

STOKE GOLDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9TH June 2014 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room

Present: Cllr. R.Trett, (Chair), Cllr. D. Warren, Cllr. D Geliher, Cllr. I. Allen Cllr. A. Geary (Milton Keynes Council). The outgoing clerk Ms. S. Grant and the newly appointed clerk Mr J. Vischer.

1. **Apologies** - None
2. **Declarations of Members Interests** - None
3. **Election of -**
 - a. **Chairman for 2014-2015 – Elected Cllr. R. Trett.** Proposer Cllr. Allen, Seconder Cllr. Warren. Unanimous.
 - b. **Vice Chairman for 2014-2015 – Elected Cllr. D. Warren.** Proposer Cllr. Allen, Seconder Cllr. Trett. Unanimous.
 - c. **Representatives on Outside Committees for 2014-2015 –**
 - i. **Neighbourhood Action Group (especially for police liaison) - Elected Cllr. I. Allen.** Proposer Cllr. Trett, Seconder Cllr. Warren. Unanimous.
 - ii. **Guntrip Fund Trustees** – to continue in post: Cllrs. Trett & Warren
4. **Minutes of the Last meeting 12 May** – Approved. Proposer Cllr. Warren, Seconder Cllr. Trett. Unanimous.
5. **Matters Arising –**
 - a. **Reading Rooms gate and door repairs** – The provision of 3 quotes was proving difficult for such a small and specialised job. More suggestions were made. The contractor responsible for the Reading Rooms painting last year has agreed to re paint the door. Work is expected to be completed over the next two weeks.
 - b. **The War Memorial grant application** had been submitted by the outgoing clerk.
6. **Finance -**
 - a. **Cheques & Balances** were approved. Proposer Cllr. Warren, Seconder Cllr. Allen. Unanimous.

Date	Payee	Service	Reference	Amount	Chq No
09.06.2014	Mrs S Kitchen	RR Cleaning	INV 75	37.50	102121
09.06.2014	WARNERS	GRASS CUTTING	INV 8833, 8908 8878	252.00	102122
09.06.2014	S Grant	Clerk	May-14	190.76	102123
09.06.2014	HMRC	Tax Clerk	475/TA56475	47.80	102124
09.06.2014	AH Contracts	Dog Bins	INV 7398	90.38	102125
09.06.2014	Anglian Water	RR Utility Bill	Water Rates	51.36	102126
09.06.2014	Eon	RR Utility Bill	Electricity Bill	190.97	102127
Total for month				860.77	

b. **Receipts & Payments** were signed off.

c. **Annual Return 2013-2014** – The Governance Statement and Return were signed off.

Bank Balance as at 31st May 2014 £17028.50 which includes £2000.00 held in reserves

7. **Planning Applications -**

- a. **Previous - 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. No comments.
- c. **14/01016/FUL** – Allotments – 2m Height reduction of plum tree. No comments.
- d. **14/01063/FUL** – Bulls Head Farm, Erection of single pole with in stay for solar farm. No comments.

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- e. **14/01136..38..&..39/FUL** – 10 High St., Various internal finishes etc. No comments.
- 8. **Co-option** – The Notice of Election expired today, 9 June; no election had been requested. It was agreed to postpone co-opting a new councillor until the next meeting.
- 9. **Vacancy for Parish Clerk** – Five candidates had applied and three were interviewed. Mr Julian Vischer, the successful applicant was welcomed.

10. **Sub-committee Reports -**

- a. **Neighbourhood Action Group** – Discussion revolved around the effectiveness of the new system of loan of the SID's from MKC to neighbouring parishes run by local volunteers. Previous monitoring in Stoke Goldington had shown that the average speed of traffic was 33mph.
- b. **Guntrip Fund** – nothing to report
- c. **Reading Rooms** – apart from the repair work (above) Cllr. Allen had tidied up the garden and cleaned the windows. There were three regular weekly bookings and two regular monthly bookings. A new weekly Yoga Class will be starting up for a run of five weeks. Hire invoices have been sent out. Please settle these promptly
- d. **Recreation Ground/Highways** – a complaint on the quality of the grass verges had been reported. Flowerbeds had been tidied up on the recreation ground. The 30mph signs at the Newport end were now hidden by shrub overgrowth. There was also some rubbish hanging from a tree at that end on the left side of the road. **Action Clerk to report both.**

Note – When the High Street is to be resurfaced a request must be made to ensure the surface is planed so that the road level does not creep any higher.

- e. **Dog Fouling** – Dag Lane continues to experience problems - please continue to clear up after your dog!

11. **Correspondence –**

- a. A renewal of contract letter had been received from E-on. **Clerk to enquire** as to whether the PC could benefit from domestic discounts/offers. A Direct Debit to be set up to qualify for price reduction. **Action Clerks**
- b. New regulations on Energy Performance in Public Buildings did not apply to the Reading Rooms as they were below the threshold floor area.
- c. The erroneous information on the Tennis flyer was a mistake (the PC is not sponsoring the event).
- d. A request to temporarily remove a bollard to make access easier for the upcoming Fete had been agreed.

12. **Councillors & residents Items -**

- a. Drain Problem – ongoing **Action Clerk to write to MKC**
- b. The two new Ward Councillors would find it difficult to attend the PC meetings as there were too many meetings on the same night. After some discussion it was agreed that the meeting night be changed to the first Monday of the month.
- c. Car Park by allotments – consideration needed to be given to the condition of this parking area as it was being used more regularly. To be brought to the next agenda.
- d. Fete meeting dates to be arranged. **Action Outgoing Clerk**

13. **Date of Next Meeting** – A new date had been agreed: 7 July 2014

The meeting closed at 8.45pm