

# STOKE POGES PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE STOKE POGES PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 8pm ON THURSDAY 23rd APRIL 2009 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT THE VILLAGE CENTRE

**Present:-** Cllr K Webber (Chairman), Cllr Aldridge, Cllr J Ball, Cllr Y Ball, Cllr S Best, Cllr G Elderfield, Cllr M Fletcher, Cllr L Gillan, Cllr G Hardy, Cllr H Huntley, Cllr L Robinson, Cllr C Thornton.

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

**Also Present:-** Cllr T Egleton, Acting Insp. Bev Pearse, Mr M Milne-Smith, Approximately 36 members of public.

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### MINUTES

- 1 Apologies for absence  
Apologies were received from Cllr N Arnold, Cllr F Bowater, Mr M Gollifer, Mr & Mrs Chown, Mr A Busby, Mr D Claydon, Mr C Furness, Mr M Bridges MP Dominic Grieve
- 2 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2008 previously circulated.  
**RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2008 which were signed by the chairman.
- 3 **RECEIVED** the audited accounts of the parish council for the year ending March 2008 previously circulated.
- 4 **RECEIVED** the annual report of the parish council presented by the chairman, Councillor Kathie Webber.  
A full report is attached and forms part of these minutes.  
Some questions were asked about the St. Andrew's Church application and the request to the Parish Council about funding a youth worker. Cllr Webber confirmed that the Parish Council had been approached to fund £6k a year for three years and that there were lots of issues to be looked into before a decision can be made. Things like who would employ the worker, who would interview, the group would need to be secular and many other issues to be considered.
- 5 **RECEIVED** reports from Councillors Naomi Arnold and Kathie Webber, South Bucks District Councillors  
Cllr Webber read out the reports due to Cllr Arnold being unwell and unable to attend. Cllr Webber wished her well and a speedy recovery.  
Full reports are attached and form part of these minutes.
- 6 **RECEIVED** a report from Councillor Trevor Egleton, Bucks County Councillor  
A full report is attached and forms part of these minutes. Questions were asked and answered.  
Mrs Cooper thanked the clerk and highways for the work done by the Community Gang in Park Road, and also commented on the amount of helicopters in the area and asked if we had any powers to stop them? Cllr Webber said she would take this back to SBDC.  
Mr Hunter asked if tendering processes will be based on quality or price. Cllr Egleton replied that they would be based on quality.  
Mr Green asked why SBDC do not recognise noise pollution, Cllr Egleton explained that he was from BCC not SBDC, Cllr Webber said that as District Councillor she would take this back to SBDC.

- 7     **RECEIVED** the annual report and accounts of the parochial charities (Stoke Poges Relief in Need, Stoke Poges United Charity, Stoke Poges Lands End Memorial Education Charity) – tabled presented by chairman Councillor Trevor Egleton. Cllr Egleton paid tribute to the late Lionel Rigby who ran all of the charities prior to his death last year and run them wonderfully and who is sorely missed.  
Full reports are attached and form part of these minutes.  
**RECEIVED** the annual report and accounts of the Lord Hastings Trust charity presented by Chairman Mike Milne-Smith. Mr Milne-Smith also paid tribute to the late Lionel Rigby.  
A full report is attached and forms part of these minutes.
- 8     **RECEIVED** a report from Chris Furness, Chief Executive Officer of South Bucks District Council - tabled  
A full report is attached and forms part of these minutes.
- 9     **RECEIVED** a written report from Mr David Claydon, chairman of the NAG group – tabled.  
A full report is attached and forms part of these minutes.
- 10    **RECEIVED** a written report from Dominic Grieve MP QC, Shadow Justice Secretary - tabled  
A full report is attached and forms part of these minutes.
- 11    **RECEIVED** a report from the police, presented by Bev Pearse A/Inspector 4671  
A full report is attached and forms part of these minutes.
- 12    To consider whether the village should be organising a community library  
Cllr Webber appealed to the village for guidance on the way forward with a community library. It was suggested before the meeting that the school might be interested in helping with a location for the said library.  
A report is attached and forms part of these minutes.  
One member of public asked if the parish council should be looking at a community library whilst still waiting for a decision from the ombudsman and that it was probably a total waste of time even going to the ombudsman. Cllr Webber explained that it was not a waste of time. One member of public said they would prefer a library in the Village Centre rather than the school. Another said that the school would be a good place as the children of the village are already there. It was asked if South Bucks District Council would chip in some funds. Another person asked if the Village wanted a community library, Cllr Webber said that the feeling from the village last August when the decision was made not to open a library here was yes, however she would have to back to the whole village for guidance. Volunteers for help were asked for but none came forward.
- 13    To consider resolutions for which written notice has been given  
There were none.

Meeting ended at 10.15pm.