

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 12<sup>TH</sup> May 2014 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room.****Present:** Cllr Trett, (Chair) Cllr Warren Cllr Foxley Cllr Geliher: Cllr Allen Cllr McLean (Milton Keynes Council)**1. APOLOGIES:** None**2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:** None**3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS:** Proposed by Cllr Allen and Seconded by Cllr Warren  
Signed by Cllr Trett**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:****Reading Rooms - Door:** Cllr Allen will contact the Contractor for an update on completion of the remedial work.

Gate: The contractor will be contacted again for a start date

**War Memorial Grant** Three quotes for restoration work including method statements have now been received which will be submitted to the War Memorial Trust to enable our grant application to be taken to the next stage. Cllr Trett will review the submission documents to provide where possible further background information around the history of the memorial, building materials used etc. In support of our application for a grant Cllr Geliher will approach the Stoke Goldington Association for permission to research the archives for any historical information held for this monument.**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. Cllr Trett signed off the monthly accounts

Payee	Service	Amount	Cheque Number
Mrs. S Kitchen	RR Cleaning	37.50	102114
AH Contracts	Dog Bins	112.98	102115
Warners	Grass Cutting	168.00	102116
Mrs. S Grant	Clerk	238.60	102117
HMRC	Tax-Clerk	59.60	102118
Olney Phone Box	Clerk Advertisement	90.00	102119
M Malget	Internal Audit	45.00	102120
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>751.60</b>	

Total cash held as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014 £17770.18 (this includes £2000:00 held in Reserves). 2013/14 Draft Accounts have been prepared and will be audited next week. Cllr Trett advised the meeting that as the Parish Council has been running at a deficit which until now has been sustainable as funds were held in reserves. It is likely that for 2014/15 there will need to be an increase to the Parish Precept.

**6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:****14/00704/F/UL** change of use of existing stables from private to commercial use and siting of a temporary log cabin. Land adjacent to Crow Tree Lodge, Eakley Lane: Cllr Trett summarized this application. After hearing comments from the Parish Councillors it was agreed that the Parish Council response would caveat its reply with the following conditions: a) That the temporary granting of the building of a log cabin was conditional for three years only b) The log cabin be occupationally conditioned – i.e. occupied strictly by persons linked to the new business**Informal Application** received from residents of the Hollow Tree, Stoke Goldington to restrict the opportunity for vehicles to use the newly planted tree as a turning/roundabout by erecting a post and chain fence around some of the land at their expense. This area has soft clay pipes under the gravel which are vulnerable should heavy goods vehicles continue to use this area as a turning point. It is believed that the area in front of the Hollow Tree is Common Land as such the Parish Council has no powers to grant this permission. Legislation from Natural England is inconclusive as to the restrictions around Common Land which in the main refer to grazing livestock. Clerk to write to Milton Keynes Council for advice. Clerk to also try and establish if Milton Keynes Council have in the past re-graveled the area. Visually the Parish Council would prefer an Ascot style fence with a pedestrian entry gap.**14/00099/FUL Conditional planning granted:** Village Hall Stoke Goldington for change of use to the area of land at the rear of the Village Hall**7. PARISH CLERK VACCANCY** So far there have been three expressions of interest received for the post of Parish Clerk. Interviews will be held after the closing date of 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2014. Cllr Trett is working to establish the average Clerks hours for similar Parishes

## 8. SUB COMMITTEES

- a) **Neighbourhood Action Group:** Date of the next NAG meeting is 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014. SIDS – no one person is trained on the whole process but there is now a good skills mix among the volunteers to take this initiative forward. In principal the Parish Council has agreed to fund the purchase of two additional mounting brackets for the SID equipment to ensure that the installation of the devices for speed monitoring uses minimum labour. There are two planned SIDs events over the next few weeks which will gather data around the number of drivers speeding and at what times of day. This information will be shared with the Police to enable them to target peak times for speeding offences.
- b) **Guntrip Fund:** Cheques issued.
- c) **Reading Room:** See 'matters arising'. Building survey to establish the condition of the Reading Rooms Roof will be undertaken this year. Rear yard area will be cleared of weeds. Reading Room hire invoices are due to be issued – hirers are asked to ensure prompt payment please!
- d) **Recreation Ground/Highways:** The newly planted Oak tree is looking a little jaded; if the tree does not thrive it will be replaced. The Village Hall sign has now been located. Overgrown footpath / overhanging trees on the footpath alongside The Lamb and leading down to the Recreation Ground are restricting access: Clerk to write to Milton Keynes Council. Cllr Geliher formally requested permission to close of the Recreation Ground for the Village Fete on 29<sup>th</sup> June. A request has also been received to temporarily remove part of the Ascot rail fencing to allow access to some of the stands. This was conditionally approved. Clerk to write to the organizers with the conditions
- e) **Dog Fouling:** Nothing to report

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was circulated to Councilors ahead of the meeting. A list of correspondence received was read out by Cllr Trett.

## 10. COUNILLORS AND RESIDENTS ITEMS

This was the last meeting that our Ward Councillor Keith McLean would be attending. Cllr Trett thanked Cllr McLean for all his hard work and support over the years and wished him well in the future.

Cllr McLean reciprocated his thanks to Stoke Goldington Parish Council and expressed that it had been a pleasure supporting such a pro active and focused Parish. Cllr McLean thanked Cllr Foxley for his commitment to the NAG. Cllr McLean asked everybody to remember to vote for their new Councillors on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Cllr McLean updated the meeting with information on the planned road resurfacing works around Milton Keynes and advised that MKC have appointed a new landscape contractor who will assume responsibilities from November 2014

A resident mentioned a large tree in Malting Close. Cllr Warren advised that this tree was trimmed in 2013 during the Village tree appraisal. The Parish will keep in view the height of the tree when the next survey is completed.

A resident expressed concerns about users of the Reading Rooms not using the correct recycling receptacles. All users are asked to 'do their bit' for the environment and dispose of rubbish in the correct clearly labeled bins

Cllr Warren advised the meeting that he had walked the village recently and deemed it to be in good shape however the recreation ground grass cutting is not up to standard. Clerk to write to the contractors.

**Annual Parish Meeting is on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 19:00 hours in the Reading Rooms.** All Parish Groups/Clubs and Societies are invited to come along and provide an update on activities/membership etc. If you are unable to make the meeting but wish to provide an update please email this to:

[stokegoldingtonpc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stokegoldingtonpc@hotmail.co.uk)

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – following the Annual Parish Meeting

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014 @ 19:35 hours**

**Meeting closed at 21:10 hours**

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