

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 14TH April 2014 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room.**Present:** Cllr Trett, (Chair) Cllr Warren Cllr Foxley Cllr Geliher: Cllr McLean (Milton Keynes Council)**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllr Allen**2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:** None**3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS:** Proposed by Cllr Foxley & Seconded by Cllr Geliher Signed by Cllr Trett**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:****Reading Rooms:** - Whilst weather conditions to date have not been ideal for exterior painting the remedial work to the window frames and door is now being completed.**War Memorial:** Confirmation that the pre application form Stoke Goldington has been assessed and is considered suitable for now submitting a full application to the Trust. A lot more detail is required around the history of the memorial, ownership and construction materials used. A second quote for cleaning of the memorial is also required. Cllr Trett will review the information required. The Clerk will investigate a second quote for the restoration work.**5. FINANCE:****Cheques and Balances:** The Bank Balances to date were circulated together with a list of cheques for authorization this month. Cheques detailed below were approved for signature by Cllr Foxley and seconded by Cllr Warren. Cllr Trett signed off the monthly accounts

Payee	Service	Amount	Cheque Number
Mrs. S Kitchen	RR Cleaning	37.50	102106
AH Contracts	Dog Bins	90.38	102107
Warners	Grass Cutting	84.00	102108
HMRC	Tax-Clerk	47.60	102110
Mrs. S Grant	Clerk	190.96	102109
Destroyed Cheque	-	0.00	102111
Zurich Insurance	RR Insurance	842.06	102112
B A L C	Annual Subscription	94.56	102113
	Totals	1387.08	

Two cheques were authorized and signed between meetings by Cllr Foxley and Cllr Geliher: EON £ 156.68 cheque number 102104 & Anglian Water £ 48.21 cheque number 102105. A bank transfer for £1000:00 was signed by Cllr Warren and Cllr Geliher. Total cash held as at 31st March 2014 £11672.70 (this includes £2000:00 held in Reserves). One quarterly invoice for hire of the Reading Room remains outstanding. Hirers are requested to settle invoices promptly. The fee for the Annual Internal Audit was approved.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

13/02413/FUL at Lodge Farm Purse Lane Stoke Goldington. Notified by MKC - Approved with conditions

7. PARISH PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

Milton Keynes Council has sent out three opportunities to apply for Partnership Grants: Clerk to explore the possibility of using the Parish Partnership Fund an alternative should the War Memorial Trust application be unsuccessful.

8. EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE & FIRST AID TRAINING

The Emergency Plan is now complete and will be reviewed again in 24 months time. Verbal Approval for personal contact information contained within the plan has been given to the Chairman. This will be held in confidence by the Parish Council. In the event of a Village Emergency good neighborliness will be relied upon to identify vulnerable residents who may require specialist assistance. Disappointingly there has been no uptake by residents for the offer of free CPR and First Aid Training.

9. NAG SUPPORT/SPEED WATCHES/SID DEPLOYMENT

Cllr Foxley summarized the current position. Milton Keynes Council will now only support Neighborhood Action Group (NAG) meeting where they have been notified on specific Agenda items. Attendance of these meetings does not have to be a Parish Councilor – a volunteer can represent the Parish. The next NAG meeting should be on 8th May 2014. For the foreseeable future the impending Ward changes will not affect which NAG is attended There have been two Village Speed Watch deployments this month. Concerns still apply around the reliability of the equipment and the volunteer resource to undertake these events. SID deployment - there have been **two** training courses covering Working on Heights/ Super User training for the IT skills needed to operate equipment and upload the data, further training dates awaited. Going forward the plan is for the SID's to be in place for five days every two months to gather data on traffic volumes and speeding which should allow

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Thames Valley Police to pinpoint regular offences at specific times of the day. Cllr McLean expressed his disappointment over the time it has taken MKC to have this equipment in place and ready for use by Villages. Approval to purchase the new devices was given in January yet progress to real use has been unacceptably slow.

10. RESIGNATION OF CLERK/WAY FORWARD

The post of Parish Clerk will be advertised. Clerk to explore the timings and costs for an advertisement in the Olney Phone Box. The Parish Council will remain receptive to possibly changing the dates and frequency of future meetings. Clerk to contact Milton Keynes Council to establish if they have any suitable candidates. If anybody wishes to submit an expression of interest in the role please submit this together with a CV to:

stokegoldingtonpc@hotmail.co.uk

SUB COMMITTEES

- a) Neighbourhood Action Group: See agenda item 9
- b) Guntrip Fund: Cheques have been distributed
- c) Reading Room: See Matters Arising: New fire extinguisher now in place. New Parish Council Notice Board has been obtained free of charge.
- d) Recreation Ground/Highways: Pot holes opposite the Reading Rooms have had a temporary repair done with full repair expected within 28 days. The drain on the B526 by the allotments has been cleared. Grass cutting of the recreation ground has commenced. Comments on the poor quality of the first cut have been received. This will be kept in view and any issues reported to the contractors.
- e) Dog Fouling: Nothing to report

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was circulated to Councilors ahead of the meeting. Among this is an update from Milton Keynes Council 'Growing MK' this includes an update on Superfast Broadband. Residents are asked to ensure that they have registered an expression of interest for this is to be made available in Stoke Goldington on the BT Website: www.superfast-openreach.co.uk Other correspondence includes the Mazars Annual Audit return and renewal of the Reading Rooms insurance with Zurich.

12. COUNILLORS AND RESIDENTS ITEMS

The Stoke Goldington Village Fete date has been confirmed as Sunday 29th June. If anybody is interested in helping with this event please contact Dave Chisholm.

The Book of Remembrance is taking shape. Cllr Geliher shared with meeting attendees the work that has taken place to date and how this will be presented.

The Village Hall sign which was damaged in the recent storms has gone missing. If anybody is aware of where this may be please contact Cllr Geliher or any member of the Village Hall Committee.

To prevent any damage to the recently planted tree the residents of the Hollow Tree would like to erect a fence around the area. Further information will be provided at next month's Parish Council meeting.

The Parish Council passed a resolution to hold the **Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 9th June 2014** at 19:00 hours in the Reading Rooms. All Parish Groups/Clubs and Societies are invited to come along and provide an update on activities/membership etc. If you are unable to make the meeting but wish to provide an update please email this to: stokegoldingtonpc@hotmail.co.uk

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12TH May 2014

Meeting closed at 20:50 hour's

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