

# STOKE POGES PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STOKE POGES PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2010 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE LIONEL RIGBY ROOM AT THE VILLAGE CENTRE, ROGERS LANE, STOKE POGES

**Present:-** Cllr Fletcher (Chair), Cllr Aldridge, Cllr Carter, Cllr Huntley, Cllr Matthews, Cllr Robinson and Cllr Thornton.

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

**Also Present:-** Cllr Egleton, Cllr Bowater and Approx 12 members of public

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### MINUTES

The Clerk asked for nominations for a Chairman to open the meeting and take the first item on the agenda. Cllr Thornton proposed that Cllr Fletcher take the Chair, this was seconded by Cllr Carter. **RESOLVED** all in favour.

**001/PC/10 - To Elect a Chairman for the coming year.**

and to receive Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Fletcher asked for nominations to elect a Chairman for the coming year. Cllr Thornton proposed that Cllr Fletcher be Chairman which was seconded by Cllr Carter. All in favour. No other nominations were received.

**RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Fletcher as Chairman for the year 2010/11. **RECEIVED** declaration of acceptance of office which was signed by Cllr Fletcher and the Clerk (Appended)

**002/PC/10 To Elect a Vice Chairman for the coming year.**

and to receive Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Fletcher asked for nominations to elect a Vice Chairman for the coming year. Cllr Fletcher proposed that Cllr Aldridge be Vice Chairman which was seconded by Cllr Huntley. All in favour. No other nominations were received.

**RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Aldridge as Vice Chairman for the year 2010/11. **RECEIVED** declaration of acceptance of office which was signed by Cllr Aldridge and the Clerk (Appended).

**003/PC/10 - Public Session Time (7.30pm-7.45pm)**

The meeting is open to the public and press and the first 15 minutes will be reserved, if required, for public comment.

Cllr Fletcher asked if there were any comments from the public asking them to keep it brief as there was a big agenda to get through.

Mrs Relf asked if a notice board could be put up at the new shops as people are more likely to look there than at the board at the Village Centre.

Cllr Fletcher asked if people who were interested in Parish Council business to tell others

about meetings etc. Clerk to look into the possibility of a board.

Mr Wood asked about the signage to the shops and if it could be moved from Rogers Lane to a more appropriate place. SBDC Cllr Bowater said that it was in hand.

Mr Finan said that he and many others were shocked at the quick succession of the five resignations recently received by the Parish Clerk, but by a newspaper article he had received, he said that it seems that the "old Guard" still believe that the football club has instigated this. He would like to say for the final time that he has nothing to do with the football club. He for one was upset at the complete contempt and disregard that the 5 councillors had shown to the rest of the council and to the public in every meeting I have attended since November 2009. Naomi Arnold, in that press release said that "the council are very scornful of any of us with experience and knowledge" All he can say in reply is that they have brought it upon themselves. He wished good luck to the new Parish Council.

#### **004/PC/10 - Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Gillan, Katie Robertson and District Councillor Webber.

#### **005/PC/10 - 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.

#### **006/PC/10 - To Note Resignations**

**NOTED** Resignations received from Councillor's Arnold, J Ball, Y Ball and Webber.

It was also **NOTED** that a resignation letter had been received from Cllr Best in the last couple of days, letter was tabled. Cllr Fletcher thanked them all for their past services as Parish Councillors over the number of years that they had served.

#### **007/PC/10 To Appoint Committees**

Cllr Fletcher proposed some changes are made to the existing Committees. He proposed that Finance is merged with General Purposes and Legal Advisory to make a Finance and General Purposes Committee. Heritage becomes as sub committee of R & E. This was seconded by Cllr Matthews, all in favour. **RESOLVED** to agree that these changes will be made to the Standing Orders which are up for a complete review at the next Finance meeting as advised by the Auditor.

