

# STOKE POGES PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE  
STOKE POGES PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 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 N Arnold, Cllr J Ball, Cllr S Best, Cllr G Elderfield, Cllr M Fletcher, Cllr L Gillan, Cllr H Huntley, Cllr L Robinson, Cllr C Thornton.  
**In Attendance:-** Mrs J Simmonds (Clerk)  
**Also Present:-** ABO L Sharples, ABO C Taylor, T Egleton, Rev M Griffiths, Katie Robertson, G Matthews, V Bunby, M Gollifer.

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## MINUTES

### **049/PC/09 Public Question Time (7.30pm-7.45pm)**

To receive comments and questions from any members of public present.  
Mr Matthews from the football club informed the council that work on the porta-cabins was nearly complete. They have been painted inside and out, plumbing and flooring work had been carried out. He thanked the council for their contribution to this work. He then informed the council that on the 18<sup>th</sup> July a pre-season friendly was being held against the Corinthians and all were welcome to attend.

### **050/PC/09 - Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Y Ball and Cllr G Hardy.

### **051/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

### **052/PC/09 Minutes**

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2009 which were signed by the Chairman.

### **053/PC/09 Police**

To receive a report from PC Louise Sharples  
PC Sharples read out the crime figures from June 9<sup>th</sup> to July 13<sup>th</sup> (appended). She also informed the council that she had been doing speed checks locally on roads such as Park Road, and Bells Hill amongst others. There are huge parking issues at Stoke Green and 27 tickets had been issued in June alone. The food trailer at the Dog & Pot has been stolen.

### **054/PC/09 Youth Worker**

Rev. Mark Griffiths and Katie Robertson.

Rev Griffiths introduced Katie Robertson to the council and all councillors introduced themselves to her. Cllr J Ball had some questions for Rev Griffiths regarding the conditions set out in the agreement. He asked why we had not had any input in the recruitment of Katie which was the council's wish? Rev Griffiths replied that discussions about the appointment had started with the council in January 09, as no decision had been made by May they needed to make the appointment, so that the new Youth Worker could enrol on the necessary course at Oxford to start in September 09. If they had left any later they may not have got a place. He apologised and accepted that this was perhaps wrong of them, but they did not know at the time if we were going to part fund or not. Cllr Ball also referred Rev Griffiths to the condition that we will fund for one year only and review the situation before funding for the following two years. He felt that Rev. Griffiths' reply to that condition in his letter did not actually agree to that and that the Church were expecting the three years funding. Rev Griffiths explained that he saw his reply of "I am delighted that you have looked so favourably on this request for funding and have agreed to contribute £6000 to meet a third of the costs of a youth worker (with the agreement to continue this over three years if all goes well)" meant the same as our condition of the following two years only being paid after a full review. The third point Cllr Ball made was about being secular; Cllr Webber then said that she had perhaps used the wrong word in secular and all agreed including Rev Griffiths that this should be called non-denominational. It was agreed that condition 2 should be deleted since that was added before the council was aware that Katie had been interviewed and appointed.

Katie then introduced herself, she is from Oxford, and has lived in Newbury for two years working as a youth worker, whilst doing her 'A' levels. She is happy to work for both Christian and non-Christian groups. Has worked with different disabilities including blind, aspergers and autism. She runs events and is very enthusiastic. Has had experience with difficult youths. Hopes to end up working with a church on non-faith groups ages 10-16. She will be taking a Youth & Community GYM Degree.

Katie is CRB checked and is moving to Stoke Poges in September. Volunteers are needed and she was advised by the council to contact Farnham Common Youth Group for ideas. An advert in the SPN asking for volunteers was suggested. Katie will attend the Parish Council meetings to give monthly updates.

#### **055/PC/09 County Councillors Report**

Councillor Egleton to report

Cllr Egleton said not much had happened since the election. There would be no replacement for Margaret Dewar. The official list will be out in July, and new member structures will be announced as well. He was asked if there was any news on the lights switch off programme following some fatalities, Cllr Egleton said he would enquire. He was also asked about his email since no replies had been received. He reported he did have a problem but hoped it would be resolved in the forthcoming week.

