

# STOKE POGES PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE STOKE POGES PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2008 AT 8.00 P.M. IN 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, Y Ball, Cllr S Best, Cllr G Elderfield, Cllr M Fletcher, Cllr L Franke, Cllr L Gillan, Cllr G Hardy, Cllr H Huntley, Cllr C Thornton.

**In Attendance:** - Mrs J Simmonds (Clerk)

**Also Present:** - Cllr T Egleton, 3 members of public

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### MINUTES

#### 146/PC/08 - Public Question Time 8.00pm-8.15pm

There were three members of public present all wanting to re-raise concerns about the mobile catering van at the Dog & Pot Public House. They informed the Parish Council that it appears that there is no licence in place for a take away outlet. They have policy A3 on their licence which is for restaurants and cafes which eat in, but no policy A5 which is for take away food. There were other problems including lorries which park overnight and the driver apparently sleeping in a shed in the public house garden. Suggestions were made that the catering van would be better moved to the back of the car park for fewer disturbances to the neighbouring properties. Cllr Arnold informed the residents that they need to document evidence to present to SBDC licensing for them to re-look at the present license.

#### 147/PC/08 - Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from the Police

#### 148/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.

Cllr Franke declared a prejudicial interest in item 164

Cllr Thornton declared a personal interest in item 151

#### 149/PC/08 - Minutes

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2008 which were signed by the chairman.

#### 150/PC/08 - Aircraft Noise

Cllr Hardy reported that he had been working with Mr Green, and they had been through the BAA complaints procedure and so far had got nowhere with it. There was no evidence anywhere of a consultation taking place. They had written to MP Dominic Grieve and had no reply. They had contacted the Bucks Free Press who had put something on the website. They wrote to South Bucks District Council and had no reply, and they had written to Cllr Egleton. They both feel like they are hitting their heads against a brick wall, especially as it has been announced that BAA are pushing for 20% more flights. It appears that the local MPs for Uxbridge and Slough are very

Clerk/Cllr  
Hardy

<p>active in this subject and all agreed that our MP should be as well. <b>RESOLVED</b> to agree that the clerk should write to Dominic Grieve from the Parish Council expressing our concerns and asking for help.</p>	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><b>151/PC/08 - The Dog &amp; Pot</b> This was discussed in the public session. <b>RESOLVED</b> to agree that Cllr Thornton will look into The planning issues and help the clerk draft a letter to Stephen Kyle head of planning at SBDC.</p>	Clerk/Cllr Thornton
<p><b>152/PC/08 - Police</b> Apologies were received from the police. Figures were issued to the clerk which were tabled. The clerk was asked to obtain up to date figures from the new PC Louise Sharples and distribute to each councillor as soon as possible.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>153/PC/08 - County Councillors Report</b> Councillor Egleton recommended that we write to David Rowland at County regarding the aircraft noise issue. He is the full time representative on the Heathrow Consultative Committee which meets four times per year. Cllr Egleton had attended one NATS meeting where a slight increase in flights was proposed. He also reported that ARUP were planning a new railway station to be sited somewhere between Iver and Hillingdon which will have 12 platforms and a link to Heathrow. High speed links are planned to the north, the west and to the Continent via Euston and the Channel Tunnel. They estimate 45-50 train movements per hour 24 hours per day. The proposed site is Green Belt and the Colne Valley and together with the Pinewood application Cllr Egleton is concerned that we will lose the Green Belt altogether. Cllr Egleton reported that the budgets are not looking good at BCC and that they are strapped for cash, cuts are being made. Public sectors are being looked at for major changes especially the Fire Brigade which are looking to bring in different shift patterns. A new regional fire control centre for the south east has been delayed from 2010 to 2012. Cllr Arnold asked if BCC would be looking at headcounts, Cllr Egleton said that they are going to have to.</p>	Clerk/Cllr Hardy
<p><b>154/PC/08 - District Councillors Report</b> Cllr Arnold reported that the District Council are knee deep in budgets looking for savings. One change that will be looked into again are car parking charges, and significant increases will be made. Cllr Webber reported that SBDC is debating whether Place Shaping is the way of the future, to produce guidance for local developers and take more control of how the district looks and how it is developed in future. This initiative is at report stage at the moment but is very likely to become policy.</p>	
<p><b>155/PC/08 - Finance</b> (a) Statement of Accounts Income &amp; Expenditure November 08– There were none available due to bank statements not yet received. (b) <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve list of cheques for signature (c) Bank reconciliations November 08 - to early in month to be done. There were none available due to bank statements not yet received. (d) Budget Monitoring - There were none available due to bank statements not yet received.</p>	
<p><b>156/PC/08 - Communities and Local Government - Consultation. Real People, real power: Codes of conduct for local authority members and employees.</b> <b>NOTED</b> comments from Cllr J Ball previously circulated to all councillors by email. No response.</p>	
<p><b>157/PC/08 - Committees and Representatives</b> To agree which committees the new Parish Councillors should sit on. To re-appoint members to the following organisation as representative, due to the death of Lionel Rigby and the resignations of Alan Day and Frank Bowater. <b>South Bucks District Association of Local Councils - RESOLVED</b> to appoint Cllr L Franke <b>Heritage Walk Committee - RESOLVED</b> to appoint Cllr L Franke <b>Finance and Grants spokesman - RESOLVED</b> to agree Cllr G Hardy</p>	Clerk
<p><b>158/PC/08 - Delegated Budget 2009/2010</b> To decide what projects we would like to submit for delegated budget along with upgrading of Footpath 20 &amp; 21 as previously decided. Suggestions so far:- Footpath 52, School Lane needs upgrading. Footpath at Hollybush Hill needs upgrading. Footpath at Sefton Paddock needs upgrading. <b>RESOLVED</b> to agree to submit all of the above for delegated budget.</p>	Clerk

