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MINUTES OF THE STOKE POGES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 8.00 P.M. IN THE MAIN HALL AT THE
VILLAGE CENTRE, ROGERS LANE, STOKE POGES

Present:- Cllr K Webber (Chair), Cllr R Aldridge, Cllr J Ball, Cllr Y Ball, Cllr F Bowater, Cllr G Elderfield, Cllr L Gillan and Cllr H Huntley.

In Attendance:- Mrs J Simmonds (Clerk)

Also Present:- Cllr T Egleton, PCSO B Moat, Ms R Moulden (Press), Mr C Schwier (County Highways) and four members of public.

MINUTES

ACTION

071/PC/08 - Public Question Time 8.00pm-8.15pm

Mr Greene from Framewood Road spoke about his concerns with regards to aircraft noise in the village, the aircraft having been flying very low since 3rd May 2008 causing continuous noise over his property leading him to have the house triple glazed. He presented the councillors with data received from BAA which they all agreed to look at and report back their findings at the next meeting.

The other three members of public had attended to listen to the library update.

072/PC/08 - Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr N Arnold, Cllr S Best, Cllr A Day and Cllr G Hardy.

073/PC/08 - Declarations of interest

Members to declare any personal interest in any item of business as defined in the Code of Conduct 2007. If that interest is a prejudicial interest as defined in the Code, the member should withdraw from the meeting for that item.

There were none.

074/PC/08 - Minutes

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th July 2008 which were signed by the Chairman.

075/PC/08 - Library

To discuss recent events regarding the termination of contract with Persimmon.

Cllr Webber updated the committee and members of public on the library situation along with Cllr Egleton. The decision to terminate the library contract was signed by Margaret Dewar on 2nd September 2008. The first Cllr Webber had heard about this was at a meeting with County on 21st August one hour before the decision report was published. This left no time for consultation and the Chairman worked hard to get flyers out to every household asking for their support in objecting in writing to the decision by 1st September. 229 individual letters were sent and received. A meeting was to be held at County on the 10th September calling in the decision to terminate the build contract with Persimmon. where Cllr Webber and Cllr Egleton were hoping to speak. Depending on the outcome of the meeting, a public meeting would be held in the village on Thursday 18th September at 8pm in the Village Centre, to enable Cllr Webber to update the public further.

Petitions had been placed around the village to gain signatures in case the decision was upheld which Cllr Egleton would then present to County.

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076/PC/08 - Police

To receive a report from PC Mike Hillyard (appended) as PC Hillyard on holiday.
PCSO Ben Moat read out the report already attached to the agenda.

077/PC/08 - County Councillors Report

Councillor Egleton to report
Cllr Egleton said that his time had been spend on the library situation which had already been Discussed under item 075.

078/PC/08 - District Councillors Report

There was nothing to report.

079/PC/08 - Chris Schwier -Local Area Co-ordinator - Transportation Chiltern and South Bucks Area Office

To talk about Highways on Call and the Community Gangs.
Mr Schwier gave a detailed explanation about how the community gangs work and how it links in with the 3.25 million pounds which County have to spend over the next three years on highways. He also touched on the patching programme for repairs to road and potholes explaining the different categories of potholes and how they are actioned.

080/PC/08 - Farthing Green Lane

Request for Access Only on this road.
Mr Schwier explained that the work on Farthing Green Lane had now been completed and this had opened up the road making access much better. To close a road for access only would have to go to consultation, and if it was ever decided to go ahead there would be no way of enforcing it, thus making it a waste of time. It was **AGREED** that this would not be a good idea.

081/PC/08 - Finance

- (a) **NOTED** Statement of Accounts Income & Expenditure July & August
- (b) **RESOLVED** to approve list of cheques for signature which were signed and totalled £8843.48 appended
- (c) **RECEIVED & APPROVED** Bank reconciliations which were signed by the Chairman appended.
- (d) **RECEIVED** Budget Monitoring appended.
- (e) **RESOLVED TO APPROVE** to sign the letter from Cater Allen - agreeing to Julie Simmonds Clerk being a general authority to the account.

082/PC/08 - Wyatt Place - Drains/Vision Splay

NOTED that Cllr Webber wrote to Linden Homes regarding the drains, covers and missing pages of the report, but as yet has not received a reply. Mr Montgomery has written twice and has not yet received a reply. The clerk has also written and has been told that the matter is being investigated.

AGREED that the clerk should set up another meeting on site to discuss further.

