

# STOKE POGES PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE STOKE POGES PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 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 M Fletcher, Cllr L Franke, Cllr L Gillan, Cllr G Hardy, Cllr H Huntley.

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

**Also Present:** - 1 member of public Mr Green

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### MINUTES

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

Mr Green updated the council on his investigations into aircraft noise. He had received a document from BAA offering scholarships to the Slough area which he feels is bribery. Northolt airport have told Mr Green that no military aircraft come over the Stoke Poges area at all, which everyone disagreed with. Mr Green has recently upgraded his windows to triple glazing at a cost of £16k, and feels that a rate reduction is required. SBDC have put a tester in his garden to test what level of aviation fuel is present. All councillors agreed that they have recently heard lots of noisy aircraft in the area and at all times of day and night. Cllr Hardy recommended that we keep complaining as he feels that the situation will get worse. It was recommended that we keep writing to Steve Cohen editor of the Bucks Free Press and James Elles our MEP to see if they can help. The Parish Council have not yet had a reply from Dominic Grieve MP and Mr Rowlands from Bucks County Council.

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

Apologies were **RECEIVED** from Cllr G Elderfield and Cllr C Thornton

#### 171/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.

#### 172/PC/08 - Minutes

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008 with a change to item 157 - Committees and Representatives. The addition of the appointment of Cllr C Thornton and Cllr M Fletcher to the Planning Committee, which was missed off of the original minutes by the clerk.

#### 173/PC/08 - Aircraft Noise

Already covered under item 169 Public Question Time.

#### 174/PC/08 - The Dog & Pot

A letter received from Stephen Kyle Area Team Manager at SBDC Planning was read out by the Chairman. (appended). It was **AGREED** that the clerk should write back informing Mr Kyle

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that the food purchased at the food outlet is definitely taken away to be eaten. Clerk to enlist help with letter from Cllr Thornton. Clerk to inform Health & Safety about a lorry driver who appears to be parking on the site and possibly sleeping in an outbuilding within the grounds.

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**175/PC/08 - Police**

**NOTED** report from PC Louise Sharples which was tabled. PC Sharples was unable to attend this meeting. It was pointed out by Cllr Arnold that not all of the burglaries which had taken place during December were on the list. This was concerning as to how many others might be missing. Cllr Arnold to meet with PC Sharples to see if she would arrange her time off to allow her to attend council meetings.

**176/PC/08 - County Councillors Report**

Cllr Egleton was not present.

**177/PC/08 - District Councillors Report**

Cllr Arnold informed the committee that she would again try to get some more information from the District Council on the new Permitted Development rights, which were promised a couple of months ago.

Cllr Arnold

**178/PC/08 - Finance**

- (a) **RECEIVED & NOTED** Statement of Accounts Income & Expenditure November 08 also **RECEIVED & NOTED** Statement of Accounts Income and Expenditure for December 08 which were tabled (appended).
- (b) **RESOLVED** to approve list of cheques for signature (appended).
- (c) **RECEIVED** Bank reconciliations November 08 which were signed by the Chairman also **RECEIVED** Bank reconciliations December 08 which were table and then signed by the Chairman (appended).
- (d) **NOTED** Budget Monitoring

**179/PC/08 - Budget 2009/10 and Precept**

**RECEIVED** a report and recommendations from the Finance Committee Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2008 (Minutes previously circulated)

- (a) **RESOLVED** to approve the Budgets for 2009/10
- (b) **RESOLVED** to approve recommendations for Reserves for 2009/10 as follows:-

**Reserves**

Resolved to approve to recommend that we add to earmarked reserves as follows-  
£25k towards future youth.

£10k as a contingency to cover any unforeseen eventualities.

£1k to start a fund in case of staff sickness.

£8k for upgrade of computer equipment and new equipment for planning meetings.  
£46k against the PWLB loan.

- (c) **RESOLVED** to approve recommendation for Precept request to SBDC for 2009/10 at an increase of £18,500.00 on last year's precept to make this year £74,800.00. This was agreed by eight of the eleven councillors present and three abstained Cllr J Ball, Cllr Y Ball and Cllr L Gillan.
- (d) **RESOLVED** to approve recommendation for increase to clerk's salary 2009/10. This was to increase the salary by one scale point and increase the car allowance by 50%. Total cost amount to the council after pro-rata calculation to 22 hours is £455 onto salary per annum, £141 onto the car allowance per annum. Total £596 effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009.

**180/PC/08 - Committees and Representatives**

**NOTED** resignation received from Cllr Y Ball from the planning committee.

**181/PC/08 - Wyatt Place**

**NOTED** that the chairman and the clerk met on site with Linden Homes and Mr Montgomery and it was finally resolved that Linden Homes would fill the holes caused by their vehicles. This work has now been carried out.

**182/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 if St. Andrews Church gets planning permission to improve their facilities they will ask the Parish Council to help fund a Youth Worker at a cost of £6000 per annum. It was **AGREED** that it was too early to make a decision however there was positive feedback from the council.

**183/PC/08 - Visit of Super Library 6<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

Update on visit and library in general

It was agreed that the visit was a huge success, however the level of service which is being received at present is appalling. Clerk to write to BCC to complain as many reservations are not being met.

**NOTED** letter received from Margaret Dewar in response to Parish Council letter regarding size of Library.

**NOTED** Letter received from BCC in response to Parish Council letter asking about risk assessments and a marked parking area for the library.

Cllr Webber informed the committee that she had dropped off to the clerk a draft letter plus a two inch file of evidence to be sent by Mrs Jennifer Tulloch, leader of the group of residents who wish to complain to the ombudsmen.

**ACTION**

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**184/PC/08 - DCLG Consultation**

**NOTED re:** - codes of conduct for local authority members and employees.

**.185/PC/08 - Reports from Other Committees**

(1) Planning - Cllr Gillan reiterated her concerns regarding the new permitted development rules and the fact that the Parish Council do not have enough information to understand them.

(2) R & E - Cllr Best requested that the clerk goes ahead to apply for the extension to the temporary planning permission on the football portacabin. He also informed the committee of an email which he had received from a resident saying that sludge was coming from a field at Magnolia Farm onto a public footpath. Also that masses of 'spoil' was being dumped behind a house in West End Lane. Clerk to investigate.

(3) Heritage - Cllr Arnold informed the committee that a History Society had now been formed and that Roger Askew would be Chairman and Barbara Rigby would be Secretary. Both were very keen and will do a write up for the next SPN.

(4) Finance - Already covered.

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

(a) **NOTED** SBDC - Proposed changes to pay and display car parks.

(b) **NOTED** Bucks County Council - Reply to a letter sent regarding the parking on Rogers Lane/School

(c) **NOTED** London Borough of Hillingdon Consultation on Draft Climate Change Strategy 2009-2012

**187PC/08 - Dates of Future Meetings**

**NOTED** Planning Committee – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2009

**NOTED** Parish Council - 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009

**188/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 II.**

**Meeting ended at 10.00pm**

**Signed**

**Chairman**

**Dated**