**159/PC/08 - Rogers Lane Field**

Complaints have been made regarding the dog mess in the Rogers Lane field owned by Mr Iona-Smith. Clerk has written and spoken to Mr Iona-Smith who has no objections to signs and dog bins being erected on the entrances only to the field. To decide whether we want to request environmental health to erect these items at our expense.

**RESOLVED** to agree not to pay for signs and a dog bin. Clerk to write to Mr Iona-Smith and to SBDC to that effect.

**ACTION**

Clerk

**160/PC/08 - Freedom of Information Act**

To discuss items previously circulated by chairman.

**RESOLVED** to agree to adopt the act on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009.

Clerk

**161/PC/08 - Wyatt Place**

Update - chairman and clerk meeting Linden Homes on site on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008 to discuss flooding issue again.

Cllr Webber informed the committee that a meeting was taking place the next morning and that a further hopefully final update would be made at the January meeting. **NOTED** that the vision splay will stay as it is as it conforms to the planning application.

Jan 09

**162/PC/08 - Youth Worker**

In anticipation of the St Andrews planning application being passed, curate Mark Griffiths has requested the parish council help fund a youth worker for the village.

Cllr Webber informed the committee that £6k per annum was required from us to help fund a youth worker. **AGREED** that more information was required before anyone could agree to anything.

Cllr  
Webber

**163/PC/08 - Visit of Supermobile Library 6<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

To discuss and decide arrangements for tea, coffee and mince pies etc.

**RESOLVED** to approve the purchase of 100 mince pies which Cllr Huntley kindly offered to get. **RESOLVED** to agree that clerk should write to BCC to request that markings are put out for the library on a permanent basis so that people do not park in their space. **RESOLVED** to agree also that the clerk asks if a risk assessment has been carried out for the library visits as it parks very close to the road. Cllr Webber asked the councillors to try to attend the visit on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Clerk

**164/PC/08 - Pinewood Nurseries Licence Application - Sale/Supply of Alcohol (off Sales)**

**NOTED** that No Objections was submitted by deadline of 26<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

(Cllr L Franke left the room for this item).

**165/PC/08 - Reports from Other Committees**

(1) Planning - Cllr Fletcher informed the committee that the clerk had been asked to obtain information on two applications to find out why one had been passed and one had been refused. The properties were both in the Green Belt. The reply was read out by the chairman and is appended.

(2) R & E - Cllr Best reported that the notice board at Tubwell Road had been vandalised and was being repaired by Dave Hancock. The steps at the football club changing room were to be repaired under health and safety grounds.

(3) Heritage - Cllr Arnold asked if any villagers had commented on there being no carols this year, as she had received none. Cllr Thornton said that a couple of people had mentioned they were disappointed. Cllr Arnold reported that the History Society she was trying to organise had received a good response and she had managed to find someone to chair the committee. This person is married to a history graduate and a blue badge guide. Cllr Arnold had now received a quote for the re-printing of the late Cllr Rigby's millennium book.

(4) Finance - Cllr Webber informed the council that the committee had met once and that another meeting was scheduled for the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2008. The clerk will by then have the November accounts finished and they will have a better picture of where we are this year. A review of the clerk's salary will be considered at this meeting.

Clerk

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

A letter from a resident has been received regarding the bus service which was read out.

Clerk to pass to County to action.

Clerk

**167PC/08 - NOTED Dates of Future Meetings**

Finance - 10<sup>th</sup> December 2008

Planning Committee – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008

Parish Council - 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009

**168/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 9.45pm**

**Signed**

**Chairman**

**Dated**

