

STOKE POGES PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE STOKE POGES PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8th JUNE 2009 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE LIONEL RIGBY ROOM AT THE VILLAGE CENTRE, ROGERS LANE, STOKE POGES

Present:- Cllr K Webber (Chair), Cllr Aldridge, Cllr J Ball, Cllr Y Ball, Cllr S Best, Cllr M Fletcher, Cllr L Gillan, Cllr H Huntley, Cllr L Robinson.

In Attendance:- Mrs J Simmonds (Clerk)

Also Present:- PCSO S Beck

MINUTES

028/PC/09 Public Question Time (7.30pm-7.45pm)

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

029/PC/09 - Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Arnold, Elderfield, Hardy and Thornton.

030/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.

031/PC/09 Minutes

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 11th May 2009 which were signed by the Chairman.

032/PC/09 Police

To receive a report from PCSO Steven Beck
PCSO Beck read out the recent Crime Figures (appended). A brief discussion took place about parking at Wexham Park Hospital and PCSO Beck said that 28 fixed penalty notices had been issued in recent weeks. Cllr Webber has written to County asking them to bollard some of the verges.
During this discussion Cllr Elderfield tripped in the car park. The meeting was adjourned at 7.40pm and reconvened at 7.50pm. Cllr Elderfield went home and his apologies are recorded above.

033/PC/09 County Councillor's Report

Councillor Egleton to report
Cllr Egleton was not present.

034/PC/09 District Councillors' Report

Cllr Arnold was unable to be present due to being held up at SBDC chairing a licensing meeting.

Cllr Webber reported that this week she would be hearing a case against a Parish Councillor at the Standards Committee meeting at SBDC.

035/PC/09 Accounts for Year Ended 31st March 2009

- (1) **RECEIVED, APPROVED AND SIGNED** the Summary Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet, Supporting Statement and Assets, auditor's matters arising. **SIGNED** by the chairman. (appended)
- (2) **RECEIVED AND APPROVED** the Annual Return which was signed by the Chairman and the RFO and **RECEIVED AND APPROVED** Bank Reconciliation and Statement of Significant Variations (appended)

036/PC/09 Finance

- (1) **RECEIVED & NOTED** Statement of Accounts
- (2) **RESOLVED** to approve list of cheques for signature – appended
- (3) **RECEIVED** Bank reconciliations which were signed by the Chairman - appended
- (4) **RECEIVED & NOTED** Budget Monitoring - appended.

037/PC/09 Financial Risk Assessment

NOTED More work to be carried out on this, so will be brought back to July meeting.

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038/PC/09 Grasscutting Contract

RECEIVED two quotes for the grasscutting contract for 2009-2011. Contract quote from ISS Waterers Landscape, contract quote from Nick Robins Ltd. **NOTED** that a third quote was unable to be tabled as despite much chasing had not been received. Cllr Webber informed the committee that SBDC had offered a possible opportunity of including some of the verge cutting to be included in their new tender for grass cutting. It was agreed that this would be discussed again in July. Clerk to try to obtain grass cutting slips from ISS and to try to obtain the third quote. It was also agreed that the contract would be on a yearly basis instead of three years to enable the council to move some of the cutting to SBDC if they wish.

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039/PC/09 St Andrews Church

Funding towards a youth worker.

A long discussion took place which resulted in a vote being taken. The vote resulted in **RESOLVING** 6 for and 3 against offering the church £6k for one year provided that certain conditions were adhered to. The conditions were:-

RESOLVED to provide £6000 of funding, essentially covering the first year, with a review at the end of the year. Continuance into subsequent years is subject to this review and the following conditions.

- 1 You provide the council with a copy of the Job Description given to the prospective candidates.
- 2 A representative of the parish council be involved in any further meetings with the prospective candidate. Councillors Mark Fletcher, Lin Gillan and Liz Robinson have agreed to be involved in any further meetings with the prospective candidate although in the first instance, it would be correct if you addressed all correspondence to me as the parish clerk
- 3 The candidate must come to the parish council to make an informal presentation of his/her aims and visions for the youth of the village.
- 4 The candidate must agree to come to each parish council meeting once in post to report back to the councillors on both the youth issue and on progress in his/her studies at Oxford.
- 5 The council would like to see provision for the older teens of the village increased beyond the proposed one evening a week, because councillors understand that this is where there is a need and no provision in this village. The council does not feel that including the Scouts fulfils this criterion. The aim must be to engage those older teens who do not wish to belong to a uniformed group.

