

STOKE POGES PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE STOKE POGES PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9TH MARCH 2009 AT 8.00 P.M. IN LIONEL RIGBY ROOM AT THE VILLAGE CENTRE, ROGERS LANE, STOKE POGES

Present:- Cllr K Webber (Chair), Cllr N Arnold, Cllr R Aldridge, Cllr J Ball, Cllr Y Ball, Cllr S Best, Cllr L Franke, Cllr L Gillan, Cllr G Hardy, Cllr H Huntley, Cllr C Thornton.

In Attendance:- Mrs J Simmonds (Clerk)

Also Present:- NSO L Sharples, PCSO C Benawra, Rev M Griffiths

MINUTES

ACTION

209/PC/09 - Public Question Time 8.00pm-8.15pm

To receive comments and questions from any members of the public present.
There were none present.

210/PC/09 - Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr G Elderfield and Cllr M Fletcher.

211/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.
None

212/PC/09 - Minutes

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 9th February 2009 which were signed by the chairman.

216/PC/09 - Police

Report from PC Louise Sharples
This item was taken next to allow the officers to leave early. NSO Sharples introduced herself and PCSO Benawra to the council. PCSO Benawra is swapping areas with PCSO Moat due to their living arrangements. They are currently working together and a swap over will take place shortly. NSO Sharples read out the crime figures (appended). Stoke Poges survived the snow with only one anti-social behaviour being reported.

213/PC/09 - St. Andrews Church - Youth/Rev Mark Griffiths to address the council:-

Funding towards a youth worker
Rev Griffiths was attending to ask the council to fund a youth worker at a cost of £6k per year for the next 3 years. He gave out a proposal (appended) and showed photographs of the present youth club in action. A recent application to extend the St. Andrews centre had been refused and a new application will be submitted soon. The original predominantly being turned down because of parking issues. The new application has been completely backed by the scouts and the guides. There will be a youth hall at the bottom with accommodation above for the youth worker. The Church has funding for the building but not for the youth worker. If planning is refused again they will still be required to employ a youth worker and find rented accommodation for them. Cllr

Webber said that the last youth worker had very Christian views and that if the parish council were to fund then the new person must not be biased. Rev Griffiths said that if funding was given then he would welcome someone from the parish council sitting on the interview panel and have a say in the employment. Five evenings are already taken up with youth activities including scouts and guides.

Cllr Gillan asked why the church had lost the previous youth worker and were now asking the parish council to fund another one? Rev Griffiths said that they ran out of funds. Mr Griffiths left for the council to discuss.

A long discussion took place with mixed views. It was agreed that more information was needed. The council would like to see the letters of support from the scouts and guides, also get community support rather than group support. In principle the council agreed to support this, but would not resolve a decision without more information. To be brought to the April meeting.

Clerk

223/PC/09 – GC2C - Item taken early so that Cllr Hardy could leave if needed.

To consider the way forward for The Beeches GC2C group.

After a long discussion it was **RESOLVED** by vote and ten of the eleven councillors present agreed that Stoke Poges Parish Council rejects the proposal for a Local Area Forum (LAF) called The Beeches comprising the parishes of Burnham, Dorney, Farnham Royal, Stoke Poges and Taplow and proposes instead a district-wide LAF whose boundaries are contiguous with those of the South Bucks District Council as has been proposed to Bucks County Council by the district council and several parishes and in line with district-wide LAFs being set up in other shire counties. Cllr Franke abstained from the vote.

214/PC/09 - Aircraft Noise

Update

Cllr Webber is meeting with Rt Hon Geoff Hoon MP, Secretary of State for Transport on Thursday 12th March and will report back at the next meeting.

215/PC/09 - The Dog & Pot

Update

An email was received by the clerk prior to the meeting to say that a breach had taken place and that planning permission would be required. (appended).

217/PC/09 - County Councillors Report

Councillor Egleton to report

Cllr Egleton was not present.

218/PC/09 - District Councillors Report

Cllr Arnold confirmed that the increase on the council tax was agreed at 3.8%.

219/PC/09 - Finance

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

220/PC/09 - Payment to Councillors

To discuss whether chairmen of committees should be given some remuneration given the increasing levels of commitment to council work now required.

