

# STOKE POGES PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE STOKE POGES PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 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 M Fletcher, Cllr L Franke, Cllr L Gillan, Cllr H Huntley and Cllr C Thornton.

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

**Also Present:** - Mr Green, Cllr Egleton, Sgt Bryan and 1 member of public

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### MINUTES

ACTION

**189/PC/09 - Public Question Time 8.00pm-8.15pm**

To receive comments and questions from any members of the public present.  
There were no questions.

**190/PC/09 - Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Arnold, Cllr J Ball, Cllr Y Ball, Cllr Best, Cllr Elderfield and Cllr Hardy.

**191/PC/09 - 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.

**192/PC/09 - Minutes**

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009 which were signed by the Chairman.

**193/PC/09 - Aircraft Noise**

Cllr Webber informed everyone that she will be meeting with Rt Hon Geoff Hoon MP, Secretary of State for Transport and she will be raising all of the problems being encountered by the village at present including the decibel level. Mr Green informed everyone that he had received the results of the SBDC air quality CO2 tests which were placed in his garden. The results were good and showed that the air quality was very good. Mr Green had also received a copy of a reply from BAA to Dominic Grieve MP(appendd) which said that the nearest stack is Bovingdon and the minimum height aircraft are held in the stack is 7000ft. There have been no changes to the stacks around Heathrow. Mixed mode was in force now meaning that aircraft pass over the area in two different directions. Cllr Webber said that SBDC has the worst carbon footprint in the country and this does not include motorways and Heathrow, and that more checks were needed in Stoke Poges. Mr Green to supply Cllr Webber with any evidence he has for her meeting with the Minister for Transport.

**194/PC/09 - The Dog & Pot**

Cllr Thornton helped the clerk to write a response letter to Stephen Kyle on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009. No reply as yet. Clerk to chase.

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#### 195/PC/09 - Police

**NOTED** Yearly report from Superintendent George Wrigley.

Sgt Bryan gave details of last month's crime figures (appended). We now have a new PCSO called Stephen Beck which means we have three officers dedicated to Stoke Poges and Wexham. Sgt Bryan says that through the NAG they had been asked to look at speeding and have done a number of analysis reports. So far three areas have provided results. Park Road showed that the majority of drivers drive below the 40mph limit. Hollybush Hill has a speeding issue at the Wexham Street end and enforcement will follow. Other areas in Stoke Poges will be checked. Sgt Bryan confirmed that Superintendent George Wrigley has been replaced temporarily by Acting Superintendent Stuart Greenfield who also looks after the Chiltern area. This is temporary until a replacement is found. There are no plans to merge the areas.

#### 196/PC/09 - County Councillors Report

Councillor Egleton reported that the increase to the council tax would be around 3.9% and is amongst the highest in the area. The Pathfinder shared support services have agreed to look at the Joint Venture Company option for the four back office areas of IT, HR, finance and facilities across the remaining four authorities. Chiltern has dropped out of this aspect of Pathfinder. Ringway Jacobs have won the tender to run Highways taking on 1/3 of County staff; this will cover speed, safety and transport. The area office is to remain and our area technician is staying under the remit of Bucks County Council management. This change should bring savings. The delegated budget which comes to the South Bucks Partnership will this year be prioritised by Jim Stevens. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is looking at the value of PCSOs and NAGs; there seems to be a lack of consistency across the County. The PCSOs are generally well received by the public but they can't quantify their impact. Cllr Egleton had been out with the Farnham Common PCSO and Sgt Bryan offered to take him out with the Stoke Poges police and PCSO to see what they do.

#### 197/PC/09 - District Councillors Report

Cllr Webber explained that the Joint Local Committee which has now become the South Bucks Partnership was to bring in the Local Strategic Partnership and the local NAG as well, so that all local issues could be discussed at one meeting instead of three. Cllr Webber also said that the SBDC council tax amount would increase by approximately 3.8%, subject to full council approval on February 24.

