

STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs C. Letts (in the Chair), L Freeman, D. Warren, I Allen, N Lovell; 1 member 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 February 2019 minutes were duly approved and signed. Proposer: Cllr Warren seconder Cllr Lovell; unanimous.
 - 3.2. **MATTERS ARISING** – None.
4. **CRICKET CLUB PROPOSAL** – the proposal to allow Horton Cricket Club (HCC) the use of the recreation field to play cricket Home matches, had been circulated. The initiative required that the Club not only reinstate the long-disused cricket pitch but also take on all mowing and marking out activities for the Field. All councillors supported the proposal. The next stage would be to reach agreement on a Memorandum of Understanding between SGPC and HCC. The principle of a peppercorn rent was agreed.
5. **VILLAGE PLAYGROUND** – nothing new to report.
6. **VILLAGE FLOODING**
 - 6.1. The Group had gone through the MKC Flood Report and advised that a useful suggestion from the Report would be the creation of a voluntary post of Flood Warden. The remit would be worked out in detail but councillors agreed to urgently advertise the idea in the imminent edition of the Gate Group News to see if there was any interest.
 - 6.2. Stoke Goldington Parish Council (SGPC) Report – Cllr Allen reported that Andy Dickinson, Highways Client Service Manager, and the officer in charge of the maintenance of the bunds, had agreed to a meeting where all flood matters would be discussed but this was not yet arranged.
 - 6.3. The SGPC initiative to have the gullies emptied (not been done since the summer flood) – the employing of a private contractor had resulted in a rebuke from the same officer as prior permission should have been given by MKC. It was not clear as to whether the operation had been completed by the contractor or had been stopped. Cllr Lovell to investigate. **NL**
7. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)** – two grants were being researched, one for the employment of a consultant and one specifically for ‘secondary’ issues, in SGPC’s case – flooding. The date for the first consultation had not yet been set. **WGRP**
8. **ENVIRONMENT LOG** – the Chair ran through the fourth edition:
 - 8.1. Three items had been completed; two new ones added.
 - 8.2. The Clerk had reported streetlight 31 by the car park area in Mount Pleasant following Cllr Warren’s request at the last meeting. MKC subsequently reported it repaired. Cllr Warren assured councillors that this was not the case. Clerk to arrange an on-site meeting with MKC. **CLK**
 - 8.3. Cllr Warren to visit 10 Mount Pleasant regarding overgrown hedge on footpath. **DW**
 - 8.4. Ward Cllr Green offered to follow-up on 4 Malting Close and the B526 embankment ‘hole’. **WD CLLR**
9. **ANNUAL MEETING** – Report invitations had gone out.
10. **INFORMATION POLICY** – the new Policy was approved. Proposer: Cllr Letts, seconder Cllr Lovell; unanimous.
11. **FINANCE**
 - 11.1. **Payments (gross) & balance** –

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Payments: Clerk's salary £277.71; admin/expenses £13.03; councillor expenses refund (Reading Room & N Plan) £84.29; Cleaning (Reading Room) £46.75; PAYE (4th Qtr) £225.80.

Available to spend at 28th February 2019: £5,265.

The financial statements were approved. Proposer: Cllr Warren, seconder Cllr Lovell; unanimous. As the current account was low a transfer of funds was required. Chair to arrange. **CL/CLK**

12. PLANNING

12.1. Previous 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. *Application withdrawn*

19/00147/FUL & 19/00148/LBC East Town Farm House 46 High Street, Renovation of outbuilding and relocation of oil tank. *Permitted*

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

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. *Pending*

12.2. New Planning Applications –

19/00450/LBC The Cottage 41 High Street Stoke Goldington, Listed building consent to replace existing rotten timber windows & doors to Listed Cottage. No objections.

19/00518/FUL Brook House 24 Malting Close, Single storey rear extension. Comment: 'SGPC would like to draw your attention to the increased flood risk to neighbouring properties if this goes ahead.' **CLK**

13. SUB COMMITTEES:

13.1. **Guntrip Trust** – nothing to report.

13.2. **Reading Room** –

13.2.1. Loft insulation date to be arranged in April. **IA/NL**

13.3. **Recreation Ground/Highways** –

13.3.1. Abandoned car – neither the police nor MKC would take action as the police had noted that the vehicle was both taxed and insured. [*post-meeting note*: the car had gone the day after the meeting]

13.3.2. The two new VAS had still not been installed. The MKC officer cited delays from the supplier. He had also informed the Clerk that a second new post would be required – at no charge to SGPC. The Highways contractor Ringway had been briefed to carry out this work immediately. Clerk to pursue. **CLK**

13.4. **Dog Fouling** – Cllr Freeman reported that three new warning signs had been put up. The issue had also been reported in the upcoming edition of the Gate Group News.

13.5. **Village Hall** – no councillors had been available to attend the AGM on March 15th.

14. **CORRESPONDENCE** – other than via email – none.

15. COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS

15.1. **Councillors** – Cllr Allen enquired as to whether there was any interest in entering this year's Best Kept Village Competition. To be considered at the next meeting.

15.2. **Residents** – None.

16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – **Monday 15th April 2019** at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm
signed

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