

# STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday June 17<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room

**Present:** Cllrs L Freeman, C Letts, and C Williscroft. Ward Cllr Andrew Geary; 3 members of the public.  
Clerk Mr J. Vischer

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr N Lovell. These were accepted.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** – None.
3. **CO-OPTION** – the candidate, Mr R Wimmer could not be present at the meeting. His co-option was agreed. Proposer: Cllr Letts, seconder Cllr Freeman, unanimous.
4. **MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING and Matters Arising** other than those below –
  - 4.1. Annual Meeting minutes were duly approved and signed.
  - 4.2. Ordinary May Meeting minutes were duly approved and signed.
  - 4.3. **MATTERS ARISING** – None.
5. **VILLAGE PLAYGROUND**
  - 5.1. E. Sapwell reported that total income now stood at £15,489.
  - 5.2. The balance on the next set of equipment, the Play Towers, would be due next week. Invoice awaited. Cheque to be prepared. **CLK**
  - 5.3. It was agreed to replace the roundabout with the disability-approved type thus making use of the £10,000 disability grant that had been awarded for disability-approved equipment only. This would mean removing the old roundabout rather than renovating it. Proposer: Cllr Letts, seconder Cllr Freeman, unanimous.
  - 5.4. [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] – outstanding. **AG**
  - 5.5. Full approval for the MKC CIF application was still awaited from MKC. [*post-meeting note:* confirmation of approval had been given the day after the meeting]
6. **CRICKET CLUB PROPOSAL** – the final draft Agreement between Horton House Cricket Club (HHCC) and SGPC had been circulated between meetings. This was approved. Proposer: Cllr Letts, seconder Cllr Williscroft, unanimous. Chair to sign with HHCC. **CL**
7. **ENVIRONMENT LOG** – the Chair ran through the seventh edition:
  - 7.1. The streetlight 31 by the car park area in Mount Pleasant - Ward Cllr Geary reported that MKC Housing had informed him that they had an agreement with Public Realm to carry out such maintenance on their behalf. It would appear that the contractor was not aware of such an agreement. Ward Cllr to pursue. **AG**
  - 7.2. One further item (including residents' items) added to the Log at this meeting.
8. **FINANCE**
  - 8.1. **Payments (gross) & balance** –  
Payments: Clerk's salary £294.60; admin/expenses £13.19; Reading Room electricity £104.42; Reading Room cleaning £33.00; Grounds maintenance £299.29; Cllr expenses (Neighbourhood Plan & Reading Room supplies) £58.95; Defibrillator supplies £544.38; PAYE (1<sup>st</sup> Qtr) £239.20.  
**Available to spend** at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019: £7,691 (+ reserves £6,675).  
The financial statements were approved. Proposer: Cllr Letts, seconder Cllr Freeman, unanimous.
9. **PLANNING**
  - 9.1. **Previous** Planning Applications

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

19/00942/FUL Bulls Head Barn Eakley Lanes Stoke Goldington, Proposed entrance alterations at Bulls head Barn. Pending

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. *Pending*

### 9.2. New Planning Applications –

19/01467/CLUE (*For information only*) The Bungalow Purse Lane, Certificate of lawfulness for continued use.

9.3. **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 reported that developers were not at liberty to change the materials but that the problem lay with prior approval of planned materials granted by the planning authority. It was agreed to compose a letter to this effect to the planning authority expressing concern that this loophole should be tightened up. **CLK**

### 10. SUB COMMITTEES:

10.1. **Village Flood Group** – no meeting held since the last SGPC meeting. Meeting planned for 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

10.2. **Neighbourhood Plan Group** – the first support grant has been applied for and approval is expected shortly. The circulation of the first resident consultation will follow.

10.3. **Reading Room** – Cllr Williscroft reported that she was now a key-holder and had asked the previous Reading Room councillor for a list of key-holders. Two items to be added to the to-do list: the external kitchen door lock (jammed) and leaking shed roof. (in addition to: loft insulation, curtain linings, cupboard/archiving). She added that a search through the cupboards had revealed the necessity of a clear-out – old playgroup toys still in the cupboards to be auctioned off by playground charity. Cllr Williscroft offered to be involved in re-decorating the internal walls.

10.4. **Recreation Ground/Highways** – the VAS data downloads could still not be interpreted. Ongoing. Ward Cllr Geary questioned whether the southern VAS was correctly calibrated. Cllr Freeman to contact supplier. **LF**

10.5. **Dog Fouling** – residents present reported recent activity. Ward Cllr Geary reminded councillors of the recent MK-wide Order against dog-fouling being proposed by MKC. A consultation would follow shortly. He confirmed that PCSO's are allowed to enforce it and parish councils may appoint a nominated official to enforce it under the new Order.

10.6. **Village Hall** – nothing new to report.

10.7. **Guntrip Trust** – no meetings.

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

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

12.1. **Defibrillators** - Cllr Williscroft reported back on her defibrillator maintenance survey. New pads and batteries had been ordered after the last meeting, received and installed. A laminated list of information had been created - a copy of which would remain in the Reading Room. South Central Ambulance has noted both the Clerk and herself as 'guardians'. A weekly visual check was recommended, at least monthly if not weekly, to ensure they were in good working order.

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in the Reading Room at 7.30pm.

*The meeting closed at 9.25pm*

*signed*

*date*