- (a) Recreation & Environment Committee  
(6 members plus Chairman ex officio)  
**RESOLVED** to agree all in favour Cllr Aldridge, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Huntley and Cllr Matthews form this committee. Two vacancies.
- (b) Planning Committee  
(6 members plus Chairman ex officio)  
**RESOLVED** to agree all in favour Cllr Gillan, Cllr Thornton, Cllr Carter and Mr Lee Duncombe form this committee. Two vacancies.
- (c) Legal Advisory Panel (working party)  
(3 members plus Chairman ex officio)  
**RESOLVED** to agree all in favour that this becomes part of Finance & General Purposes.
- (d) Heritage Committee (working party)  
(6 members plus Chairman ex officio)  
**RESOLVED** to agree all in favour that this becomes a sub committee of R & E.
- (e) General Purposes Committee  
(Chairman of Council, Vice Chairman of Council, 2 other members)  
**RESOLVED** to agree all in favour that this committee merges with Finance.
- (f) Finance & General Purposes Committee  
**Standing Order 8.12 provides for the Committee to be composed of:-**

Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council, Chairmen of all committees and one other member.

**RESOLVED** to agree all in favour Cllr Fletcher, Cllr Aldridge, Cllr Gillan and Cllr Robinson and one vacancy.

**RESOLVED** to agree all in favour the above committees (full list appended).

At 7.50pm The Council Adjourned to enable the Committees to appoint Chairmen and Vice Chairmen.

(1) **R & E** - Cllr Huntley proposed Cllr Aldridge as Chairman this was seconded by Cllr Matthews, **RESOLVED** all in favour. Cllr Matthews proposed Cllr Huntley as Vice Chairman this was seconded by Cllr Aldridge, **RESOLVED** all in favour.

(2) **Planning Committee** - Cllr Fletcher proposed that Cllr Gillan remain as Chairman this was seconded by Cllr Matthews, **RESOLVED** all in favour. Cllr Fletcher proposed Cllr Thornton as Vice Chairman this was seconded by Cllr Carter, **RESOLVED** all in favour.

(3) **Finance & General Purposes Committee** - **RESOLVED** all in favour that Cllr Fletcher be Chairman and Cllr Aldridge be Vice Chairman as per standing order 8.12.

At 7.55 the meeting re-convened to:-

- (g) **Fix times of meetings** (every month except August at 7.30pm.)
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| Council                              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday except Dec & Jan (1 <sup>st</sup> Mon) and if a bank holiday falls on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday then it will be previous week. |
| Planning Committee                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 7.30pm  |
| Recreation and Environment committee | 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 8.00pm<br>(June, October (Finance), February)  |
| Finance & General Purposes Committee | 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday 8.00pm<br>(June, November (Budget), March)  |

**RESOLVED** to agree all in favour meeting times as above.

#### **008/PC/10 To Appoint Spokespersons**

**RESOLVED** to agree all in favour the following spokespersons.

Planning - Cllr Gillan	Recreation - Cllr Aldridge
Environment - Cllr Aldridge	Footpaths - Cllr Matthews
Heritage - Cllr Huntley	Highways & Transport - Cllr Robinson
Health and Housing - Cllr Gillan	Health and Safety - Cllr Thornton
Crime and Disorder- Cllr Fletcher	Finance and Grants - Cllr Fletcher
Youth - Cllr Carter	Constitutional Matters - Cllr Fletcher

#### **009/PC/10 To Appoint representatives to outside bodies**

Cllr Fletcher reported that the Charity representatives are placed for four years and there is no reason to change the existing representatives until their time is up. He pointed out that when two of the charities merge later in the year the existing representatives for both will be removed and new representatives will be appointed for the one Charity.

**NOTED** the existing charity representatives:-

Stoke Poges Relief in Need Charity - Cllr Aldridge, Kathie Webber (2012)

United Charity - Cllr Aldridge, Kathie Webber (2012)

Lands End Memorial Education Charity - Cllr Aldridge (2012)

Lord Hastings Trust - Kathie Webber (2012)

**RESOLVED** to agree all in favour the following representatives.

Village Hall Management Committee - Cllr Carter

Other bodies:-

South Bucks District Association of Local Councils - Cllr Carter, Cllr Thornton

South Bucks Partnership - Cllr Fletcher.

Footpath Watch - Mac Gollifer

Allotment Representative - Mac Gollifer

Heritage Walk - Cllr Huntley, Cllr Robinson

Public Transport Representative - Cllr Aldridge

Village Fete Committee - Cllr Fletcher, Cllr Carter

Allotment Cup - Member of Horticultural Society to Judge.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Committee - Cllr Matthews

Webmaster - Vacant

Website Liaison - Vacant

Flagmaster - Doug Roxburgh

Cllr Fletcher proposed that Mr Bagge take over as Editor of the newsletter which was seconded by Cllr Thornton, **RESOLVED** all in favour. Mr Bagge was asked to agree which he did. Cllr Fletcher asked the clerk to inform Naomi Arnold saying that she had done a fantastic job in producing the Parish Newsletter up until now and that her hard work had been much appreciated.