#### **056/PC/09 District Councillors Report**

Cllr Arnold reported that a final decision had been made on The Lanes Golf Course and Stoke Park that neither will be sold and will stay in the ownership of SBDC. Farnham Park Golf Course has been granted its planning permission for a new clubhouse.

#### **057/PC/09 To Receive and Adopt previous minutes from previous meetings of sub committees and working parties:-**

(1) **RESOLVED TO RECEIVE & ADOPT** Planning minutes 18/5/09 - signed 15/6/09

#### **058/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

#### **059/PC/09 Financial Risk Assessment**

**RESOLVED TO RECEIVE & APPROVE** Financial Risk Assessment

**060/PC/09 Grasscutting Contract**

**RESOLVED TO APPROVE** recommendation from R & E to accept the grasscutting contract for 2009-2010 increase and contract quote from ISS Waterers Landscape. **NOTED** that the second quote was too expensive and that the third quote did not materialise even though the clerk tried hard to obtain a third.

**061/PC/09 Bells Hill Development/Persimmon**

Update

Cllr Webber said a meeting was to take place between herself, Bob Smith of SBDC and Jon Regent of Persimmon regarding the landscaping which forms part of the planning application. There is no-one in line for the retail units other than Bal from the chemist. Rita and Arun from the Post Office had not yet signed as the Post Office side of things was proving difficult. Cllr Aldridge queried the sub-station and whether it was on the original plans, no-one remembers seeing it. SBDC cannot find the millennium beacon. Cllr Webber was sure was with Simon Gray at SBDC, they have the planters and the clock but no beacon. **AGREED** not to move the flagpole.

**062/PC/09 LAFs**

Update

Cllr Webber had a meeting with the Deputy Leader of Bucks County Council Bill Chapple there were 7 Parish Council Chairmen present. Mr Chapple refused to entertain the idea of one LAF for South Bucks but even when repeatedly pressed would not provide an answer for why he was insisting on four LAFs.

Mary Trevellion sent a letter to Mr Chapple and received a reply. It seems as if Mr Chapple's stance has changed regarding funding coming to Parishes. Cllr Egelton who chairs the Beeches said that they have the same problems in Chiltern. Aylesbury is operating quite well.

**063/PC/09 Website**

To discuss current webmaster and problems encountered by clerk. To possibly give notice to current web master and find a new one. Cllr Robinson sourced details on a company called Immediasite Ltd (details and prices appended). To decide if a notice in SPN would be worthwhile asking for a volunteer.

Cllr Robinson and the clerk to meet with current web master on 15<sup>th</sup> July to iron out difficulties and to suggest notice to Julian Irvine, but to try to get the migration carried out first. Cllr Robinson to speak to Business Link and to find out more about Farnham Common PC and Hedgerley PC who both have well operated web sites.

**064/PC/09 Grazing at Nettleship Wood**

Illegal horses have prompted Mrs Kennedy to deduct 25% from her quarterly bill, saying that she rents 8 acres and 2 acres are now ruined. To decide whether to accept this or not. **RESOLVED TO AGREE** to deduction of 25%.

14 day notice has not worked. Visit from the Horse Welfare Society has resulted in being told that the best way to remove the horses is to use a bailiff. Costs were tabled.

**RESOLVED TO AGREE** to pay the £500 costs of a bailiff putting up signs but only after Cllr Ball has taken legal advice.

**065/PC/09 Football Club**

**RESOLVED TO AGREE** to formally accept quotes from football club for plumbing and painting. Quote from Fred Harrod for plumbing work of £1400 accepted, balance of £1600 to be used for costs of paint (football club to supply receipts) or towards quotation from Annorealm Ltd for flooring. £3000 maximum spend as per budget.

**066/PC/09 Wexham United Football Club**

To agree recommendation from R & E not to charge Wexham United Football Club for its use of the football pitch at Plough Lane on Sunday mornings for children's matches ages 11 & 12.

**RESOLVED TO AGREE** that they may use the pitch for 09/10 free of charge.

**067/PC/09 SLCC 35<sup>th</sup> National Conference**

**RESOLVED TO AGREE** that the clerk can attend this year's conference at Daventry from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October at a cost of £330 plus travelling expenses. There is a saving of £70 as the clerk is a member of the SLCC.

