

# STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## **Draft MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday July 15<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room**

**Present:** Cllrs L Freeman, C Letts, N. Lovell and C Williscroft. Ward Cllr George Bowyer; 4 members of the public.

Clerk Mr J. Vischer

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr R Wimmer. These were accepted.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** – None.
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING and Matters Arising** other than those below –
  - 3.1. June Meeting minutes were duly approved and signed.
  - 3.2. **MATTERS ARISING** – None.
4. **VILLAGE PLAYGROUND**
  - 4.1. The Play Towers climbing frame had been installed.
  - 4.2. An independent inspection of the Play Towers at SGPC's expense had been carried out. Two minor adjustments had been made.
  - 4.3. £10,000 grant for the disability-approved roundabout had been accepted and should be arriving next month.
  - 4.4. Full approval for the MKC CIF application had been received from MKC. Funds to follow. **CLK**
5. **CRICKET CLUB PROPOSAL** – both parties had signed the final Agreement between Horton House Cricket Club (HHCC) and SGPC.
6. **ENVIRONMENT LOG** – the Chair ran through the eighth edition. 27 active items out of 54 total.
  - 6.1. The streetlight 31 by the car park area in Mount Pleasant - Ward Cllr Geary reported that he had received no consensus from MKC Housing and Public Realm. He had raised the issue with the new Deputy CEO of MKC. **AG**
  - 6.2. Several hedgerow items - It was agreed that an item be added in the Gate Group News regarding 'cutting back burgeoning hedgerows now that the nesting season had passed'. **CL**
7. **FINANCE**
  - 7.1. **Payments (gross) & balance** –  
Payments: Clerk's salary £368.25; Reading Room electricity £81.28; Reading Room cleaning £49.50; Grounds maintenance £299.29; Cllr expenses (Reading Room curtains & Reading Room supplies) £263.94; Play Equipment £9,090.00; Clerk's salary (August) £263.94.  
**Available to spend** at 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019: £5,271 (+ reserves £7,537).  
The financial statements were approved. Proposer: Cllr Williscroft, seconder Cllr Freeman, unanimous.
8. **PLANNING**
  - 8.1. **Previous Planning Applications**  
19/00518/FUL Brook House 24 Malting Close, Single storey rear extension. *Permitted*  
19/00942/FUL Bulls Head Barn Eakley Lanes Stoke Goldington, Proposed entrance alterations at Bulls head Barn. *Permitted*  
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. *Permitted*  
19/01467/CLUE (*For information only*) The Bungalow Purse Lane, Certificate of lawfulness for continued use. *Awaiting Decision*

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8.2. **New Planning Applications** – None.

8.3. **Other** - 17/03258/FUL, 35-39 High St. - houses being built on the old garage forecourt. The Clerk had contacted the planning authority about the problem of the wrong type of stone but the reply merely suggested that a request be submitted for an enforcement enquiry. Clerk to make a formal request based on the point that the planning application had stated 'cropped local stone' not what was being used: i.e. sawn natural stone, which was not local. The appearance was considerably different.

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### 9. **SUB COMMITTEES:**

9.1. **Village Flood Group** – the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 had been attended by Cllr Freeman who reported there were only two other members present. Meetings were scheduled every fortnight but were not being attended. It was agreed to rush an appeal to the Gate News (imminent publication) asking for more volunteers to turn up. Ward Cllr Bowyer would be attending future meetings.

9.2. **Neighbourhood Plan Group** – Cllr Williscroft reported that her first presence at the group meeting showed her that a lot of work had been done on the Plan. There were teething problems with the grant application. The questionnaires would be circulated on a door-to-door basis next week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> July (provisionally).

#### 9.3. **Reading Room** –

9.3.1. **Key-holders** – C. Letts (SGPC), C Williscroft (SGPC), L. Freeman ((SGPC), C. Feasey (SG Association), G. George (Thursday Club), J. Lewington (Bridge Club), D. Jones (electrical contractor & Neighbourhood Plan), J. Smyth (cleaner).

9.3.2. **Curtains** – New curtain material purchased and being prepared. New curtain rails fitted.

9.3.3. **Back yard** (and guttering) – these had been jet-washed by Cllr Williscroft.

9.3.4. **Shed** – it was agreed to dismantle the shed and offer it on the local Facebook Page. It was further agreed to replace it with an outdoor storage box/trunk. Cllr Williscroft to research prices. Proposer: Cllr Williscroft, seconder Cllr Lovell, unanimous.

9.3.5. **Gate posts and steps** outside kitchen and back doors – it was agreed to accept the quotation for installing new posts and a step between the kitchen door and the gate entrance along with a step down for the back door. Proposer: Cllr Williscroft, seconder Cllr Lovell, unanimous.

9.3.6. **Cupboards** - had been cleared-out of old playgroup toys etc. SGPC files to be sorted.

9.3.7. **Decorating walls** – three separate quotes asked for – external, internal room, and internal hall/kitchen.

9.4. **Recreation Ground/Highways** – the VAS data had been successfully downloaded and passed on to Thames Valley Police. Average speeds: (North) 34mph; (South) 36mph; in April, May and June. Highest speeds in those three months were: (North) 65mph; (South) 75mph (at night).

9.5. **Dog Fouling** – residents reported that the dog fouling signs along Dag Lane had been vandalised and removed. Cllr Freeman to source replacements.

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

9.7. **Guntrip Trust** – a new secretary/treasurer had been appointed.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE** – other than via email – None.

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

11.1. **Free Play Sessions on the recreation field** – Play in the Park sessions would take place on 26 July and 30 August.

11.2. **Bus company change** – a resident was concerned that the changeover in bus companies had not been flagged up to users – or SGPC. Clerk to verify.

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12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019** in the Reading Room at 7.30pm.

*The meeting closed at 9.15pm*

*signed*

*date*