#### **010/PC/10 - Minutes**

**RESOLVED** all in favour to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010 which were signed by the Chairman.

#### **011/PC/10 - Youth Worker**

Katie was absent from the meeting and had sent a report which was tabled (Appended).

At 8.10 meeting was adjourned as two members of public arrived. Cllr Fletcher welcomed them and asked if they had wanted to speak as the public session was now over. Mr and Mrs Taylor wanted to speak about the Post Code issue which they reported at the APM. Cllr Bowater agreed to take up and it was agreed that the Parish Council would write to Dominic Grieve as he had promised to help at the APM if re-elected. Cllr Egleton to take up with BCC social services.

Clerk

Meeting re-convened at 8.20pm

#### **012/PC/10 - Police**

PSCO Beck had provided a written report which was tabled (Appended).

#### **013/PC/10 - County Councillors Report**

Councillor Egleton to report

Cllr Egleton congratulated Cllr Fletcher on his appointment as Chairman and wished him and the Council well.

The highways department now have a plane and patch programme which is currently being executed and is being funded from the balance of the additional £2M taken from reserves that has not been spent on pothole repairs. Buckinghamshire's proportion of the Government fund for additional road repairs is £960000 and councillors have been requested to suggest priority areas in their wards which will be considered by the officers against their priority roads.

Cllr Egleton has requested that his "Were working on it Budget" is spent on resurfacing the most badly damaged section of Rogers Lane with the balance if any used in Stoke Green.

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee has set up a joint task & finish group with the District Councils to discharge its duties in relation to the Crime & Disorder Partnership. All councils have to scrutinise the operation of this partnership and it was agreed that a joint review would pool our resources and make more efficient use of police time in

attending our meetings. The scope has been agreed and the actual areas of investigation will be decided next week.

#### **014/PC/10 - District Councillors Report**

Cllr Bowater reported that he is investigating the lack of disabled access at the Bells Hill Development. It appears that the Building Control might be an issue. Persimmon used a third party for their building control and not SBDC building control. Lyn Heckford head of Building Control at SBDC has met Persimmon on site to point out that the current access is totally unacceptable.

Meeting was adjourned at 8.30 to allow resident of Bells Hill Ms Meyrick to speak, Cllr Fletcher asked her if the management had been handed over to yet and Ms Meyrick said no. Meeting re-convened at 8.31

Cllr Bowater said that he was trying to get hold of the surveyor from NHBC. Cllr Thornton asked Cllr Bowater why the Planners did not control the application better, Cllr Bowater said it was down to Building Control. Cllr Fletcher said that there seemed to be three options:-

1. SBDC to pay for a new ramp
2. SBDC to put pressure on Persimmon to pay for a new ramp.
3. SBDC or Parish to put pressure on NHBC not to sign of a compliance certificate until the correction has taken place.

Meeting adjourned at 8.33 to allow Bells Hill resident Ms Meyrick to speak. She said that Persimmon had not issued a Fire Certificate for the whole site, and that she had been advised to go to the Citizens Advice Bureau for help.

Meeting re-convened at 8.35pm.

Cllr Carter suggested a working party of councillors this was seconded by Cllr Fletcher, all in favour. **RESOLVED** that Cllr Thornton would lead the party along with Cllr Huntley and Cllr Aldridge who will work alongside Cllr Bowater, Cllr Egleton and Balwinder to try to sort this out. Cllr Fletcher said that he is trying to set up a meeting with Persimmon.

Cllr Bowater went on to say that he had viewed all of the Objection letters to the Thames House development which had now been refused. There were two letters of No Objections and he thought it worth mentioning that one of those was from Persimmon Homes, who had said that they had found it very difficult to convince a Supermarket chain to take up residence at the development because the Thames House site was owned by Tesco.

#### **015/PC/10 - Village Centre**

Update from the meeting which took place with Cllr Carter and Cllr Aldridge on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010 with the Village Centre members Mr Dier and Mr Bailey.