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083/PC/08 - Resignations/Election

RECEIVED and accepted a letter of resignation from Cllr A Day as Parish Councillor. At this point Cllr F Bowater announced that he would be standing down as Parish Councillor as of tonight retiring from his seat. Cllr Webber **RECEIVED** and accepted Cllr Bowater's resignation. Cllr Webber paid tribute to Cllr Day for giving 17 years service to the Parish Council and to Cllr Bowater for 14 years service. She thanked them both.

Cllr Webber announced that ten letters had been received by District Council from members of the Parish asking for an election for Cllr Rigby's seat. The above two posts would now be advertised as well and if ten letters are received again one election for all three seats would be held on the 16th October 2008. If less than ten were received for the two new seats then co-option could take place for those two seats. An election would only take place if more than three people came forward for the seats.

084/PC/08 - Parish Plan Grants

Letter received from Chief Executive of SBDC Chris Furness (appended) regarding a new Sustainable Community Strategy. Offering grants to help with Parish Plans if required.
RESOLVED TO AGREE to defer this item to the next meeting.

085/PC/08 - Website

Update from Cllr Bowater.

Cllr Bowater updated the committee on a meeting he had held earlier that day with Julian Irvine, Cllr Webber and Mrs Simmonds. Mr Irvine had agreed to continue with the website on a more formal basis working closely with the clerk to keep the website up to date, which would then include agendas and minutes. The discussion suggested £50 per month for three months and then to be reviewed again with Mr Irvine. Additional payment would be required for the migration to .gov.uk Cllr Bowater recommended that 2 or 3 councillors may like to be responsible for keeping an eye on the website and the smooth running of it. It was suggested that they contact the photographic club to get some photographs. Volunteers were asked to come forward to the clerk.

RESOLVED to AGREE to keep Mr Irvine as webmaster and to pay him a regular £50 per month plus additional payment for the setting up of .gov.uk

086/PC/08 - Donation requests

- (1) Letter received from Air Ambulance Berks/Oxon/Bucks asking for a donation. To decide if to give and if so how much. **RESOLVED to agree** to give £50.00
- (2) Request for help with printing Heritage Walk Leaflet £969 for 5000 and £1343 for 10,000. **RESOLVED to agree** to give £50.00

087/PC/08 - Replacement Litter Bins

Letter received from SBDC (appended). SBDC are planning to replace all litter bins within the district and require input. Any objections or suggestions for additional bins to be logged by 9th September.

RESOLVED to agree to scheme.

088/PC/08 - SLCC

Membership Offer. (appended). To waive joining fee if SPPC joins SLCC before 19th September 08.

RESOLVED to agree not to pay for clerk to become member of SLCC.

089/PC/08 Co-option onto Planning Committee

To Agree to co-opt Mr Lee Duncombe onto the Planning Committee, already agreed at the last planning meeting on 18th August 2008.

RESOLVED to agree to co-opt Mr Duncombe onto the Planning Committee.

090/PC/08 - Memorial Service for the late Cllr Lionel Rigby

Cllr Webber updated the committee on the arrangements explaining that she would be at County In the morning fighting to keep the library open. The Tributes were arranged, the school choir would be singing, the order of service sheets would be ready on the 9th and Cllr J Ball offered to collect them from the printers.

091/PC/08 - Reports from Other Committees

- (1) Planning - Cllr Gillan informed the committee that another application had been received from Feltrim.
- (2) R & E - Cllr Best was absent.
- (3) Heritage - Cllr Webber and Cllr Huntley told how successful the Coke memorial was and that Stoke Park were excellent. Thanks were made to Cllr Arnold for organising the event and who was unfortunately unwell and unable to attend, the organisation was second to none.

092/PC/08 - Correspondence received by clerk but not on agenda.

- (a) **NOTED** SBDC - Chairman's Community & Volunteering Award 2008
- (b) **NOTED** BCC - The New Deal for Buckinghamshire
- (c) **NOTED** SBDC - Enforcement Officers Area of Responsibility
- (d) **NOTED** SBDC - Greg O'Brien email inviting a representative to attend a meeting on 23rd September at 6pm to listen to an address being given by Chief Constable Sara Thornton.
- (e) **NOTED** London Borough of Hillingdon - Consultation on the RAF Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) draft for public consultation. 3rd September to 15th October 2008. dvd received. **Cllr Gillan** taken to read and report back at next meeting.

093/PC/08 - Dates of Future Meetings

Heritage Committee - 11th September - Cancelled

NOTED Planning Committee – 15th September

NOTED Parish Council Meeting - 13th October

094/PC/08 - Exclusion of the Press & Public

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the following business because publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

No items for part two.

Meeting ended at 9.50pm.

Signed

Chairman

Dated

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