

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room.**

**Present:** Cllr Trett (Chair) Cllr Warren Cllr Allen Cllr Foxley Cllr Geliher: Cllr McLean (Milton Keynes Council)

1. **APOLOGIES:** None
2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:** None
3. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS:** Proposed by Cllr Foxley & seconded by Cllr Warren that the minutes of the Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013 be signed as a true record. Minutes signed by Cllr Trett
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Village Poster - just one contact to confirm.

Dog Fouling - Cllr Warren and Clerk to contact the submitter of the complaint received last month. New dog fouling signs for the village are being purchased.

Reading Rooms Exterior Paint deterioration – Contractor has visited the site and agreed to address the flaking paint. Given the current weather conditions this work is likely to be undertaken in the spring.

5. **FINANCE:**

**Cheques and Balances:** The Bank Balances to date were circulated together with a list of cheques for authorization this month. Cheques were approved for signature by Cllr Allen and seconded by Cllr Warren

Payee	Service	Amount	Cheque Number
Mrs. S Kitchen	RR Cleaning	£37.50	102084
Eon	RR Electricity	£264.90	102088
AH Contracts	Dog Bins	£112.98	102089
Mrs. S Grant	Clerk	£190.76	102085
HMRC	Tax-Clerk	£47.80	102086
SGVS Ltd	RR consumables	£38.00	102087
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£691.94</b>	

Three cheques from last month remain unbanked totaling £433.44 Total cash held as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013 £12547.34 this includes £2000:00 held in Reserves. Outstanding invoices relating to Reading Room Hire will be chased up by Cllr Allen.

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**13/02448/TCA** Intention to remove 1 X Goats Willow Tree at 3 George Inn Place Stoke Goldington

**13/02455/FUL** Conversion and extension of existing barn into residential dwelling at 3 George Inn Place Stoke Goldington

Councillors' deferred a decision pending a review of further information on Milton Keynes Council Planning Applications website.

7. **WAR MEMORIAL RESTORATION** Cllr Trett read out to the meeting the contents of a formal quote which has been received from HW Mason & Sons detailing the work required to clean the memorial. Cost is: £1500:00 Once the lichen has been removed from the memorial and surrounding posts further work may be needed on the inlaid inscriptions. The expenditure was proposed by Cllr Geliher and seconded by Cllr Allen. Clerk to write to Masons to formally accept the quote for works which will be undertaken in the spring and liaise with the school on the best time for the work to be undertaken as scaffolding will need to be erected around the memorial.
8. **WEBSITE LINKS** The Parish Council Website provides a medium for publishing local information. Cllr Foxley proposed that the website could be extended to include some hyperlinks to other local websites which residents may find useful. Cllr Geliher has agreed to update the Parish Council Website which will also include a copy of the Village Poster giving contact information for local groups and organizations.
9. **EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE** The Parish Council has been reviewing the Stoke Goldington Emergency Plan to ensure the information contained therein is still relevant and up to date. Once this task is complete the Clerk will update the plan. The Parish Council are looking into other ways of supporting the community and would be interested to hear if any residents are interested in attending a first aid course or training to become a 1<sup>st</sup> Responder.

**10. COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN** Current financial constraints preclude any major spend towards enhancing village amenities. The Parish Council will keep in view the contents of the Village Appraisal and as and when circumstances change review what could be considered.

**11. SUB COMMITTEES:**

a) **Neighbourhood Action Group**

The next NAG will be on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in the Reading Rooms Stoke Goldington. All are welcome to attend.

To maintain the current level of Community Speed Watch activity more volunteers will be needed.

b) **Guntrip Fund** Cheques issued. Nothing further to report

c) **Reading Room** Due to declining attendance the Mums and Tots Club has closed

d) **Recreation Ground/Highways** Planning Application for the pre-school to make use of a piece of land behind the Village Hall is in the process of being finalized for submission

e) **Dog Fouling** Milton Keynes Council no longer provides Dog Fouling Signage. New signs will be purchased for the Village confirming the maximum legal fine for not clearing up after you dog as £1000:00. Dog Fouling is again becoming an issue around the village. Please ensure that you clean up after your dog

**12. CORRESPONDENCE:** Correspondence circulated to Councilors ahead of the Parish council meeting. Cllr Trett read out a summary list of all Correspondence received this month

**13. COUNCILLORS AND RESIDENTS ITEMS**

Residents of Dag Lane reported X3 further issues with flooding since Christmas and expressed concerns around the condition of the stone drain and its capacity to cope with recent heavy rainfall. Clerk to escalate to Milton Keynes Council.

There have been four instances of fallen trees along Dag Lane. The Parish Council would like to thank Pat Lever for his help in clearing the trees.

Resident of Ram Alley requested update on Phase 3 of the Flood Alleviation works as further flooding to gardens has been a concern. There is frustration around the need for further ecology reports to be completed before any other action could be taken. Concerns also raised around a blocked culvert which is thought to make flooding in this part of the village worse. The next Milton Keynes project meeting is on the 16<sup>th</sup> January. Clerk to raise these issues with Milton Keynes Council before then requesting a site visit by the Project Team

Attendees at this month's meeting advised that they often found it hard to hear the Parish Council discussions. The Parish Council will rearrange the seating for next month's meeting to see if this helps.

There is a blocked drain on the main road through the village (just in front of the allotments) Clerk to report to Milton Keynes Council

Cllr McLean advised the meeting that in the recent cabinet reshuffle he has picked up new responsibilities for transport and property.

Cllr McLean advised all present to continue to report pot holes, don't assume that they have already been reported! All Category 1 pot holes have now been fixed. Categorization of potholes depends on the depth and breadth of the pothole. A new 10 year road repair program is due to start in April 2014. Cllr McLean reminded the council that he has a ward budget to £1000.00 to award at his discretion to a Parish who wish to progress the procurement of a defibrillator.

Cllr Allen would like to set up a 'Walk the Footpaths' program around Stoke Goldington and would be interested in hearing from anybody who would like to support this initiative. Initial thoughts are that the walks would be the first Sunday of each month and would vary in the degree of time and effort required for each walk.

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING :**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 19:30 hours: Reading Rooms Stoke Goldington**

**Meeting closed at 20:40 hours**