

STOKE POGES PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE STOKE POGES PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 6TH APRIL 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 G Elderfield, Cllr L Gillan, Cllr H Huntley,

In Attendance:- Mrs J Simmonds (Clerk)

Also Present:- PC L Sharples, PCSO K Benawra, Cllr T Egelton

MINUTES

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

To receive comments and questions from any members of the public present.

There were none

233/PC/09 - Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor F Bowater, Cllr M Fletcher, Cllr L Franke, Cllr G Hardy, Cllr C Thornton.

234/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.

235/PC/09 - Minutes

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

236/PC/09 - Police

Report from PC Louise Sharples

PC Sharples read out the crime figures since the last meeting (appended). There have been attempts of burglary at two public houses. The PCSOs attended the Youth Fair on 28th March 09 to introduce themselves. Speed checks have been carried out all over the village using the SID (Speed Indicator Device). Cllr Y Ball asked if Park Road could be checked especially late at night. The PCSOs have been warning drivers illegally parked in Rogers Lane and if caught again ticketing them. Sgt Dave Bryan has moved on and has already been replaced by Sgt Clayton George from HighWycombe. The next NAG meeting is on 30th April 2009 in George Green. Cllr Webber asked about the pub watch scheme in the area in light of the recent burglaries and was told that pub watch schemes are as good as the publicans want them to be, information does get filtered through from one pub to another. There is a huge problem with number plates being stolen from cars in the Wexham Street area near the hospital. Security of plates is possible and a website will be given to Cllr Arnold to round robin. Cllr Arnold made the point that when one of the pubs was burgled it did not come to her on the ringmaster system. When investigated it appeared that this was because the lady who does ringmaster was on holiday. The system failed because there was no one to

cover her. PC Sharples offered to take anyone with her when carrying out the Speed checks using SID. Cllrs Y and J Ball offered to carry out checks late at night in Park Road.

ACTION

237/PC/09 - County Councillor's Report

Cllr Egleton reported that there is to be a change to admission areas to Grammar Schools as Gerrards Cross were left with 47 boys without a school to go to. The decision will be made tomorrow. Cllr Egleton has a highways budget to spend and has been out with our area technician Zoe Ford. He has agreed with County that the area of high priority is the B416 end of Templewood Lane and that is where the money will be spent. Zoe has carried out a full survey of all footpaths and there should be no problems with work that she has put through to be carried out, however all major projects are on hold at present until Ringway Jacobs are fully in process. Cllr Egleton attended a meeting today which was talking about partnership working. He feels that Parish Councils should have been visited individually to explain the process and has said that someone needs to do this still. There was a discussion about money from BCC for Citizens Advice Bureaus to be set up but nothing for the South Bucks area. Cllr Arnold pointed out that there is a CAB centre at the District Council however money should still have been set aside for South Bucks.

238/PC/09 - District Councillor's Report

Cllr Arnold pointed out that the Conservation Areas in Stoke Poges have been neglected for far too long and that this has been pointed out to SBDC many times. We were next on the list to Gerrards Cross for work to be carried out; however there is a small area in Farnham Royal which urgently needs to be protected from Slough, so it has been endorsed that this area will be next followed by Stoke Poges. There are two potential new areas to be looked at as Conservation Areas Rogers Lane/Stoke Court and Framewood Manor/Wexham Springs.

239/PC/09 - Aircraft Noise

Update from meeting with Cllr Webber and Rt Hon Geoff Hoon MP.
Cllr Webber attended this meeting along with Roger Reed from SBDC and MP Dominic Grieve. Roger Reed briefed Dominic on the ARUP Hub which will be a 6th terminal if goes ahead. This was put to Rt Hon Geoff Hoon MP and it was apparent that many of those in the room had not heard of this, Rt Hon Geoff Hoon and his ministers were embarrassed. This hub would bring 40-45 trains per hour. There were residents from Sipson there who were refusing to move.

240/PC/09 - The Dog & Pot

Update
No further new. Now in hands of planning enforcement, subject to be removed from agenda.

241/PC/09 - St. Andrews Church

Funding towards a youth worker
Update if any by 6th April, this may have to be brought back to the May meeting.
A reply to questions asked of the church was tabled, also notes from Cllr Gillan. It was agreed to bring back to the May meeting. Cllr Webber and Cllr Gillan to do a checklist of questions to put to the church and to get answers for May.

