

STOKE POGES PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STOKE POGES PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12TH JULY 2010 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE ATTIC ROOM AT THE VILLAGE CENTRE, ROGERS LANE, STOKE POGES

Present:- Cllr Fletcher (Chair), Cllr Aldridge, Cllr Bagge, Cllr Carter, Cllr Fox, Cllr Gillan, Cllr Hawkins, Cllr Huntley, Cllr Matthews, Cllr Taylor and Cllr Thornton.

In Attendance:- Mrs J Simmonds (Clerk)

Also Present:- District Councillor N Arnold, District Councillor F Bowater, District Councillor K Webber, County Councillor T Egleton, NSO Sharples, Katie Robertson and approximately 13 members of public.

MINUTES

053/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 opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed the new Councillors to the table. Cllr Fletcher then asked if there were any members of public who wished to speak? There were none.

054/PC/10 - Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received by Cllr Robinson and Dr Sue Lynch.

055/PC/10 Acceptance of Office

NOTED that five new councillors are in office after the bye-election on 1st July 2010.

RESOLVED to confirm that a declaration of acceptance of office form, code of conduct and register of interests forms have been completed and signed by four of the new members. Dr Lynch is away on holiday and will sign upon her return.

056/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.

057/PC/10 - Minutes

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th June 2010 which were signed by the Chairman.

058/PC/10 - Chairman's Update from last meeting.

To include updates on Post Code Issue, Bells Hill Disability Access, Sport & Youth Pavilion, Bells Hill Shops Signage, Website & Playbuilder.

Post Code issue:- being dealt with by Cllr Carter and Cllr Taylor no movement. Cllr Carter asked if she could pick this up with Cllr Taylor and bring it back to the September meeting also suggesting that she might asked Dr Lynch to become involved. All in favour.

Bells Hill Disability Access:- Jon Regent had called Cllr Fletcher this day and this was discussed. Mr Regent said that Building Control had been adhered to and there was no possibility of Persimmon putting in a ramp. Cllr Thornton said that there was nothing in the Officers Report to say that a ramp was required. Cllr Fletcher said that there were three options:- 1, Persue Persimmon to pay for the ramp, 2, ask SBDC to pay for the ramp or 3, The Parish Council to fund the ramp. Meeting adjourned at 7.40pm to allow Cllr Arnold to say that Bob Smith at SBDC has said that the only course of action left is for a private individual to take action under the disability act. Mr Finan said that at the last meeting everything was all ok and the ramp was to be installed and now it has all changed again, where has it gone wrong? Mrs Relf said that she is 100% convinced that Persimmon are breaking the law under the disability act. Meeting re-convened at 7.45pm. Cllr Thornton said that there a no powers under enforcement at SBDC that can be used. Cllr Fletcher said that the Parish Council need to put pressure on South Bucks District Council to find some budget to pay. **RESOLVED** to agree all in favour that Cllr Thornton will draft a letter for the clerk to send to SBDC and Cllr Aldridge will tell Jane Wall that the Parish Council will support her if she fights this through the disability act.

Sport & Youth Pavilion:- Finance have agreed to ring fence extra funds for this project. £70k has been set aside, and the plan is to get grants and match-funding for this project.

Bells Hill Shops Signage:- Cllr Egleton assured the Parish Council that the Temporary Signs would be installed by the end of July 2010 latest. The Permanent signs will be provided by the developer but only once the site is completed.

Website:- Daniel Lennox is now running the website and is working on the new Framework.

Playbuilder:- More funds of £6.5k have been added. The SMP design was rejected by Playbuilder as it did not have enough imaginative play. The design is being re-done to incorporate the extra funds.

059/PC/10 - Police

To receive a report from the police

NSO Lou Sharples read out her report (Appended).

The 'Have Your Say' meeting held earlier today at St. Andrews Church was very successful. Sgt Clayton George is moving on to a new role as of the end of this week, a replacement has not been announced as yet.

060/PC/10 - Youth Worker

To receive a report from Katie Robertson

A report was tabled and read out by Katie. (Appended).

Katie asked for permission to hold a BBQ for the end of term in the Bells Hill Recreation Ground this Friday night. The Parish Councillors are Trustees for the Recreation Ground and agreed to discuss this after the Parish Council Meeting as Trustees and not Councillors. It was pointed out to Katie that this was extremely short notice.

