

STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6th October 2014 at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms.

Present: Cllr. R.Trett, (Chair), Cllr. D. Warren, Cllr. S. Grant, Cllr. D Geliher, Cllr. I. Allen, Ward Cllr. A. Geary (Milton Keynes Council), clerk Mr J. Vischer. 3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies** - None
2. **Declarations of Members Interests** – None
3. **Minutes of the Last meeting 1st September** – Approved. Proposer Cllr. Warren, Seconder Cllr. Grant. Unanimous.
4. **Matters Arising** – The Pre-school contract is ready to be signed after circulation by email. Vicky Cartwright to be contacted. **Cllr. Allen**
The Parking Notice for the window of the Reading Rooms was presented. It was agreed to post it tonight. **Cllr. Allen**
West Side Farm ditch – as water is flowing through the culvert under the road the situation is not critical. Cllr. Warren had seen Mrs. Thomas who informed him that the ditch still needs clearing. There had been no further contact from the farm. **Clerk**
The Flood Alleviation programme has been completed. It was noted that the parish council was only informed of progress after contacting MKC when weekly updates had been promised; that both Hanslope and Castlethorpe had received completion notification, when Stoke Goldington had to ask; and that promises to mount warning signs during the works had not been fulfilled. **Clerk**
5. **Finance** -
 - a. **War Memorial grant application.** This had been successful; councillors had been notified between meetings. Cllr. Grant had agreed to initiate the project with HW Masons and monitor progress. The contract had been signed and the contractor hoped to have the works completed before 11th November. However it was noted that the renewal of the lettering had not been included in the quotation as it would be unclear until cleaning was complete how many letters would need renovation. Cllr. Grant was asked to keep councillors abreast of developments.
 - b. **Section 137, Grants** – The budgeted grants for British Legion (£30); Stoke Goldington Parochial Church Council (£500); and Gate Group News (£300) were approved. The remaining grant to the SRW Club was withheld pending the outcome of the Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on 28 October.
 - c. **Cheques & Balances** approved. Proposer Cllr. Allen, Seconder Cllr. Gelliher. Unanimous.

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Amount</u>		<u>Chq No</u>
J VISCHER	CLERK	241.00	September	102145
MAZARS	External Audit	120.00	annual	102146
AH CONTRACTS	DOG BINS	203.36	Aug & Sep	102147
WARNERS	GRASS CUTTING	168.00	September	102148
RJ SHARP	GRASS CUTTING	375.00	1 st of 2	102149
ANGLIAN WATER	RR UTILITY	54.82	3 rd Qtr	102150
S KITCHEN	RR CLEANING	37.50	September	102151
BRITISH LEGION	Grant	30.00	Grant	102152
S G PCC	Grant	500.00	Grant	102153
GATE NEWS	Grant	300.00	Grant	102154
Total for month		2,029.68		

Cheque 102144 had been cancelled.

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Balances

CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE

bal c/f forward c/acct		£4,134.27
Cheques Presented		£4,115.11
Credits Received		£1,512.20
Sub Total	Sub Total	£1,531.36

Current Account Balance 30 September 2014 £1,531.36

BUSINESS SAVER ACCOUNT

31.05.2014	bal c/forward	£14,857.62
02.06.2014	Interest	£1.57
03.09.2014	Transfer	£3,500.00
03.09.2014	Transfer out	-£1,500.00
08.09.2014	Interest	£2.01
17.09.2014	Precept	£5,608.51
<u>BUSINESS SAVER ACCOUNT BALANCE</u>		<u>£22,469.71</u>

TOTAL CASH AT BANK 30th September 2014 £24,001.07

INCLUDES £5500:00 HELD IN RESERVES

6. Planning -

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- a. *14/01227/FUL* – Development of Solar Photovoltaic Farm, Tathall End, Hanslope – this had been granted subject to a soil condition survey.
- b. *14/01561/FUL* – Conversion of single-storey extension of existing barn into residential dwelling. (Re-submission of 13/02455/FUL) 3 George Inn Place, Stoke Goldington. *Refused*

7. Sub-committee Reports -

- a. **Neighbourhood Action Group** – no reply had been received from the Milton Keynes officer in charge of the SID's project, Adrian Carden, to attend a meeting in order to shed light on the comparative significance of the monitoring results, and to establish what if any, action was warranted. **Clerk**
- b. **Ward Forum** – No-one had attended.
- c. **Guntrip Fund** – There had been no trustee meetings.
- d. **Reading Rooms** – The most recent invoices from July to September amounted to over £600, so income was relatively healthy. Cllr. Allen had negotiated a 2 year exemption for a TV licence as the authority was insistent even though no device is used on the premises for watching live TV.
- e. **Recreation Ground/Highways** – Cllr. Grant reported that parking by the recreation ground on Town End Crescent was congested at evening and at weekends with half-on and half-off vehicles straddling the pavement. It was noted that the adjacent garages belonging to MK Council were in a poor state of repair which did not encourage their use. It was agreed to try and establish if any were currently being rented out and to invite MK council to reduce the rent and/or increase lighting to promote their use. Alternatively to demolish them and create a car park might be a more effective solution. In addition the rough track leading to the garages needed remedial work. **Clerk and Ward Cllr. Geary**
- f. **Dog Fouling** – Falling stickers had been pinned up. No new reports.

8. **Correspondence** – a brochure on all office supplies (Lyreco) had been received courtesy of MK Council which should enable Parish Councils to take advantage of bulk purchase discounts. The MK Site Allocation Plan was discussed and consultation leaflets browsed. It was noted that no housing sites were planned in the Parish. Tickford Fields was the nearest site. Ward Cllr. Geary would send more information and it was agreed councillors would discuss the matter further.

9. Councillors & residents Items -

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- a. **Drain at the bottom of Dag Lane** – Ward Cllr. Geary had been told that it had been done but
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councillors disagreed. It turned out that some measuring device had been inserted into the drain to detect the direction of the flow of water when levels rose but no repairs had been carried out. Councillors insisted that the works were urgent and leaving it to next year was not an option. Ward Cllr. Geary agreed to elevate the matter and confer with MK officer Mark Bennett.
Ward Cllr. Geary
- b. **Car park by allotments** – no update. However as MK council had assured councillors that the land was their responsibility it was a question of which department's budget the funds for improvements were to come from.
Clerk and Ward Cllr. Geary to make enquiries.
- c. **NEW** – Cllr. Grant reported that a **cherry tree** in front of the recreation field was hanging over the pavement and needed pruning.
Cllr. Warren to prune
- d. Cllr. Allen reported that **Stoke Water** seemed to have been switched on again and needed investigating as it was unsafe. There were two sources at opposite ends of the village. **Cllr. Allen** to contact Dave Sharp.
- e. Cllr. Allen reported that neighbouring parishes had been in touch regarding the proposed **erection of a wind turbine** within a kilometre of St James' Church, Hanslope and sought councillors support to object to the plan. The matter was discussed in detail and it was agreed unanimously to write and object on the grounds of visual intrusion due to the high visibility of the church's landmark spire across the area, and loss of heritage. Proposed: Cllr. Allen Seconded Cllr. Grant. Ward Cllr. Geary declined to take part in this discussion.
Clerk
- f. Cllr. Geliher reported that the annual **website subscription** would be due shortly, which he offered to pay online, subject to reimbursement. This was agreed.
Cllr. Geliher

10. **Date of Next Meeting** – 3rd November 2014

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

signed

date