
Payments: Clerk’s salary £302.72; Electricity (Reading Room) £241.43; admin/expenses £8.27; bin emptying and new bin (annual) £1,340.40; Cleaning (Reading Room) £22.00; new play equipment (basket swing) £3,120.
Available to spend at 31st January 2019: £7,676.
The financial statements were approved. Proposer: Cllr Allen, seconder Cllr Warren; unanimous.
10. **PLANNING**
 - 10.1. **Previous Planning Applications**
18/02819/LBC & 18/02818/FUL Salisburys 50 High Street Stoke Goldington, Listed building consent to provide a

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flood gate, flood protection wall, demolish the small utility room and rebuild in stone, and provide flood protection measures to the new Utility Room. *Permitted*

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. *Application Withdrawn*

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. *Permitted*

10.2. New Planning Applications –

19/00112/PNHSE 24 Malting Close, Prior notification for a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 5.9m from the rear wall of the existing dwelling with a maximum ridge height of 4m and a maximum eaves height of 2.49m. It was agreed to call a site visit with MKC. **CLK**

19/00147/FUL & 19/00148/LBC East Town Farm House 46 High Street, Renovation of outbuilding and relocation of oil tank. No objections.

19/00228/PANOTH Church Farm Church Lane, Prior notification for a proposed agricultural building.

19/00236/FUL & 19/00237/LBC 68 High Street, Repairs to 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.

11. SUB COMMITTEES:

11.1. Guntrip Trust – Due to a resignation a vacancy had occurred in the important role of Secretary/Treasurer. Elections for the post would be held in May.

11.2. Reading Room –

11.2.1. Cllr Allen reported that a new cleaner had been appointed.

11.2.2. Cllr Allen had begun going through the shed and taking some items away.

11.2.3. Loft insulation, curtain lining, and further archiving remain ongoing.

11.3. Recreation Ground/Highways –

11.3.1. Drug dealing – a resident had found discarded drug-use paraphernalia in the Village Hall car park over the last two months. The police had offered an inadequate response to the report. It was agreed that a simple solution would be to shut and lock the gate when not in use. Cllr Letts to liaise with Village Hall Committee. Reference to be made in the next Gate Group News article. **CL**

11.3.2. The two new VAS had still not been installed. The response received by the Clerk suggested the MKC officer in charge had not been advised by the Income department that payment had been made. He promised swift action. Clerk to pursue. **CLK**

11.4. Dog Fouling – Reports had been received of deposits on Dag Lane. New signs to be put up. A resident had put up signs on Mount Pleasant opposite the allotments. **LF**

11.5. Village Hall – the AGM was planned for 15th March. Curtains and kitchen units to be replaced. Tennis court to be refurbished.

12. CORRESPONDENCE – other than via email – none.

13. COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS

13.1. Councillors –

13.1.1. Cllr Allen reminded councillors of the MK Futures 2050 Report concerning future development throughout the Borough.

13.1.2. Cllr Warren complained of the unnecessarily long diversion route during the recent road re-surfacing. This was supported both by some residents present and Cllr Freeman. Clerk to report. **CLK**

13.1.3. Cllr Warren reported his lack of success in the repair of streetlight 31 by the car park area in Mount Pleasant in spite of repeated notifications to MKC. Clerk to report. **CLK**

13.2. Residents – None.

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

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

signed

date