Cllr Carter confirmed that a meeting had taken place. The Village Centre had presented a document that was going down the road of a new lease or licence for the Parish Office. Cllr Carter suggested that the Council or some of the councillors should meet to look over the agreement and then each party should take legal advice. It was suggested that some utility bills should be paid for by the Parish Council. The Village Centre had agreed to pay for the agreement but each party would pay for their own legal advice. The furniture in the LRR belongs to the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED** all in favour that an agreement be tabled at the next meeting.

#### **016/PC/10 - GX & Fulmer Football Club**

Update on adhoc payments for pitch use.

**RESOLVED** all in favour to accept the offer of £20 per game played, agreed not to involve the changing rooms at this stage. Clerk to arrange and work out a payment system for each match.

**017/PC/10 - Stoke Poges Football Club**

To discuss letter received.

Cllr Fletcher went through the letter and said that this appeared a very good offer and would bring best value and use of assets for the council. Once Wexham and GX & Fulmer are in place there will be plenty of youths to continue on and up into the adult team, once they reach 16.

Meeting adjourned at 9.00pm and Mr Fox said that the changing rooms are very clean inside and other teams would be welcome to use them if needed.

Meeting re-convened at 9.02pm.

Cllr Carter proposed that the council accept the offer and terms as laid out in the letter this was seconded by Cllr Robinson, all in favour apart from Cllr Matthews who abstained.

**RESOLVED** to agree to accept £950 per year, to be re-negotiated on a yearly basis, to be invoiced twice per year, and two inspections of the changing rooms to take place yearly. Clerk to arrange all of these agreements.

Clerk

**018/PC/10 - RESOLVED to Receive and Adopt previous minutes from previous meetings of sub committees and working parties:**

- (1) Planning minutes 15/03/10 - signed 19/04/10

**019/PC/10 - Finance**

- (1) **RECEIVED & NOTED** Statement of Accounts – April 10
- (2) **RESOLVED** to approve list of cheques for signature – (Appended)
- (3) **RECEIVED & APPROVED** Bank reconciliations April 10 which were tabled (Appended)
- (4) **RECEIVED & NOTED** Budget Monitoring April 10 which was tabled (Appended)
- (5) **RESOLVED** all in favour to appoint 3 new signatories for cheques, Cllr Fletcher, Cllr Matthews and Cllr Huntley.

**020/PC/10 - Sport & Youth Pavilion**

Update from working party Cllr's Aldridge, Carter & Gillan.

Proposed by Cllr Fletcher to bring back to June 10, all agreed.

June 10

**021/PC/10 - Website**

Update from Councillor Robinson after liaising with Daniel Lennox.

Cllr Robinson reported that she had a very good meeting with Daniel who was very keen to help the Council set up a new website. Daniel is to submit a proposal which will be brought back to the June meeting for decision.

Cllr  
Robinson

**022/PC/10 - Tennis Club**

Request to erect a shed in Tennis Club Compound

Rent Review.

**RESOLVED** to agree to the request to erect a shed, all in favour.

**RESOLVED** to agree not to increase the rent for 2010/11. Cllr Huntley said that the club charge very minimal fees for children and also do some free lessons for the school.

Clerk

**023/PC/10 - Bells Hill Disability Access and Shops**

Update

It was agreed by all that this had been covered during item 014.

**024/PC/10 - Reports from Other Committees**

- (1) Planning - Cllr Thornton informed everyone of the Refusal for Thames House and read out the main reasons. An appeal is expected
- (2) R & E - Not met
- (3) Heritage - Not met.

**025/PC/10 - Correspondence and Items received by clerk but not on agenda. To be Noted**

- (1) **NOTED** Friendly Football Match 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2010 - Police v Youth
- (2) **NOTED** Meeting with Harry Latham re: Youth Worker due to take place 24<sup>th</sup> April was cancelled.
- (3) **NOTED** Chillin' in the Park Summer 2010 - To Note dates of event for Bells Hill Recreation Ground - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

**026/PC/10 - NOTED Dates of Future Meetings**

Planning Committee - 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
Heritage - 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
Full Parish Council - 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010

**027/PC/10 - Exclusion of the Press & Public**

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

**To Resolve** 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 because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

**RESOLVED** all in favour not to include this item in future unless a part II was on the agenda.

**Meeting ended at 9.35pm**

Signed

Chairman

Dated