061/PC/10 - County Councillors Report

Councillor Egleton to report

Councillor Egeleton read out his report. (Appended)

062/PC/10 - District Councillors Report

Cllr Arnold sent a written report which was tabled but not read out. (Appended)

Cllr Webber reported about The Implementation Group at the SB Partnership of which she is a member is seeking ideas for grants from its Innovation Fund for £5000 each – there are three available. The three categories are reducing the District's carbon footprint, the Olympics legacy and supporting vulnerable people. The bulk of the money has already been allocated and the group deliberated the merits of those schemes already submitted. The result was Expand Fire Safety Checks, £10k; Zap Carbon, £10k; Fresh Start III (for those facing challenges at work), £1,500; All-age Fitness Path, £5k; Safety 4 Schools, £7,500; Energy Audits, £200. This leaves £15,800 from the total of £50k. . The deadline is 24 August. If anyone can think of a scheme that would benefit the village, the link for the paperwork is:-

http://www.southbucks.gov.uk/council_democracy/south_bucks_partnership.aspx

A report which was received by the Clerk on the morning of the 13th July 2010 by Cllr Webber but was not read out during this meeting is Appended.

063/PC/10 - Graffiti Art Project

To decide whether to agree to this project.

Cllr Matthews lead this discussion explaining that it was important to point out that nothing had been decided yet. He had delivered 45 leaflets to the surrounding houses at the Bells Hill Recreation Ground. We had received back approximately six emails and one telephone call in response to the leaflet.

Meeting adjourned at 8.20pm to open up a discussion. Mr Milne-Smith said that his first re-action to the project was absolutely not, but having said that and after speaking to Katie Robertson and others and provided that the boards could be taken down after a certain time and placed elsewhere he now has no objections. Katie said that she would hope that they could be displayed for 3 months. David Claydon from the NAG group said that the projects in Burnham and Iver Heath had major effects in stopping graffiti and he would hope that this would happen in Stoke Poges.

Meeting re-convened at 8.25pm.

Cllr Fletcher proposed that the project be accepted and that the boards would be displayed for 3 months and then taken down. They would be inspected monthly and the first sign of them being graffiti'd on they would be taken down. All costs to erect the boards must be met by the project group. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Aldridge, a show of hands showed all in favour apart from Cllr Fox who was not in favour.

RESOLVED to go ahead on the above terms.

064/PC/10 - To fill Vacancies on Committees

RESOLVED all in favour to appoint the following councillors to the committees.

Finance x 2 - Cllr Bagge and Cllr Fox.

R & E x 2 - Cllr Hawkins and Cllr Carter

Planning x 2 - Cllr Hawkins and Cllr Taylor

065/PC/10 - To Appoint Representatives

RESOLVED all in favour to appoint the following councillor to the Village Hall
Village Hall x 1 - Cllr Bagge

RESOLVED all in favour to ask Cllr Robinson and Cllr Lynch if they would like to sit on the NAG group and if so to appoint them to it.

066/PC/10 - Village Centre

Update from Cllr Carter.

Cllr Carter and Cllr Fletcher met with Mike Dier last week to agree the licence terms which were tabled. (Appended). If the Parish Council approve these terms the Village Centre will then ask their committee to approve the terms and an official document will be set up by the Village Centre solicitors at their cost.

Cllr Fletcher proposed that the Parish Council accept the terms. Cllr Bagge asked if this could be taken away and read by each councillor and then brought back to the September meeting for approval. **RESOLVED** to agree all in favour to bring back.

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067/PC/10 - Funding

Request from Cllr Carter

Cllr Carter asked if it would be possible to set up a working party to deal with funding for projects such as the Pavilion and the Recreation Grounds. Cllr Bagge said that a vision was required about what exactly the Parish Council want to achieve and then the working party can work to achieve those goals. **RESOLVED** to agree all in favour for Cllr Carter to set up a working party and to set up a remit. This to be done via email exchange and under the remit of R & E. Outside members can be co-opted to this working party.

Cllr Carter

068/PC/10 - Bells Hill Recreation Ground Access

Request from Cllr Carter.

Cllr Carter explained that people could not enter the Recreation Ground with a wheelchair or double pushchair. An email was tabled from a local childminder (Appended) who drives to Beaconsfield to use the park there. When the new Playbuilder equipment is installed more people will want to access the park. Cllr Carter has sourced a company who make a wooden kissing gate that allows a wheelchair or double buggy through. **RESOLVED** to agree to look into this further and to get quotes for metal gates, it was also agreed that two gates would be required, one at the main drive and one at the Dog and Pot entrance.

Clerk/Cllr Carter

069/PC/10 - Firs Field

Update

Meeting adjourned at 9.05 when Cllr Webber said that she had spoken with Cllr Bill Lidgate who says that they cannot find the owner of the land, and until they do SBDC cannot trespass on the land. The Calor Gas report at SBDC says that the canisters are not dangerous and that this must be left to SBDC to deal with the situation. Meeting re-convened at 9.10pm. Cllr Fletcher said that Calor Gas had told him they could be dangerous and not to touch them, they must be removed by Calor Gas. Cllr Fox said that he had come across children sitting on the canisters and that he would find out who the owner is and let Cllr Webber know. Agreed to keep this item on the agenda until resolved.

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070/PC/10 - 11/11/11

Email from Rev Latham.

RESOLVED to agree all in favour that Cllr's Huntley and Robinson would take control of this event under the Heritage umbrella.

