

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10TH February 2014 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room.**Present:** Cllr Warren (Chair) Cllr Allen Cllr Foxley Cllr Geliher:

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Trett, Cllr McLean (Milton Keynes Council)
2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:** None
3. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS:** Proposed by Cllr Allen & seconded by Cllr Foxley that the minutes of the Meeting held on 6th January 2014 be signed as a true record. Minutes signed by Cllr Warren
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Village Poster: – Now in a publishable format. One alteration to be made before this will be available in Reading Rooms, Parish Council Notice Board, Village Hall, SGPC Website and in the Gate Group News. The Parish Council would like to thank Viv Freeman for her work in pulling this together.

Dog Fouling: - New signs purchased and will be put up around the village over the coming weeks. In response to a complaint we have received about dog fouling Milton Keynes Council have confirmed that they will write to the offending dog owner.

Website Links: - On line links to useful local organizations will be added to the Parish Council website. Reading Rooms Exterior Paint deterioration – Contractor will be reminded that remedial work is required to the window sills and door. This is likely to be completed when weather conditions improve.

War Memorial Restoration – The Parish Council is exploring the opportunity of a 50% grant towards the restoration work required to the War Memorial. Photographs and a pre application form have been sent to War Memorial Trust for consideration.

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 Allen. A Bank Transfer of £1000:00 was authorized.

| Payee | Service | Amount | Cheque Number |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Mrs. S Kitchen | RR Cleaning | £37.50 | 102090 |
| AH Contracts | Dog Bins | £90.38 | 102091 |
| HMRC | Tax-Clerk | £55.60 | 102092 |
| Mrs. S Grant | Clerk | £222.72 | 102093 |
| Yowzer | New Dog Fouling Signs | £189.00 | 102094 |
| MK Fire | Annual Safety Check | £104.70 | 102095 |
| Ian Allen | RR consumables | £6.56 | 102096 |
| | Total | 706.46 | |

Total cash held as at 31st January 2014 £12099.40 (this includes £2000:00 held in Reserves).

6. **Proposal of 2014/2015 Precept** The Parish Council have kept the precept at the same level as last year. This will mean that for 2014/15 we will be running at a small loss and relying on existing funds to maintain Village amenities. The Precept for 2014/2015 was proposed by Cllr Allen and Seconded by Councilor Geliher
7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** None received however it has come to our attention that the Parish Council does not appear to be receiving all planning applications relating to Stoke Goldington. Clerk to chase up as to why this is the case. There are two applications on the Milton Keynes Planning Website that we are now aware of which will be distributed to Councilors for review and comment via email. These are: 14/00147/FUL Construction of a Grain Store at Stoke Lodge Farm & 14/00211/TCA removal of a Cedar Tree at High Jasmine, Mount Pleasant
8. **FLOWER BEDS, GRASS CUTTING/BULB PLANTING** Tenders have been invited for the Village flower beds. Tenders received together with the possibility of planting the area in front of the Village Hall and ground opposite the Malting House with spring bulbs will be discussed at next month's meeting

9. FIRE CHECK AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Annual Fire Check has been completed. An additional Fire Extinguisher is required. Councilors approve the cost of the purchase. Cllr Allen to progress

10. EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE

The Plan is in the process of being updated to reflect up to date contact details and services. Going forward the confidential list of 'vulnerable residents' (those who may need additional help if a Village Emergency arose) is an area the Parish Council would like to up to date. If you or anybody you know feels that they should be included on this list please make the Parish Council aware. We will need a simple disclosure form signed to confirm that the residents agrees to their name being included however the information will remain confidential. In response to the Chairman's update in the Gate Group News we are pleased to have established that we have a qualified First Responder in the Village who has agreed to his contact details being included in the Village Plan. There is also an offer of some free Basic Life Support, CPR and First Aid training open to residents. If you are interested in this opportunity please let the Clerk or any of the Councilors know.

11. SUB COMMITTEES:

- a) **Neighbourhood Action Group** Cllr Foxley attended a meeting on 16th January. Milton Keynes Council has approved the costs for new Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) which will be shared among Villages. These will capture data to enable tracking and trending of speeding motorist throughout the day and enable the Police to plan when to set up future speed controls. More volunteers are needed to enable the Community Speed Watch events to continue. If you are interested in getting involved please let Cllr Foxley know. The next NAG meeting is 13th March.
- b) **Guntrip Fund** Nothing to report
- c) **Reading Room** See Matters Arising and Fire Checks
- d) **Recreation Ground/Highways** Pot holes at the entrance of Malting Close have been repaired. Footpath resurfacing from Westside Farm and around Town End Crescent is progressing. The Village Hall AGM will be held on 17th March 2014. The Parish Council has been asked by MKC if there is any requirement for additional Grit Bins in the Village. We have request two further bins which if successful in our bid would be located near the School and in the Village Hall Car Park.
- e) **Dog Fouling** - See 'Matters Arising'

12. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Correspondence circulated to Councilors ahead of the Parish council meeting. A list of this correspondence was circulated to meeting attendees. Two additional items have been received. 1) Milton Keynes Council is updating their Community Infrastructure information. Clerk will respond with updates and 2) Request from The Parish Church for a donation towards to cost of putting on a Flower Show in June to raise funds for urgently needed maintenance and restoration work to the Church. (some of the work required has already been self funded by the Bell Ringing Group) The Parish Council approved a £50:00 Donation which will be made next month.

13. COUNCILLORS AND RESIDENTS ITEMS

Book of Remembrance: Parish Councilors have expressed support in a personal capacity to join a working party to bring this project to fruition. There is so much excellent information already available within files in the Reading Room Archives and available on National Websites which should prove a good foundation for this initiative. Cllr Geliher will make contact with the Stoke Goldington Association to establish interest and support available. If any residents would like to offer their support for this project please contact the Parish Council – email information below.

Dag Lane – a resident has mentioned to a Councilor flooding in their garden. The resident has been asked to detail this to the Parish Council to enable them to escalate to the appropriate people.

Dag Lane – a resident has now filmed the water overflowing from the new drain inspection cover and will forward this to Mark Bennett at MKC.

Residents report that the Flood Defense work completed along Old Park Farm Track is working well with water flowing well.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING :

Monday 10th March 2014 at 19:30 hours: Reading Rooms Stoke Goldington

Meeting closed at 20:50 hours

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