

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10TH March 2014 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room.**Present:** Cllr Warren (Chair) Cllr Allen Cllr Foxley Cllr Geliher: Cllr McLean (Milton Keynes Council)**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllr Trett,**2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:** None**3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS:** Proposed by Cllr Foxley & Seconded by Cllr Allen that the minutes of the Meeting held on 10th February 2014 be signed as a true record. Minutes signed by Cllr Warren**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:****Village Poster:** Complete and published on the Parish Council Website and on display in the Reading Rooms and Village Hall. Information on the poster will also be published in the Gate Group News.**Dog Fouling:** - New signs installed around the Village.**Website Links:** - Information on local services now included on the Parish Council Website:www.stoke-goldington.org.uk**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.**Milton Keynes Planning Department –** Confirmation that all of the Planning Departments now have the correct notification information for Stoke Goldington Parish Council**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 Geliher and seconded by Cllr Allen

Payee	Service	Amount	Cheque Number
Mrs. S Kitchen	RR Cleaning	£37.50	102097
Ian Allen	Fire Extinguisher for RR	49.92	102098
AH Contracts	Dog Bins	£90.38	102099
St Peters Church SG	S137 Payment Flower Show	£50.00	102100
HMRC	Tax-Clerk	47.60	102101
Mrs. S Grant	Clerk	190.96	102102
Mrs. S Grant	Admin/stamps/ink/paper	53.52	102103
	Totals	519.88	

Total cash held as at 28th February 2014 £12156.78 (this includes £2000:00 held in Reserves). Some quarterly invoices for hire of the Reading Room remain outstanding. Hirers are requested to pay promptly.**6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

14/00254TCA Notice of intention to fell 1X Ash Tree (T1) and pollard to height of the 11-12M one Willow Tree at Old Park Farm – no objections

Confirmation of Planning Permission granted for the Solar Farm at Bulls Head Farm Eakley Lanes with proviso that construction traffic access the site from Junction 15 of the motorway.

Confirmation of Planning Permission granted for the flood defense bund at Ram Alley together with an ecology report on the badger population. There remain some legal issues to be resolved before any work commences.

7. FLOWER BEDS, GRASS CUTTING/BULB PLANTING Two Tenders have been received. Contract has been awarded to RJS. Clerk to write and advise successful and unsuccessful submitters. RJS will be asked to prioritize tidying up of the flower beds in front of the Village Hall. Update awaited from Milton Keynes Council on the positioning of any ground works the Parish Council would need to be aware of to remove shrubs from the parcel of land opposite the Malting House with a view to planting with Spring Bulbs later in the year.**8. FIRE CHECK AND RECOMMENDATIONS** New Fire Regulations require an additional Fire Extinguisher to be installed in the kitchen area of the Reading Rooms This has now been purchased and will be installed as soon as possible. New signage will also be displayed.**9. EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE & FIRST AID TRAINING**

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 keep up to date. If you or anybody you know feels that they should be included on this list please make the Parish Council, any Councilor or the Clerk aware.

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A simple disclosure form signed to confirm that the residents agrees to their name being included however the information will be required. This will remain confidential.

Clerk to research Data Protection requirements. Clerk to contact Milton Keynes Emergency Planning Department to ensure that they are fully engaged in the updated version of the Village Plan

Clerk to finalize updates for Cllr Allen to proof read for continuity.

There remains on 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. Training does not in any way commit anybody to get involved should any emergency occur.

- 10. WAR MEMORIAL & BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:** Cllr Geliher has been researching information and background on Villagers lost in World War 1 which will be included in a Book of Remembrance. Over 100 men from from Stoke Goldington enlisted, potentially there are four additional names to be added to the memorial and one correction may be required.

Further liaison with the Stoke Goldington Association is planned to establish what information is held in the Reading Room archives. Local residents will also be contacted for their experiences of Village life at this time. **War Memorial Restoration:** – Waiting for an update from the War Memorial Trust on the status of the Parish Councils pre-application for a grant. Until this is received no restoration work commence as any grants awarded cannot be paid retrospectively

11. SIDS & EXPENDITURE FOR BRACKETS

Cllr Foxley attended a meeting on 5th March. There has been good progress since with the acquisition of the new Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) which will be shared among Villages. Volunteers will need to complete some training before these can be brought into use. This will include ladder training risk assessment and technical training for a Super User to support the IT components of the equipment. A draft rota for use of the equipment has been circulated. It is envisaged that on average the SID's will be in place for 5 or 6 days in each Village once every two months. Support brackets for the equipment will be included in the Milton Keynes Council supplied kit before Stoke Goldington needs to make a decision on purchasing its own.

12. SUB COMMITTEES:

- a) **Neighbourhood Action Group.** More volunteers to support Community Speed Watch events would enable them to be more reliable. If you are interested in becoming part of this team please contact the Parish Council. The next NAG Meeting is 13th March

- b) **.Guntrip Fund** Nothing to report

- c) **Reading Room** See Matters Arising and Fire Checks: A quote to repair the storm damaged to the Reading Rooms side gate and stone pillar has been received. Cllr Geliher proposed the expenditure and Cllr Foxley Seconded it.

Notice Board: The current Parish Council Notice Board is too small to display agenda and minutes together. Councilors approved expenditure £20:00 to purchase a larger board.

- d) **Recreation Ground/Highways** Footpath resurfacing from Westside Farm and around Town End Crescent is complete **Pot holes** opposite the Reading Rooms have been reported to Milton Keynes Council. Cllr McLean again reinforced the message 'don't assume somebody else has reported it – report it anyway' The more reports for each pot hole the higher up the priority they seem to go..

- e) **Dog Fouling** Please clean up after your dog. If you spot any offenders not doing so and you are able take photographic evidence this could be used by Milton Keynes Council to prosecute. Post for dog waste bin at Town End Crescent repaired.

- 13. CORRESPONDENCE:** Correspondence circulated to Councilors ahead of the Parish council meeting. A list of this correspondence was circulated to meeting attendees.

A resident has written to the Parish Council to ask for help with re establishing a ditch which has over time disappeared from a field behind his property making it vulnerable to flooding. The Parish will write to Milton Keynes Council asking for an assessment of the position and to establish if they are able to liaise with the resident and current land owners on the way forward

14. COUNCILLORS AND RESIDENTS ITEMS

Village Hall Annual General Meeting is Monday 17th March 2014 all welcome to attend. This will be followed by an open meeting to discuss holding a Village Fete to be held on the Recreation Ground in June. The Spring Lunch was a resounding success, many thanks to everybody who help to make the event happen.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 14th April 2014 at 19:30 hours: Reading Rooms Stoke Goldington

Meeting closed at 20:50 hour's

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