Cllr
Webber &
Cllr Gillan

242/PC/09 - Finance

- (a) **NOTED** Statement of Accounts Income & Expenditure March 09 – **Not Final**
- (b) **RESOLVED** to approve list of cheques for signature – (appended)
- (c) **RESOLVED** to receive Bank reconciliations March 09 (appended)
- (d) **NOTED** Budget Monitoring - **Not Final**

243/PC/09 - SBALC Proposed Subscriptions

To discuss and decide.
Cllr Webber explained about the new subscription charges for SBALC (which were tabled)
Cllr Arnold proposed to accept the charges which was seconded by Cllr Huntley, all remaining Councillors were in agreement.

244/PC/09 - Picnic in the Parks 2009

SBDC request to hold Picnic in the Park at our recreation grounds.
RESOLVED to agree to accept one of the provisional dates for this activity if one becomes available this year. **RESOLVED** to agree to hold a Picnic in the Park in coming years.

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245/PC/09 - Protecting Recreational Space

<p>National Playing Fields Association suggests protecting the recreation grounds, to discuss. Cllr Ball had looked over the details of protecting the recreation grounds, RESOLVED to agree that the Bells Hill Recreation Ground was part of a trust and does not need protecting. Cllr Ball suggested that a Legal Advisory Panel was set up to deal with all issues like this one, RESOLVED to agree by all councillors present. It was agreed that the following councillors would make up the committee which would run like a working party, Cllr J Ball, Cllr R Aldridge, Cllr G Elderfield and Cllr S Best. They will report back at the next meeting with their findings on the Plough Lane Recreation ground. This committee will also report back about the allotments tenancy which is possibly being breached as discovered during a site visit by Cllr Webber, Cllr Best, Cllr Ball and the clerk.</p>	<p>ACTION Cllr J Ball</p>
<p>246/PC/09 - SBDC - Bells Hill Redevelopment - Temporary Shuttle Bus Comments required on SBDC reducing number of journeys to Slough by 50%. RESOLVED to agree that we suggest to SBDC to remove the 12.00 bus out of Stoke Poges and the 12.45 back to Stoke Poges only, due to lack of use.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>247/PC/09 - Street Lighting NOTED that one street light at Bells Hill site has been removed by Persimmon and is not going to be replaced. This was on the original plans according to them. Another light will be put in and maintained by them. BLE have said that the post was old and is not worth keeping. NOTED that the light at Bolds Court is the same light as all of ours. L&Q and BCC will not take responsibility for it. BLE have suggested that we adopt this light in place of the one removed from Bells Hill. This light has now been out for possibly a year or more, it just needs a new bulb. RESOLVED to agree not to adopt the light but to change the bulb as and when needed. NOTED that upon checking our records the clerk can find no record this year of paying any electricity for any lighting supply. RESOLVED to agree that clerk to investigate further and report back.</p>	
<p>248/PC/09 - Library Update Cllr Webber informed the council that the information sent to the Ombudsman has now been forwarded to Bucks County Council who have been given 6 weeks instead of 28 days to respond. MP Dominic Grieve had said that the information was very well documented and put together as had the ombudsman.</p>	
<p>249/PC/09 - Litter Picking and Dog Fouling Contract Update NOTED written warning sent to Mrs Edmunds.</p>	
<p>250/PC/09 - Annual Parish Meeting 23rd April 2009/Chairmans Reception 1st May 2009 To agree who will help at these events, setting out tables and chairs and putting away again afterwards etc. Also to decide who will do what food at Chairman's Reception? Cllr Webber asked for 100% attendance at each event if possible. Cllr Gillan agreed to help put out tables and chairs and put away again after each event. It was agreed that Cllr Hardy and Cllr Fletcher would also be asked. Clerk to email food list to all councillors asking them to let Cllr Huntley know what they would be prepared to contribute for the Reception.</p>	
<p>251/PC/09 - Reports from Other Committees</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Planning – Cllr Gillan reported that we were receiving a lot of Certificate of Lawfulness applications all of a sudden. Nothing else to report. (2) Finance – Cllr Webber reported that the PWBL loan was discussed at the last meeting and Cllr Hardy is to investigate other loans and compare figures. (3) R & E – Cllr Best reported about the site visit to the allotments (already discussed under item 245). RESOLVED to agree to accept quote from Mr Wood to repair a fence at the allotments 	<p>Cllr Hardy Clerk</p>
<p>252/PC/09 - Correspondence received by clerk but not on agenda.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) NOTED Stoke Poges Lands End Memorial Education Charity. (b) NOTED SBDC Licence for house to house collection Lions Club of Burnham 	

(c) **NOTED** BCC - Transport for Buckinghamshire already emailed

253/PC/08 – NOTED Dates of Future Meetings

Planning Committee – 20th April 2009

Annual Parish Meeting:- 23rd April 2009

Chairman's Reception - 1st May 2009

Annual Meeting of Council - 11th May 2009

254/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