#### 198/PC/09 - Finance

- (a) **RECEIVED & NOTED** Statement of Accounts Income & Expenditure January 09
- (b) **RESOLVED** to approve list of cheques for signature (appended)
- (c) **RESOLVED** to approve bank reconciliations January 09 which were signed by the chairman. (appended).
- (d) **NOTED** Budget Monitoring

#### 199/PC/09 - Library

**NOTED** Letter received from Peter Mussett regarding road markings and risk assessment Cllr Webber informed everyone that SBDC had withdrawn the £1000 per month payments which they made to BCC towards mobile library provision and had asked them for a refund of all moneys paid previously because BCC had withdrawn its commitment to providing a static library. The response from BCC was that there was no basis in law for a refund.

#### 200/PC/09 - Ragwort - Magnolia Farm

**NOTED** visit made to clerk by Mr Nick White from the World Horse Welfare Organisation. Offer made to come and speak to council regarding situation at Magnolia Farm. To decide if offer should be accepted. **AGREED** not to have visit but clerk to thank Mr White and to keep in touch regarding the situation. It was **AGREED** that the Parish Council could do no more to help with the ragwort situation.

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#### 201/PC/09 - SBDC Consultation of 'Validation of Planning Applications'

**NOTED** comments by 26<sup>th</sup> February 2009. **AGREED** no comments

#### 202/PC/09 - Charity Representatives

All four charities have one elected Parish Council representative, each need two. At present Cllr Aldridge is representative for Stoke Poges United Charity, Stoke Poges Relief in Need and Stoke Poges Lands End Memorial Education Charity, and Cllr Webber is representative to the Lord Hastings Trust.

confirmed by Cllr Huntley as secretary to the Lord Hastings Trust that no extra representative was required at present and that they had a full committee, and the Lands End Memorial Charity has full representation at present. To elect one more member as representative to each of the two remaining.

**ACTION**

Cllr Egleton as Chairman to the other three charities said that they all had full representatives until recently when Alan Day had resigned from Stoke Poges Relief in Need and Stoke Poges United Charity, therefore a vacancy has arisen on both. **RESOLVED to APPROVE** Cllr Webber as replacement for Alan Day on both charities, this was agreed unanimously.

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**203/PC/09 - SLCC Regional One Day Conference**

**RESOLVED** to approve request by clerk to attend this yearly 1 day conference to be held at Binfield, Berks on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009. Cost £49.

**204/PC/09 - Reports from Other Committees**

- (1) Planning. Cllr Gillan informed the committee about recent applications from Home Farm, Hastings Meadow and Kulm.
- (2) R & E. Cllr Best was away and the next R & E meeting will be held in two weeks time
- (3) Heritage - Cllr Webber reported that the History Society meeting was well attended.
- (4) Finance - Nothing to report.

**205/PC/09 - Chairman's Reception 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009**

Cllr Webber reminded the council that the date had been changed to 1<sup>st</sup> May to accommodate Dominic Grieve MP. Cllr Arnold is to complete a list of businesses and individuals to be invited. The nominations for the 2 cups need to be decided. The catering needs to be organised. Cllr Huntley and Cllr Franke agreed to take on the catering arrangements. Clerk to send them details of last year's list. To discuss again at next meeting.

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**206/PC/09 - Correspondence received by clerk but not on agenda.**

- (a) **NOTED** Village Centre - Letter regarding Colin Hurt who has now retired. New lady Ruth Scott did not continue with employment, therefore a vacancy is available and lettings are at present being dealt with by Mike Dier.
- (b) **NOTED** Delegated Budget Proposals 2009/2010. Requests being checked for feasibility.
- (c) **NOTED** Proposed meeting dates for 2009-2010 appended, to be discussed and any changes to be noted. Acceptance by the council to be made at the March meeting.

**207PC/08 - NOTED Dates of Future Meetings**

Planning Committee – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009  
R & E - 24<sup>th</sup> February 2009  
Parish Council - 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009

**208/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 11.**

**Meeting ended at 9.30pm**

Signed

Chairman

Dated

