

STOKE POGES PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STOKE POGES PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 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 Y Ball, Cllr S Best, Cllr M Fletcher, Cllr H Huntley, Cllr L Robinson.

In Attendance:- Mrs J Simmonds (Clerk)

Also Present:- Sgt C George, Cllr T Egleton, Approx 70 members of public and 2 press.

MINUTES

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

There were approximately 70 members of public who attended to put forward their views about the council's decision not to re-new the football club lease after the next season 09/10. The football club had previously circulated a flyer to many houses in the village which the Parish Council believed contained some erroneous statements (appended). The chairman had responded refuting many of the claims by the football club (appended) which was circulated via email. The chairman read out this report before inviting one member of the public to speak on everyone's behalf. That member was Mr G Matthews football club manager. The councillors were unable to enter into a debate or discussion on this matter as a decision had already been taken. Mr Matthews again re-iterated their views on the matter which was backed by the others present. The Chairman re-iterated the Parish Council's views which resulted in the football club issuing a statement to say that they no longer wished to operate Stoke Poges Football Club from its current location on completion of the 2009/2010 season (unless the Parish Council requested its continuation under reasonable terms) (appended). During the session the chairman had to suspend the meeting for two minutes to calm matters down. During one particularly noisy period, there was an outburst by Councillor Jimmy Ball that was not heard by either the Clerk or the Chair of the Council. It is unclear to whom the comment was addressed but a number of other Councillors did hear the comment. The Chairman allowed the session to run for 30 minutes.

081/PC/09 - Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Gillan, Cllr Elderfield, Cllr Thornton, Katie Robertson

082/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. Cllr Robinson declared personal and prejudicial interest in item 93 Parking at Stoke Green and Wexham Park Hospital.

083/PC/09 Minutes

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 13th July 2009 which were signed by the chairman.

084/PC/09 Youth Worker

To receive a report from Katie Robertson

Apologies were received from Katie who had to attend a court hearing to give evidence on a case relating to her previous job. This was in Newbury and too far for her to travel back to this meeting. Katie will attend the October meeting with a full report of her work so far.

085/PC/09 Police

Sgt George read out the last crime figures (appended). Sgt George also mentioned speeding problems and how the NAG was helping to identify problems, and he mentioned Stoke Green and the lack of parking, and the parking issues at Wexham Park Hospital. Cllr Fletcher asked Sgt Clayton about the gate on the underground parking at Bells Hill and whether the police had written to Persimmon asking them to install the gates. Sgt George said that he would find out.

086/PC/09 County Councillors Report

Councillor Egleton to report

The County Council has now adopted the new Overview and Scrutiny policy and meetings will be held once a month. Templewood Lane has now been re-surfaced out of Cllr Egleton's delegated budget scheme. And £10k has been spent on footpaths. A contractor has been selected for energy and waste and the incinerator looks likely to be placed in Bedfordshire and up and running by 2014. Cllr Fletcher asked if there might be a windfall from the Overview & Scrutiny committee to go towards the library, Cllr Egleton explained that the capital from Persimmon went into capital spend and has now been spent. The new mobile library has been ordered but is running five months late.

087/PC/09 District Councillors Report

Cllr Webber reported that the new carved boards identifying the Jubilee & Caldecourt cup winners were now finished and displayed outside the Lionel Rigby Room. Cllr Webber had good news from District Council that we have been awarded a £48k grant to spend on children's play equipment in 2010.

088/PC/09 RECEIVED and ADOPTED previous minutes from previous meetings of sub committees and working parties:-

- (1) Planning minutes 15/6/09- signed 20/7/09
- (2) Planning minutes 20/7/09- signed 10/8/09

089/PC/09 Finance

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

090/PC/09 Councillor Geoffrey Hardy

RECEIVED & NOTED resignation received from Cllr Hardy and accepted by clerk and chairman.

091/PC/09 Website

Meeting held with Julian Irvine, Cllr Robinson and the clerk to discuss migration to .gov.uk A few queries were sorted out and the migration has now taken place. Julian Irvine is able to update the website to a certain extent i.e. new photos etc, but does not have the time to completely re-do a new site.

completely re-vamp the website now that the migration has taken place. Clerk to get details of the person who runs the Wexham Parish Council site and pass to Cllr Robinson for a discussion with them and bring this back to the October meeting.

092/PC/09 Grazing at Nettleship Wood

After lots of work trying to get the horses removed the clerk eventually on advice from Kidd Rapinett Instructed a bailiff to put up removal signs. Eventually before the 14 day period was up they were removed. Dave Hancock and Steve Whitby in process of arranging to install a second gate behind the existing gate to help prevent this happening again, to agree.

