

STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday April 15th 2019 following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.45pm in the Reading Room

Present: Cllrs C. Letts (in the Chair), D. Warren, I Allen; 4 members of the public; Ward Cllr A. Geary.
Clerk Mr J. Vischer

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllrs L Freeman, 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 March 2019 minutes were duly approved and signed. Proposer: Cllr Allen, seconder Cllr Warren; unanimous.
 - 3.2. **MATTERS ARISING** – None.
4. **VILLAGE PLAYGROUND** – E. Sapwell had informed the Chair that the sums raised so far now came to £4,873.
The Clerk had been informed that the shortlist for the MKC Community Infrastructure Fund had been made but approval was awaited from MKC Cabinet.
5. **CRICKET CLUB PROPOSAL** – no further developments.
6. **VILLAGE FLOODING**
 - 6.1. Cllr Allen reported that Andy Dickinson, Highways Client Service Manager, had agreed to a meeting on 18th April. Various councillors to attend. The bunds had been checked by MKC in the early Spring.
 - 6.2. Stoke Goldington Parish Council (SGPC) Report – the data had been collected and analysed. Editorial discussion on how best to present the findings was ongoing.
 - 6.3. SGPC initiative to have the gullies emptied – the private contractor was completing the emptying cycle with intermittent visits when possible.
7. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)** – Cllr Allen requested £800 be set aside for the printing of the questionnaires as at present the grant funding application forms were not available online. This was agreed. Proposer: Cllr Allen, seconder Cllr Warren; unanimous. It was planned to circulate the questionnaires towards the end of May. **WGRP**
8. **ENVIRONMENT LOG** – the Chair ran through the fifth edition:
 - 8.1. Two items had been completed; no new ones added.
 - 8.2. The streetlight 31 by the car park area in Mount Pleasant - an on-site meeting requested by the Clerk remained unanswered. Ward Cllr Geary agreed to intervene. **WDCLLR**
 - 8.3. Cllr Warren visit to 10 Mount Pleasant regarding overgrown hedge - still outstanding. **DW**
 - 8.4. B526 embankment 'hole'- filled in.
 - 8.5. Various dilapidated road signs/names – it was agreed to remove these six items as MKC will not repair them following repeated reporting.
 - 8.6. Tree surgery on 4 trees by Maltings Close – still delayed. [*post meeting note*: TPO planning applications put in by the contractor were declared invalid by MKC, 17th April: firstly, only the horse chestnut tree is inside the conservation area; secondly all trees are on land owned by MKC and any work requires their permission – *see below item 9.2*].
9. **FINANCE**
 - 9.1. **Payments (gross) & balance** –
Payments: Clerk's salary £368.25; admin/expenses (including SLCC subscription) £48.25; electricity (Reading Room) £246.40; cleaning (Reading Room) £44.00; Reading Room insurance (annual) £957.40; water (Reading Room) £64.49; PCC grant (annual) £500.00; Gate Group News grant (annual) £300.00; SRW Club grant (annual) £150.00.
Available to spend at 29th March 2019: £6,668 (+ reserves £10,755).
The financial statements were approved. It was agreed to close the reserves held for the defibrillator since 2012 and transfer to Neighbourhood Plan reserves. Proposer: Cllr Warren, seconder Cllr Allen; unanimous.

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10. PLANNING

10.1. Previous Planning Applications

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

Prior approval not required

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. *Permitted*

19/00518/FUL Brook House 24 Malting Close, Single storey rear extension. *Pending*

10.2. New Planning Applications –

19/00636/TCA The Hollow Tree 19 High Street, Notification of intention to reduce a horse chestnut tree by 3m (T1), pollard back to previous pollard a maple tree (T2) and cut to ground level two cyprus trees (T3 and T4). See above: item 7.6.

19/00772/FUL Chestnut Farm Barn 17 Orchard Way, Continuation of an existing 1.52 metre stone wall to hold two 1.52 metre flood gates at front of property after extensive flooding 27th May 2018. No objections.

19/00776/FUL Barn At 3 George Inn Place, Single-storey extension and addition of one window and three roof lights to barn. No objections.

11. SUB COMMITTEES:

11.1. **Guntrip Trust** – Cllr Warren reminded councillors that he and the treasurer would be standing down from the Committee and that the Parish Council must elect three representatives (not necessarily parish councillors). This would be decided at the first meeting of the newly elected Council in May.

11.2. Reading Room –

11.2.1. Loft insulation date yet to be agreed.

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11.2.2. Cllr Allen advised that re-decorating at the rear of the property should be included in the list of jobs.

11.2.3. Shed, curtain-linings, and further archiving still outstanding.

11.3. **Recreation Ground/Highways** – The two new VAS had been installed at the very end of March. Data downloads were a work in progress. [Note: at the Annual meeting PC Dan Smith gave PC Neil Biggs as the contact for VAS data analysis].

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11.4. **Dog Fouling** – A note had been included in the Chair's report in the Gate Group News. More reports regarding the Recreation Field.

11.5. **Village Hall** – work on requirements for the new lease were ongoing.

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12. **CORRESPONDENCE** – other than via email – SLCC Clerk's Quarterly; Seafarers Merchant Seamen fundraising brochure and poster.

13. COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS

13.1. **Councillors** – None

13.2. **Ward Cllrs** – A. Geary reported that Lynn Patey-Smith would be standing down at the upcoming election. The new Conservative candidate would be George Bowyer.

13.3. **Residents** – Cathy Williscroft reminded councillors of the GB Spring Clean day she was holding on 28th April. The SGPC litter-picking kits were currently stored in the Reading Room shed and would be made available.

14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 20th May 2019** following the Annual Meeting of the newly elected Council at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

signed

date