

## STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### **Draft MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday JULY 24th 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs C. Letts (in the Chair), I. Allen, L Freeman, D. Warren.  
13 members of the public. Clerk Mr J. Vischer.

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr N. Lovell; Ward Cllr Andrew Geary.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** on items on the agenda – None
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018
  - 3.1. The minutes were duly approved and signed subject to the amendment of the flood date from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - 3.2. **MATTERS ARISING**
    - 3.2.1. Purse Lane potholes - FS58541788 - still outstanding.
    - 3.2.2. Drain on bend (B526) – FS69714898 - still blocked.
    - 3.2.3. Dove House Mews exit ‘white-lines’ – MKC looking into it.
    - 3.2.4. Extension of the zigzag lines outside of school – it was agreed to reject this proposal on the grounds that it may create more parking problems on the High St.
    - 3.2.5. Flood-retaining bund damage repair (*carry forward*).
4. **VILLAGE FLOODING** –
  - 4.1. Working Group Report – Cllr Allen reported that the Group had met twice since the founding June parish meeting (4<sup>th</sup>). A document on the nature and extent of the flooding would be the main outcome of the Group’s work, supplemented by video and photographic evidence, and overlaid on a map of the village. A questionnaire was being prepared for all residents to respond with their experiences and view of the event. The final document would be sent to MKC and would inform the nascent Neighbourhood Plan. A resident pointed out that there had been no updates offered on the village Facebook page.
  - 4.2. A review of the 2007 flood was suggested and would be undertaken with a view to establishing what action had been promised by MKC and what had been carried through.
  - 4.3. An excavated ‘pond’ on the Bridleway which leads from the end of Dag Lane towards Stoke Park Wood, forming part of the flood defences, was so overgrown and shallow it would have little effect at preventing water surging. Group to report to MKC.
  - 4.4. 17/03145/FUL - the Clerk had written to MKC to reiterate SGPC concerns regarding flood risk at the proposed Westside Lane development (four dwellings).
  - 4.5. It was agreed to invite flood officer(s) to attend the next meeting to report on MKC progress and action as promised to Ward Cllr Geary following the flooding. **WD CLLR/CLK**
5. **VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (VAS)** - (traffic speed monitor) – The MKC officer, in conjunction with Highways contractor Ringway, had responded with a price of £11,392.24, which was well in excess of the price quoted direct from the supplier - £8,010 (ex VAT). Although the former price had included the installation of a second post – SGPC could outsource at a modest cost – it was not stated whether the price included VAT or MKC’s proposed administrative fee of 18%. Ward Cllr Geary had not confirmed whether MKC were happy to waive their fee. It was noted that adding MKC’s fee, then VAT, to the £8,010 figure comes to £11,342.16, very close to the quoted £11,392.24. It was agreed to wait until the end of the month to see if MKC were willing to waive their fee before placing the order. Clerk to confirm the MKC quotation details and reaffirm SGPC’s wish for the MKC fee to be withdrawn or at least reduced. **WD CLLR/CLK**

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### 6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN –

- 6.1. **To agree the Terms and Conditions of the Steering Group** – these were approved subject to three changes – the word ‘parish’ to be used instead of ‘boundary’; the minimum number present at a meeting to be 8 not 10; to state that the Chair had the casting vote in the event of a hung vote.
- 6.2. **To agree to formally to apply to submit a Neighbourhood Plan for the entire Parish.** This was agreed.
- 6.3. The Steering Group planned to meet every fortnight and had met several times over June and July. Minutes/notes awaited.
- 6.4. The Steering Group had decided against the inclusion of Gayhurst due to the extra administrative burden and the prolonging of submission/consultation times. This was agreed by members.
- 6.5. As a new or refurbished website would be timely to include Neighbourhood Plan consultations and news it was agreed that members meet with David Geliher to discuss options.

### 7. FINANCE

#### 7.1. Payments (gross) for June & balance –

Payments: Clerk’s salary (June) - £322.53; RR cleaning (June) - £45.00; Bins emptying (*inv10143*) - £90.38; admin expenses - £49.98; Landscape maintenance (*inv1177*) - £294.00; Electricity (Reading Room) – May: £116.37, June: £68.03; insurance (annual) £937.67\*; HMRC PAYE (1<sup>st</sup> qtr.) £197.40.