RESOLVED to agree not to go ahead with this in 09/10 financial year. To look at again in November finance meeting when setting 10/11 budgets.

221/PC/09 - Library

Update

Cllr Webber said that the letter to the ombudsman was with MP Dominic Grieve for his views as a QC and will be sent very soon along with two 4” files of evidence.

222/PC/09 - Website

RESOLVED to note and approve report from Julian Irvine, and agree to ask him to continue with migration a.s.a.p. It was pointed out by Cllr Arnold that the contact names were the clerk and Frank Bowater who was no longer a Parish Councillor. Clerk to inform Mr Irvine. Cllr Arnold also said that the home page was looking tired, Cllr Franke offered to help with changing the look of the web and anything else that was needed.

224/PC/09 - Meeting Dates 2009/2010

RESOLVED to agree and approve dates (appended).

ACTION

225/PC/09 - Consultations

- (a) **NOTED** LB of Hillingdon - Public Consultation on the West London Waste Plan Issues & Options (DPD)
- (b) **NOTED** Dept of Transport Olympic Route Network - Previously emailed and details
- (c) **NOTED** Slough Borough Council - Additional sites to previous DPD consultation.
- (d) **NOTED** Core Strategy Emerging Approach previously emailed (appended).

226/PC/09 - SBDC Chillin' in the Park Easter 2009

NOTED that this event will take place on Wednesday 8th April 2009 at Bells Hill Rec.

227/PC/09 - Annual Parish Meeting 23rd April 2009/Chairmans Reception 1st May 2009

Update

Reports will be sent from MP Dominic Grieve and David Claydon, chairman of the NAG. Cllr Lidgate will be attending along with South Bucks LPA Neighbourhood Inspector Bev Pearse. District Councillor Bowater is unable to attend as is Mr Jon Regent from Persimmon. Nominations required at next meeting for the Caldecourt Cup and Jubilee Cup. Clerk to investigate plaques to be placed in Village Centre showing who has received them. Cllr Huntley requested that offers to do food are agreed at next meeting. List appended for perusal to be decided in April.

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228/PC/09 - Reports from Other Committees

- (1) Planning - Cllr Gillan informed the Council that she had seen an advert for flats for sale at Stoke Court even though the planning permission was turned down. SBDC investigating.
- (2) R & E - Cllr Best informed the committee that the decision for the extension to planning permission for the portacabins would be made at the end of March. A meeting with ISS Waterers resulted in them agreeing to inform the clerk each time a cut has been made to the Recreation grounds. Any under cuts will be credited at the end of the financial year. ISS also agreed to a free pitch marking and to do this year's Playground Inspections free to compensate for any under cuts this year. A&M Fencing is starting work on repairs to the paddocks at Nettleship Wood. They have been instructed to carry on into April and the new budget year up to the limit budgeted. Complaints have been made by residents and Cllrs to the clerk that Mrs Edmunds who works for the council to pick up litter and dog fouling allows her own dogs to roam unsupervised in the parks and does not pick up after them, also they have been seen in the children's play area where dogs are strictly forbidden and also have fouled in there which was not picked up. **RESOLVED** to agree clerk to write a strong letter and bring back to next meeting for another discussion on how to proceed. Complaints have been received about the allotments and breaches of the tenancy agreements. Cllr Webber and Cllr Best and the clerk to have a site visit to check the breaches of illegal sheds and chickens. Cllr Aldridge has met with Mr Miller from Stoke Park about the flooding and it was agreed that a ditch was blocked due to Mrs Kennedy diverting a stream. Cllr Aldridge to ask one of allotment holders sons who has a digger if he can come out and unblock the ditch when the weather improves.

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

- (a) **NOTED** SBDC Emergency Plan
- (b) **NOTED** Delegated Budget Proposals 2009/2010
- (c) **NOTED** South Bucks Youth Forum - Youth Fair 28th March 2009
- (d) **NOTED** Community Policing Awards (appended).

230/PC/08 - NOTED Dates of Future Meetings

Planning Committee – 16th March 2009
Finance Committee:- 23rd March 2009
Parish Council - 6th April 2009

231/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:- 10.15pm

Signed

Chairman

Dated