**RESOLVED TO AGREE** that as the Chairman will now be away on the 28th they will not attend a finance course on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2009 run by BALC Cost £48 per head (no cost incurred), but the clerk will attend a much more informative SLCC course on 27<sup>th</sup> July at Reading, cost £95 plus travelling expenses. £750 in training budget for 09/10.

**068/PC/09 Community Resilience (formerly Emergency Planning)**

The Chairman asked each councillor to read this thoroughly and bring back suggestions to the September meeting.

**069/PC/09 Stoke Poges Lands End Memorial Education Charity**

**Stoke Poges Relief In Need Charity**

New nominations required due to Mr Egleton's resignations. Mr Egleton explained that he had resigned because the council did not re-appoint him to the Stoke Poges United Charity in May 09 after receiving a letter from Tony Levings asking the PC to do so? The clerk and the Parish Councillors were all confused about this issue believing that we could not nominate a person who was not a Parish Councillor. This apparently is not the case. Clerk to establish facts from Mr Levings and bring back to September meeting.

**070/PC/09 Bucks County Council - Consultation on Policy on Planning Obligations for Education Provision.**

Comments by 17<sup>th</sup> July 2009

Clerk to respond with comments saying one local school is not ideal, catchment areas should be re-considered, not enough choice at Secondary school level. Review of catchment areas does not happen with Primary Schools and it should.

**071/PC/09 Parking at Stoke Green**

Update

Cllr Webber has emailed Chris Schwier at Highways and Valerie Letheran at County asking them to consider bollards - still waiting for replies. Janet Tucker a resident at Stoke Green is getting a group together to complain. Overview and Scrutiny at SBDC reviewed S Bucks ambulance service response times which are appalling. Inconsiderate parked and parking cars could be a contributory factor.

**072/PC/09 LB Of Hillingdon**

**NOTED** Supplementary Planning Document for the former National Air Traffic Services site, Porters Way, West Drayton.

600-800 dwellings proposed comments by 12<sup>th</sup> August 2009.

**073/PC/09 Parish Council Opportunities for putting value into the Village**

Follow on from email to all councillors from the Chairman

Bring back to September with suggestions and comments from councillors.

**074/PC/09 Reports from Other Committees**

- (1) Planning - Cllr Gillan reported that enforcements were being looked into again.
- (2) Finance - Cllr Hardy sent a report to say that Nat West would be happy to discuss a loan.
- (3) R & E -Cllr Best said Quote for ditch now received so work can go ahead. Stopcock problem being investigated by the complaints department at the water board.
- (4) Heritage - Cllr Arnold said that Cllr Robinson had agreed to take over the organising of the Carols on the Green for this year. Cllr Arnold also thanked the village fete committee and especially Cllr Huntley for help with the fete in her absence.

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

- (1) **NOTED** SBDC Chairman's Community & Volunteering Awards 25/11/09 - Forms with clerk for nominations. Forms Tabled.

- (2) **NOTED** SBDC Standard Committee letter re:- Code of Conduct
- (3) **NOTED** SBDC Recognising Young People through the Chairman's Community & Volunteering Awards 2009. - Nomination forms with the clerk. Forms Tabled.
- (4) **NOTED** Correspondence from Mr Anthony Longden who is taking up the issue of Air Movement/Noise in the area.

**076/PC/09 NOTED Dates of Future Meetings**

Planning Committee – **Possibly 10<sup>th</sup> August 2009 depending on amount of applications.**

Full Parish Council - 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009

**077/PC/09 Exclusion of the Press & Public**

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

**RESOLVED** that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the Public & Press be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that they may involve the disclosure of items that are not in the public interest and may involve disclosure of confidential information about particular members of staff.

**PART II**

**078/PC/09 Football Club**

**RESOLVED** not to renew the parish council's lease (ended January 2009) with the Football Club for the changing rooms at Bells Hill Recreation Ground at the end of the current season in May 2010. Unanimous vote.

**AGREED** Letter to the chairman of the club to be sent by the clerk.

**079/PC/09 Parish Office Changes/Village Centre**

**NOTED** Letter from Village Centre to the clerk and all Parish Councillors.  
Clerk to reply.

**Meeting ended:- 10.35pm**

**Signed**

**Chairman**

**Dated**

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