

## STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### **Draft MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday May 20<sup>th</sup> 2019 following the Annual Meeting at 7.40pm in the Reading Room**

**Present:** Newly elected councillors L Freeman, C Letts, N Lovell and C Williscroft. Ward Cllrs: Andrew Geary and George Bowyer; 4 members of the public.

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. April 2019 minutes were duly approved and signed. Proposer: Cllr Letts, seconder Cllr Williscroft; unanimous.
  - 3.2. **MATTERS ARISING** – None.
4. **VILLAGE PLAYGROUND**
  - 4.1. E. Sapwell reported that the bid for the Lottery Grant (£9,120) had been successful. Funds now stood at £15,229.
  - 4.2. It was agreed to purchase the next set of equipment, the Play Towers, for which a 25% deposit payment was required (£2,525+ VAT). Proposer: Cllr Letts, seconder Cllr Lovell; unanimous.
  - 4.3. MKC had requested independent inspection of the Play Towers at SGPC's expense. Both parish councillors and ward councillors queried this as MKC usually carries out such inspections. Ward Cllr Geary offered to contact officer. **AG**
  - 4.4. A volunteer group was being assembled to re-paint the old equipment.
  - 4.5. The flat swing-seats had developed splits. It was agreed to replace the seats through MKC's good offices at SGPC's expense at a modest cost.
  - 4.6. E. Sapwell had noted that the red play-surface will need replacing and the roundabout will need to be refurbished or replaced.
  - 4.7. Full approval for the MKC CIF application was still awaited from MKC. Ward Cllr Geary offered to chase. **AG**
5. **CRICKET CLUB PROPOSAL** – the draft Agreement had been circulated between meetings. It was agreed to approve the Agreement subject to: the insertion of a 'get-out' clause; the sub-committee was to administer the 'effectiveness of the Agreement'; and to confirm it was HHCC's duty to prepare and maintain the entire recreation ground. Final copy to be circulated. Proposer: Cllr Freeman, seconder Cllr Lovell; unanimous. **CL**
6. **VILLAGE FLOODING**
  - 6.1. Councillors had met with Andy Dickinson, Highways Client Service Manager, to discuss the flood prevention works and the maintenance of the bunds on April 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - 6.2. Councillors gratefully accepted Ward Cllr Geary's offer of having a ward councillor present at all Flood Working Group meetings.
  - 6.3. Stoke Goldington Village Report – final copy will be circulated to SGPC.
  - 6.4. SGPC initiative to have the gullies emptied – the private contractor had completed the emptying of the gullies. Future requests for emptying to be sent to MKC, who had promised prompt action.
7. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)** – The Secretary reported that the Group had delayed publication of the questionnaires as the grant funding application forms were now available. These forms were in preparation – to be signed off by SGPC. The questionnaires would be hand-delivered to households around the village once the grant had been agreed.
8. **ENVIRONMENT LOG** – the Chair ran through the sixth edition:
  - 8.1. Three items had been completed; eleven new ones added.
  - 8.2. The streetlight 31 by the car park area in Mount Pleasant - Ward Cllr Geary reported that this was definitely under the jurisdiction of Housing. Clerk to contact Housing. **CLK**
  - 8.3. B526 embankment 'hole'- although filled in, it had reopened. Clerk had re-reported.
  - 8.4. Seven further items (including residents' items) added to the Log at this meeting.

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## 9. FINANCE

### 9.1. Payments (gross) & balance –

Payments: Clerk's salary £294.60; admin/expenses £18.75; Reading Room electricity £202.94; Reading Room cleaning (windows extra) £57.75; Grounds maintenance £299.29; Gully-emptying £1,440.00; New play equipment deposit £3,030.00.

**Available to spend** at 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019: £12,028 (+ reserves £6,175).

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

### 9.2. Internal Audit Report – previously circulated – councillors noted the successful outcome of the Internal Audit. One recommendation regarding the collating of Financial Regulations had been made.

### 9.3. External Audit Report - previously circulated – the Annual Governance Statement 2018-19 and Accounting Statements 2018-19 were duly approved and signed. Proposer: Cllr Letts, seconder Cllr Williscroft; unanimous.

## 10. PLANNING

### 10.1. Previous Planning Applications

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

19/00776/FUL Barn At 3 George Inn Place, Single-storey extension and addition of one window and three rooflights to barn. *Permitted*

### 10.2. New Planning Applications –

19/00942/FUL Bulls Head Barn Eakley Lanes Stoke Goldington, Proposed entrance alterations at Bulls head Barn. No objections.

19/01186/FUL & 19/01186/LBC George Inn Farm 49 High Street Stoke Goldington, Revised openings and replacement doors and windows, reduction of internal levels and new floor with mezzanine level, wood burning stove and new side and rear doors and patio area to the existing outbuilding. No objections.

### 10.3. Other - It had been reported that the houses being built on the old garage forecourt were not being built with local stone, but from stone from further afield. Ward Cllr Geary offered to verify. **AG**

## 11. SUB COMMITTEES:

11.1. **Guntrip Trust** – three representatives had been elected by the Parish Council (*see Annual Meeting minutes*). The complement of trustees was complete.

11.2. **Reading Room** – Cllr Williscroft to liaise with ex-councillor I Allen.

**CLK/CW**

11.3. **Recreation Ground/Highways** – Data downloads were a work in progress.

**LF**

11.4. **Dog Fouling** – Reports tended to be in the same areas and by the same offenders who ignore the signs and do not clean up.

### 11.5. Village Hall

11.5.1. The Veteran Car Rally had been a great success with over 100 cars on show. The weather had been dry. Substantial funds had been raised via the event for the Stoke Goldington Playground charity.

11.5.2. Work on the new lease was ongoing.

**CL**

## 12. CORRESPONDENCE – other than via email – None.

## 13. COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS – (other than Environment issues entered directly to Log)

### 13.1. Councillors

13.1.1. Cllr Williscroft raised the issue of defibrillator maintenance. Nothing had been done since installation (28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2014) both pads and batteries require regular inspection. Information was held in the Reading Room cupboard. Cllr Williscroft offered to take on this role. CW to contact local ambulance service for information.

**CW**

13.1.2. Cllr Williscroft enquired as to a Flag-raising Day. Clerk to enquire.

**CLK**

## 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 in the Reading Room at 7.30pm.

*The meeting closed at 9.25pm*

*signed*

*date*