

## STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7<sup>TH</sup> July 2014 at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms.**

**Present:** Cllr. R.Trett, (Chair), Cllr. D. Warren, Cllr. D Geliher, Cllr. I. Allen Cllr. J Green (Milton Keynes Council), clerk Mr J. Vischer. The outgoing clerk Ms. S. Grant + Lynne Walker from Walkers Associates and 1 member of the public.

1. **Apologies** - None
2. **Declarations of Members Interests** - None
3. **Co-opting of new Parish Councillor** – Moved to later in the meeting to allow time for Cllr. Geliher to arrive from the Village Hall meeting.
4. **Minutes of the Last meeting 9 June** – Approved. Proposer Cllr. Allen, Seconder Cllr. Warren. Unanimous. **Minutes of the Annual Meeting 9 June** – Approved. Proposer Cllr. Warren, Seconder Cllr. Allen. Unanimous.
5. **Matters Arising –**
  - a. **Reading Rooms gate and door repairs** – The repair had been carried out by Ted Clark (invoice to follow)
  - b. **The War Memorial grant application** – awaiting outcome of bid to MK Council. If not successful application would be made to the War Memorials Trust.
6. **Finance -**
  - a. **Cheques & Balances** were approved. Proposer Cllr. Allen, Seconder Cllr. Warren. Unanimous.

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Service</u>		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Chq No</u>
Mrs S Kitchen	RR Cleaning	INV 76	37.50	102128
WARNERS	GRASS CUTTING	INV8962,8988,9027	252.00	102129
S Grant	Clerk	Jun-14	190.96	102130
HMRC	Tax (outgoing) Clerk	475/TA56475	47.60	102131
AH Contracts	Dog Bins	INV 7488	90.38	102132
J Vischer	Clerk	Jun-14	160.80	102133
S Grant	Admin - Postage	PPG Letter & Mazars Letter	4.37	102134
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- b. **Bank Mandate** moved to the end of the meeting.
  - c. **E-on Renewal** – It had been established that the discount offer did apply to Parish Councils. Agreed to accept cheaper fixed rate tariff and set up Direct Debit for 4% discount.  
**Clerk**
7. **Planning -**  
**previous -**
  - a. **14/00794/FUL** – Yew Tree Farm change of use agricultural buildings – still pending.
  - b. **14/01227/FUL** – Development of Solar Photovoltaic Farm, NW of Littlewood Farm, Tathall End, Hanslope - still pending.
  - c. **14/01016/FUL** – Allotments – 2m Height reduction of plum tree - no objections received.
  - d. **14/01063/FUL** – Bulls Head Farm, Erection of single pole with in stay for solar farm - still pending.
  - e. **14/01136..38..&..39/FUL** – 10 High St., Various internal finishes etc. - still pending.

**No new applications.**

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- f. **Addersey Farm, Eakley Lanes** - Lynne Walker of Walkers Associates explained that formal planning permission had not yet been submitted because they wished to engage public opinion first. The old house would be demolished. The neighbouring property owners had been approached and no objections had been raised. Drawings sent to the clerk were on display. Councillors agreed to take up the offer of a site visit. This was arranged for the early evening of Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Co-opting of new Parish Councillor (Item 3 above)** – There were two applicants: Mrs. Sue Grant, the previous clerk (present) and Mr. Lee Freeman of 13 Orchard Way (not present). A secret ballot was held. Mrs. Sue Grant was duly elected. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and a copy of the Code of Conduct and a Register of Interests form issued.

### 8. **Sub-committee Reports -**

- a. **Neighbourhood Action Group** – The most recent meeting had not been attended by Cllr. Allen but it was known that a group of residents from the village had attended with regard to the SID's programme.
- b. **Ward Forum** – The clerk had attended this new forum grouping of neighbouring parishes in his position as Haversham-cum-Little Linford Parish Council clerk - they had always attended the previous forum grouping. He thus represented Stoke Goldington as well. The matter of Phase 3 of the Flood Mitigation Scheme had been discussed; it was noted that this phase had been given the go-ahead and works were planned to begin in September, but Ward Councillor Andrew Geary, very much in favour, had expressed his misgivings about complete implementation as this was the most expensive phase. Ward Councillor Jeanette Green explained that the new grouping of the Ward Forum comprised Stoke Goldington, Hanslope, Castlethorpe, Haversham-cum-Little Linford parish councils and N.E. Newport Pagnell ward. The objective to share, discuss and be updated on matters of mutual concern with officers and ward councillors of Milton Keynes Council.
- c. **Guntrip Fund** – nothing to report
- d. **Reading Rooms** – in addition to the repair work (above) the contractor had re-painted the door, door sills and touched-up window sills. Cllr. Allen had also acquired new 'incandescent tubes' for the strip-lighting as two had blown recently. By bulk-buying he had saved a substantial amount on the per item price (25 for £75 instead of £11 each). It was agreed to reimburse him.
- e. **Recreation Ground/Highways** – The Clerk had reported both matters raised at the last meeting to environmental services (30mph signs at the Newport end hidden by shrub overgrowth and the rubbish hanging from a tree at that end of the village) but no update had been received. It was noted that the ascot-rail repair invoice was still outstanding. It was further noted that the landscape contract was due for renewal at the end of the year.
- f. **Dog Fouling** – 15 'deposits' had been spray-paint marked on the pavement of the Field Barn access at the side of Town End Crescent. Cllr. Warren had put up another sign in the area. Please clear up after your dog! No other reports.

### 9. **Correspondence** – had been circulated -

- a. E-on renewal.
- b. My Bucks.
- c. NALC – Financial Briefing.
- d. MKC Resolution of damaged sign that had been reported between meetings.
- e. Electoral Roll update.
- f. Mobile Surgery Information & Poster – Mark Lancaster MP.
- g. Clerks Direct newsletter.
- h. Sainsbury's Proposal for the new store at Olney.

### 10. **Councillors & residents Items -**

- a. **Drain problem** at the bottom of Dag Lane – ongoing – no update from Ward Cllr. A. Geary. It was noted that although a repair had been scheduled for next year (2015) that the matter needed to be attended to before this Winter. **Ward Cllr. J. Green to liaise with officer**

**Mark Bennett.**

- b. **Car park by allotments** – due to new residents with more vehicles the site required demarcation. A site visit would be arranged. **To be brought to the next agenda.**
  - c. **Fete** – Even though the weather had been mixed turn-out was very good and takings had exceeded £2000. The money raised would go towards Village Hall funds. The event would be scheduled again for next year, probably on the last Sunday in June.
  - d. **Meeting dates** - Cllr. Geliher had succeeded in rearranging the Village Hall meeting dates so *the First Monday of the month was duly adopted as the default meeting evening for the Parish Council.*
  - e. **Bank Mandate** - The forms were taken away for completion. **Cllr. Grant / Clerk**
  - f. **NEW – Updated Village Poster** had been sent to the clerk. To forward to Cllr. Geliher for website and Cllr. Allen for lamination and display. **Clerk**
    - ii. It was agreed to send a card of condolences for Kay Armstrong's funeral. **Cllr. Grant**
    - iii. It was noted that the grant offered by the solar farm development for village improvements was still outstanding. Discussion revolved around putting the money towards a locally stored defibrillator. Two residents had received training in their use. **Cllr.Geliher** to pursue
11. **Date of Next Meeting** – A new date had been agreed: 4 August 2014

The meeting closed at 9.05pm