Councillors thanked the clerk for persisting with this problem and finally resolving it.

RESOLVED to AGREE unanimously costs of approximately £1800 plus installation costs for a second gate to be installed behind the original gate to help prevent this problem happening again. Clerk to send an invoice to the horse owners for costs.

093/PC/09 Parking at Stoke Green & Wexham Park Hospital

Email received from clerk of Wexham Parish Council informing council of a meeting to be held by them on 22nd September 2009 at Harvey Memorial Hall from 10.30-12.30 regarding parking problems around Wexham Park Hospital. Only one member can attend due to limited space. Also report from Cllr Robinson regarding parking issues.

NOTED that Cllr Robinson had decided to stand down as representative for the council due to having personal and prejudicial interests in this matter. Cllr Arnold agreed to attend the meeting and report back in October.

094/PC/09 Bells Development/Persimmon/Library Update

Update

All councillors have been sent the ombudsman letter to Mrs Tulloch.

The library committee will be meeting on 21st September and will formulate a response and query some items.

095/PC/09 Internal Auditor

RESOLVED to agree to re-appoint Mr Barrie Dancer for internal audit for 09/10.

096/PC/09 Slough Borough Council

NOTED Consultation on draft SPD and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal report

097/PC/09 SBDC - South Bucks Partnership Cohesion and Inequalities Strategy Consultation Survey 4-9-09 to 16-10-09.

To elect a councillor to take away, read and fill in the survey to be agreed at October meeting in time for the deadline.

RESOLVED to AGREE Cllr Fletcher would read and comment and bring back to the October meeting.

098/PC/09 Bucks County Council Transport for Buckinghamshire

NOTED Review of Bus Services in Iver, Richings Park and Hedgerley.

099/PC/09 Rogers Lane Field

NOTED Dog fouling has become an issue again.

Clerk has previously spoken with the owner who has no problem with dogs fouling on his land and does not want dog bins installed. Nothing more can be done.

100/PC/09 South Bucks Partnership meeting 7th October 2009

To discuss any questions which you may want raised at this meeting.

AGREED that Wexham Park Hospital parking and Bells Hill Development should be items raised.

101/PC/09 Cleaner

To discuss employing a cleaner for the office.

RESOLVED to AGREE that a cleaner is needed once a month at a cost of £15 per month. Cllr Webber and Cllr Huntley to investigate finding someone suitable. Clerk to go ahead and employ once someone suitable found.

102/PC/09 Village Centre

NOTED letter received from Roland Bailey. Copies previously circulated. Clerk to re-send to all councillors as some claimed they had not received a copy.

103/PC/09 Reports from Other Committees

- (1) Planning - Cllr Gillan not present.
- (2) Finance - Nothing to report.
- (3) R & E - Cllr Best reported that he was not happy with the work which had been carried out by Mr MacDougall on the ditches. Cllr Aldridge agreed to take a look and speak with Mr MacDougall, clerk with withhold payment until sorted. Clerk to find out winners of allotments presented at Horticultural show and add to these minutes:- 1st Heather Tucker, 2nd Alan Woods, and 3rd Newark Smelt. Clerk to obtain quote from A & M Fencing for more fencing at Nettleship Wood for next years budgets. Clerk to ask Mrs Kennedy if she sub-lets the paddock at Nettleship.
- (4) Heritage - Cllr Arnold says that there is a possibility that the Carols on the Green might not be able to be held at Bells Hill, permission is needed from Persimmon and they may say no. The School have agreed that in that event it can be held there. Cllr Robinson has taken on the arrangements and has already made lots of progress. The Beacon has been lost between SBDC and Persimmon.

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

- (1) **NOTED** Bucks County Council - Purchasing arrangements for parish and town councils
- (2) **NOTED** Bucks County Council - Letter to Mrs Campion re: parking in Rogers Lane
- (3) **NOTED** Bucks County Council - Appeal for people to join the Independent Education Appeal Panel
- (4) **NOTED** SBDC - Letter regarding removal of Mobile Food Van at Dog and Pot
- (5) **NOTED** More correspondence from Mr Anthony Longden who is taking up the issue of Air Movement/Noise in the area.
- (6) **NOTED** SBDC - Landscape advice to Parish Councils.
- (7) **NOTED** Wexham United Football Club, thank you letter and copies of insurance and FA affiliation.

104/PC/09 NOTED Dates of Future Meetings

Planning Committee – 21st September 2009

Full Parish Council - 12th October 2009

R & E Committee - 27th October 2009

105/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.

Meeting ended at 9.45pm

Signed

Chairman

Dated



