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MINUTES OF THE STOKE POGES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2008 AT 8.00 P.M. IN THE LIONEL RIGBY ROOM AT THE VILLAGE CENTRE, ROGERS LANE, STOKE POGES

Present:- Cllr K Webber (Chair), Cllr R Aldridge, Cllr N Arnold, Cllr J Ball, Cllr S Best, Cllr L Gillan, Cllr G Hardy.

Absent: Cllr G Elderfield

In Attendance:- Mrs J Simmonds (Clerk)

Also Present:- Sgt D Bryan, Mr Green, Ms L Franke

MINUTES

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

Mr Green who handed out aircraft movement packs to all councillors at the last meeting explained that he had spoken with MP Dominic Grieve, who thinks that the aircraft are flying low to save fuel. Mr Green could smell aviation fuel on Sunday last which was a very foggy day. Cllr Hardy had also written to MP Dominic Grieve and had been given the same response. Cllr Hardy has now written to the Bucks Free Press. It was agreed to keep pressure on BAA and Environmental Health. Cllr Hardy agreed to write to David Gilmour head of Environmental Health at SBDC.

096/PC/08 - Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from: - Cllr H Huntley, Cllr Y Ball, Cllr G Elderfield and County Councillor T Egleton.

097/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.

098/PC/08 - Minutes

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 8th September 2008

099/PC/08 - Aircraft Noise

Reports back from councillors after reading report circulated at last meeting by Mr Green. Already covered under item 095.

100/PC/08 - Police

To receive a report from PCSO Ben Moat
Sgt D Bryan apologised that there were no crime figures to give out and that they would be emailed to the clerk in time to attach them to the minutes. He said that the figures were not good and that car crime was on the increase. All of his team are now trained to use the Number Plate Recognition system which is now in process, which should help with the car crimes figures. There will be a marked increase in police officers in the area in the coming weeks. During Halloween and Firework night every officer will be working from 4pm-2am every night to be available if needed. PC M Hillyard has now left and a replacement should be in office by the

ACTION

Cllr Hardy

3rd week in November. A new PCSO will be starting at Denham on 27th October who will also cover Stoke Poges some of the time, Sgt Bryan has stolen a PCSO from GX for the next four weeks and a new PCSO for Stoke Poges called Steven Beck will be starting in November. By the end of November our cover will be up to full strength.

ACTION

101/PC/08 - County Councillors Report

Councillor Egleton to report

Cllr Egleton was unable to attend this meeting as he was attending a Pathfinder meeting elsewhere. He was asked to ask the question: - Was the closure of the library in the spirit of pathfinder?

102/PC/08 - District Councillors Report

Cllr Webber explained that she had not been happy with the way planning had been making decisions on certain applications. (1) If officers are deciding applications on properties owned by SBDC is this not a conflict of interest?. (2) If an application attracts 10 letters from residents and is then withdrawn but re-submitted quickly, this second application should go to committee rather than be determined by delegated authority. The public are still likely to be concerned even if the new application has no contentious elements in it. (3) Should applications for listed buildings and buildings in the conservation area automatically be put before committee?

The answers she received for all three from Roger Reed were no, no and no. Mr Reed did say however that these questions had triggered discussions with the planning officers, and they had learned some lessons. Sadly no more will be done.

103/PC/08 - Library

Cllr Webber read out events that had happened since 10/9/08 (appended). We cannot move forward until the letter goes from County to Persimmon which will be the formal notification that they are terminating the agreement with Persimmon to build the library. Until that is received, it is impossible for Persimmon to consider how best to use the space. Cllr Webber is working with residents to complain to the ombudsmen, but first they have to complain to County and wait for their response. That could take 3 months to sort out. Cllr Webber and Cllr Arnold are having a meeting on Friday 17th October with Chalfont St Giles library which was closed by County but they succeeded in presenting a business case for running it as a community library and it is now performing very well. Bucks Free Press have supported Stoke Poges all the way through the campaign and have offered to run blogs on the website, and to train people to upgrade on their website. Cllr Best thanked Cllr Webber for her continuing tireless work on this matter; this was agreed unanimously by the whole council. A letter had been received from Peter Mussett who was asked to attend this meeting but was unable to do so (appended).

104/PC/08 - Finance

- (a) **RECEIVED & NOTED** Statement of Accounts Income & Expenditure September 08
- (b) **RESOLVED** to approve list of cheques for signature which were signed and totalled £7760.06.
- (c) **RECEIVED & APPROVED** bank reconciliations for September 08 which were signed by the Chairman (appended)
- (d) **RECEIVED & NOTED** Budget Monitoring

Clerk

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

Clerk updated committee that she was getting no where trying to arrange a meeting with Linden Homes and that the drain report which was re-sent was exactly the same as the previous one. It was **AGREED** that the clerk should try one more time saying that if no response the matter will be passed into the hands of our solicitor.