**Available to spend** at 29<sup>th</sup> June: £19,654.

\* *this is a re-issuing of the May cheque (never received)*

The financial statements were approved.

- 7.2. The renewal of the electricity contract was due and a quote had been circulated. It was agreed to stay with the current provider. CLK

### 8. PLANNING

#### 8.1. Previous Planning Applications

**17/03145/FUL** Land North of Westside Lane, Minor residential development for 4 detached dwellings with garages (linked to 17/02989/FUL). *Permitted.*

**18/00808/FUL** 31-33 High Street Stoke Goldington, Erection of ancillary outbuilding. *Refused.*

**18/01172/CLUP** Coach And Horses Farm Eakley Lanes, Proposed double garage. *Certificate of Lawfulness approved.*

#### 8.2. New Planning Applications

**18/01245/FUL** 3 George Inn Place, Change of use of barn to provide 1no. residential dwelling and associated garage, parking and garden areas. No objections.

**18/01579/TCA** The Manse Cottage 32 High Street, Notification of intention to remove Goat Willow Tree. No objections.

**18/01655/FUL & 18/01656/LBC** The Manse 34 High Street Renovation of Manse/Chapel building to include new pitched roof and glazed link extension. No objections.

**18/01653/FUL** Bulls Head Barn Eakley Lanes, Proposed two single storey extensions to accommodate sitting room/lounge and oak room (dining area). No objections.

### 9. SUB COMMITTEES:

9.1. **Rural West Liaison Meeting** – meeting due in the autumn.

9.2. **Guntrip Trust** – nothing to report.

9.3. **Reading Room**

9.3.1. **Flood repairs** –

9.3.1.1. The cost of the driers installed to dry the floor will be covered by the insurance.

9.3.1.2. Cllr Allen reported that quotations for the floor repair had been problematic and that the insurers were still waiting for the second quote from him so the claim could be agreed.

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9.3.1.3. It was agreed to see the revealed old floor tiles following the meeting, with a view to renovation.

9.3.1.4. The shed had been partially flooded but Cllr Allen reported that nothing of significant value had been stored there. At the request of the neighbour it was agreed to review the siting of the shed in the back yard.

9.3.1.5. The possibility of flood shutters to protect the front door to be looked into.

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9.3.2. Corner crack in wall - a specialist to be called-out for assessment.

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9.3.3. The annual electricity test had been carried out.

9.3.4. Exterior woodwork – a keen quotation had been received from a well-respected local contractor. It was agreed to accept the quote.

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9.3.5. Further Archiving of files – To be arranged.

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### 9.4. **Recreation Ground/Highways**

9.4.1. Nothing to report.

### 9.5. **Dog Fouling –**

9.5.1. Installation of new dog bin – the contractor had sent a formal letter of resignation, apologising for the abrupt end to the contract (on health grounds). He had proposed a driver who knew the round. The Clerk had had difficulty contacting the driver but he had just today quoted a bin-emptying price which represented a 100% increase. This was deemed unacceptable. Clerk to contact Marcus Young Landscapes Ltd. who had given a quote in the past and was known to other parishes as reliable.

9.6. **Village Hall** – Two classes had had to close but bookings remained sound.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE** – other than via email – Merchant Navy Day flier; Local Clerks and Councils Direct quarterly.

### 11. **COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS**

11.1. **Councillors** – Cllr Warren remarked that the War Memorial flowerbeds seemed less tidy than usual. To be inspected.

#### 11.2. **Residents –**

11.2.1. *Reported in between meetings:* the sign for the church at the top of Orchard Way pointing in the wrong direction (suggesting the church is in Mount Pleasant direction). Clerk had reported to MKC.

11.2.2. The Highways contractor, Ringway, seemed to be “in the habit of littering the roadsides with out-of-date ‘diverted traffic’ or ‘road closed’ etc. signs”. Clerk to report.

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12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday **September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018** at 7.30pm in the Reading Room.

*The meeting closed at 9.05pm*

*signed*

*date*