6	The parish council insists that the post be secular otherwise the offer may be withdrawn. Clerk to write.	Clerk
040/PC/09	Protecting Recreational Space Update Report from Cllr J Ball Clerk still trying to find proof of ownership, she has asked the solicitors to provide this to the council.	Clerk
041/PC/09	Allotments Further update. Reports from Legal Advisory Panel appended, to be discussed further and decision made on how to proceed. The reports were discussed and it was RESOLVED to agree that a new tenancy agreement should be drafted by the legal advisory panel in time for the allotment renewals in January 2010. RESOLVED to agree that the clerk should write to all allotment holders outlining that complaints about the present tenancy agreement had been received and that reviews were being carried out and research has shown that the tenancy agreement needs to be updated. This will take in account water provision, livestock, and drainage and will be in line with the statutory agreement leaflet available from NSALG.	Clerk Legal Panel
042/PC/09	Library Update if any. Cllr Webber gave a brief update on the possibility of using the school as a library. A review of school places will take place in 2010 in South Bucks. A temporary building might be an option for a library. And Cllr Webber noted that the Tesco site was up for sale and could be a possibility.	
043/PC/09	Update from Village Centre Trustees Meetings Update The next Trustee meeting is tomorrow 9 th June, update at next meeting.	
044/PC/09	H&WP Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust NOTED Consultation information emailed to all councillors, comments by 13 th July 2009. Cllr Webber asked all councillors to comment individually.	
045/PC/09	Reports from Other Committees (1) Planning - RESOLVED to agree to start planning meetings at 7.30pm and trial for six months alongside the Full Parish Council meetings. Cllr Gillan said that plans for Farnham Park Golf Course were discussed and our comments asked for Crime Prevention to be taken into account. Also some SBDC decisions were not consistent with GB policies, and we are trying to understand why these decisions are being allowed. Cllr Webber has raised this with Roger Reed from SBDC and will do so through SBALC. Cllr Best made a complaint about Miss Rosie Lonn, a planning officer at SBDC, which was noted. The chairman is to complain formally in writing to Cllr Roger Reed at SBDC. (2) Finance - any update from Cllr Hardy on bank loan? Cllr Hardy on holiday but should have some further information for the July meeting. (3) R & E - To decide if request from Wexham United Football Club to use Plough Lane football pitches is viable and Bells Hill on Sundays and if so how to proceed. RESOLVED to agree that we could rent the Plough Lane pitches to Wexham United however it must be pointed out to them that there are no changing rooms or toilet facilities. RESOLVED to agree that they could not use the Bells Hill Recreation Ground as it is already rented to another team and would make matters complicated. Cllr Best to work out prices and to be discussed further at the next R & E meeting. Cllr Best informed the committee that the quotes previously received from Templewood Builders to carry out this years repairs on the portacabins were now not acceptable by	Clerk

Mr Matthews from the football club and that he is in the process of obtaining further quotes and changing them. **RESOLVED** to agree that the Parish Council have previously accepted Templewoods quote and are not in agreement to change the decision and use someone else to carry out the work.

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

- (1) **NOTED** Ivinghoe Parish Council - Invitation to complete HGV record. It was agreed to ask Cllr Arnold to put this on a round robin for everyone to reply.
- (2) **NOTED** War Memorials Trust - Conference on Looking After War Memorials 15th July 09
- (3) **NOTED** NHS Berkshire East - Update sessions on previous public consultations, Slough on 10th June 2009
- (4) **NOTED** Thames Valley Police - Open Day in Reading on 8th August 2009
- (5) **NOTED** Letter from BCC to Mrs B Campion owner of 85 Rogers Lane, in reply to her request to make the piece of land outside the school into private parking for the cottages on the bend.

047/PC/09 NOTED Dates of Future Meetings

Planning Committee – 15th June 2009

R & E Committee - 30th June 2009

Full Parish Council - 13th July 2009

048/PC/09 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.

Meeting ended at 9.45pm.

Signed

Chairman

Dated