106/PC/08 - Election 30th October 2008

Cllr Webber informed the committee that there are seven candidates and showed them a leaflet which they had put together for a joint campaign.

107/PC/08 - Parish Plan Grants

Deferred from last meeting letter received from Chief Executive of SBDC (appended) regarding a new Sustainable Community Strategy. Offering grants to help with Parish Plans if required.

RESOLVED to agree not to work on a new parish plan at present. The current plan was put together in 2005 and needs tweaking but not completely re-doing. Clerk to ask if grant can be extended until new year?

Clerk

108/PC/08 - London Borough of Hillingdon - Consultation on the RAF Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) draft for public consultation. 3rd September to 15th October 2008.

<p>Report back from Cllr Gillan and to agree response. Cllr Gillan has been unwell and had not read document. RESOLVED to agree not to respond.</p>	ACTION
<p>109/PC/08 - Communities and Local Government - Consultation on the Making and Enforcement of Byelaws. Comments by 20th November 2008. Cllr J Ball to read and report back to next meeting.</p>	Cllr J Ball
<p>110/PC/08 - South East England - Consultation Partial Review of the Draft South East Plan - Somewhere to Live Planning for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show People in the South East. Response by 21st November 2008. RESOLVED to agree not to respond and to leave this to the District Council</p>	
<p>111/PC/08 - Slough Borough Council - Early notification of consultation events on development sites in Slough 6 week consultation running at end of October 2008 on potential development sites in Slough up to 2026 - appended. Would we like a short presentation? RESOLVED to agree to ask for presentation at November meeting.</p>	Clerk
<p>112/PC/08 - Buckinghamshire LTP2 Draft Progress Report Consultation Previously circulated on email, comments by 17th October 2008. RESOLVED to agree not to respond.</p>	
<p>113/PC/08 - School Parking To discuss the possibility of allowing the school to use the recreation ground for morning and afternoon parking. Letter read out from Mr Montgomery who lives and access's his driveway from the entrance to The recreation ground (appended). RESOLVED to agree not to offer the recreation ground for parking. Clerk to inform school and Mr Montgomery. Cllr Arnold suggested that the school try to gain use of the old Miles Laboratory site whilst it is being unused. It was also agreed that a notice would go into the next SPN to say that the Parish Council had done all that they could to try to help with this matter but could do no more.</p>	Clerk
<p>114/PC/08 - Liberty Lecture Proceeds. Half of the proceeds will go the Church, to decide which charity or charities will receive the other half. RESOLVED to agree that clerk would find out which charity had the most need for the funds and bring back to the November meeting.</p>	Clerk
<p>115/PC/08 - Christmas and New Year 2008 To discuss and agree closing of the office times between Christmas and New Year RESOLVED to agree that the Parish Office would be closed between Christmas and New Year.</p>	
<p>116/PC/08 - Reports from Other Committees (1) Planning - Nothing to report. (2) R & E - Cllr Best reported that a Mr C Barr had written to him enclosing possible upgrades to Bells Hill Rec. and proposals. Cllr Best also reported that the lock on the hut had been broken but was now repaired. (3) Heritage - Cllr Arnold reported that she was delighted that the Liberty & Law lecture had gone so well, and she was sorry not to be there. Cllr Arnold passed on her sincere thanks to the committee and sub committee members who all rallied round to help organise. Cllr Arnold explained that she is unable to arrange the Carols on the Green this years and suggested that we rest it this year and organise again next year when the green should be available, unless someone else wanted to take over the organisation. RESOLVED to agree to rest for one year.</p>	
<p>117/PC/08 - Correspondence received by clerk but not on agenda. Letter from the Village Centre regarding the cleaning of the centre after hire. The Council do not believe that they have ever left a mess and would consider a few tables not returned exactly to their original places as a part of the hiring fee rather than a matter of an additional cleaning charge. RESOLVED to agree to pay the £25 cleaning charge if we hire a room for a venue which will having food and drink, and to ask for cleaning at the time of the booking. Otherwise if it is just a public meeting we will return the tables and chairs ourselves. Clerk to write to the Village Centre to confirm</p>	Clerk

The clerk had today received a letter from Bucks County Council asking for ideas and schemes to be put forward for the delegated budget 2009/2010. Submissions by 15th December 2008. Agreed to bring back to the November meeting.

118/PC/08 - NOTED Dates of Future Meetings

Planning Committee – 20th October
R & E - 28th October
Parish Council - 10th November

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

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

To **resolve** 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 11.

Meeting ended at 10.00pm