Heritage

071/PC/10 - Update from Finance Meeting

To agree and adopt any decisions made at Finance on 8th July 2010 including new Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Financial Risk Assessment, SPN updates, Funding of Youth Worker, and any recommendations regarding existing reserves.

NOTED Cllr Fletcher reported that recommendations were made but not yet formulised and would be brought to the September meeting for approval.

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072/PC/10 - Notice Board Bells Hill Shops

Total cost of board plus installation plus legal fees will be approximately £1200. To decide whether or not to instruct Persimmon to go ahead and draw up the legal documents, and to order the board (six weeks delivery)?

Cllr Fletcher said that he had spoken with Jon Regent about this and he agreed that they would not charge rent but would charge a licence fee capped at £250. He asked Cllr Bowater if SBDC would agree to letting the Parish Council install the board on the green and he thought that they would. Clerk to find out from SBDC. Cllr Fletcher proposed that £1200 be vired from the General Fund to get this project done, this was seconded by Cllr Huntely **RESOLVED** all in favour.

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073/PC/10 - Heritage Walk Leaflet

Request for contribution towards re-printing of leaflet.

Cllr Matthew proposed to agree to give £50 donation toward re-printing. This was seconded by Cllr Fletcher A show of hands recorded Cllr's Matthews, Fletcher, Huntley, Aldridge, Thornton, Taylor & Hawkins in favour and three objections by Cllr's Bagge, Carter and Gillan. **RESOLVED** Motion carried.

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074/PC/10 - RECEIVED & ADOPTED previous minutes from previous meetings of sub committees and working parties:

- (1) Planning Minutes 17/05/10 - signed 19/06/10
- (2) R & E Minutes 23/02/10 - signed 29/06/10

075/PC/10 - Finance

- (1) **RECEIVED & NOTED** Statement of Accounts – June 10
- (2) **RESOLVED** to approve list of cheques for signature – (appended)
- (3) **RECEIVED & APPROVED** Bank reconciliations June 10 (appended)
- (4) **RECEIVED & NOTED** Budget Monitoring June 10

076/PC/10 - Reports from Other Committees

- (1) Planning - Cllr Gillan reported that in Cllr Arnolds report there was a piece about Thames House and that an appeal is going ahead. Meeting adjourned at 9.30 to allow Mrs Wood to say that the District Councillors should have stood up and read out their report for the benefit of the public who could not see the tabled report. Re-convened at 9.31.
- (2) R & E - Cllr Aldridge said that a quote had been received to pollard the tree in the Bells Hill Recreation Ground which overhangs the school fence and also a tree near the pond which is hanging in the water. Total cost £349. Cllr Fletcher proposed that provided the budget is available then the work should take place, seconded by Cllr Aldridge, **RESOLVED** all in favour.
- (3) Finance - Cllr Fletcher said that the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were being worked on and should be ready to adopt in September 2010.

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

- (1) Maidenhead Citizens Advice Bureau (copy of letter sent to SBDC re: streelighting) Cllr Taylor confirmed that a referendum in 1974 agreed that there would be no Streetlighting in the side roads in Stoke Poges. Clerk to write back.
- (2) SBDC Chairman's Community and Volunteer Awards, nomination requests. Agreed all in favour that the clerk would put forward the following names:- Mark Relf, Martin Woods and Katie Robertson for their individual contributions to the Village.
- (3) Letter from Dominic Grieve/Mrs A Allum. Clerk to reply. Ageed all in favour that the clerk would reply to Mr Grieve and remind him of his promises at our Annual Meeting just before the election about taking up the issues of Highways and Pot Holes, and the Bells Hill Development, and say that we would be interested to understand his position about both items.

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078/PC/10 - NOTED Dates of Future Meetings

Planning Committee - 19th July 2010
Planning Committee - 9th August 2010 (Possible)
Full Parish Council - 13th September 2010

079/PC/10 - Exclusion of the Press & Public

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960
RESOLVED by a show of hands all in favour 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.

Part I meeting ended at 9.35pm

Part II

080/PC/10 - Youth Worker

To discuss and decide on funding for youth worker for the second year.

A long discussion took place resulting in Cllr Fletcher proposing that in accordance with the Youth Worker agreement that the Parish Council provides year two funding for the Youth Worker. There was no seconder for this proposal. Motion rejected.

Cllr Fletcher then proposed that the Parish Council inform the Church that they will not be funding the Youth Worker for year two, this was seconded by Cllr Carter, a show of hands recorded Cllr's Fletcher, Carter, Gillan, Huntley, Hawkins, Matthews and Bagge in favour of this proposal. Three abstained Cllr's Taylor, Fox and Aldridge and one was against Cllr Thornton. **RESOLVED** motion carried. Clerk to arrange for Cllr Fletcher to personally inform Rev Harry Latham.

Meeting ended at 10.30pm

Signed

Chairman

Dated

