

Minutes of the meeting of Stanbridge Parish Council held on Tuesday, November 10th, 2009

Present: Cllr. N. Tidey (Chairman); Cllr. M. Round; Cllr. J. Waldock; Cllr. M. Throsby; Mrs. L. Smith (Clerk)

Also present: Cllr J. Martin (Tilsworth Parish Council); Cllr. M. Mustoe (Central Bedfordshire Council); PCSO S. Burgess.

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RESPONSIBILITIES

Cllr Round: Grants for parish council

Cllr Brinded: Bus shelters

Cllr Tingey: Planning

Cllr Waldock: Liaison with the Leighton Buzzard Observer and parish magazine

Cllr Spikesley: Liaison with the Village Hall

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. L. Spikesley; Cllr. P. Tingey;

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the October 13th, 2009 meeting were approved and signed as correct by the chairman.

3. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

As Cllr Waldock had to leave the meeting early Agenda Items 12 and 15 were brought forward.

4. ACCOUNTS

a) Cheques for Payment. The following cheques have been approved by the council and signed:

678	Waste Recycling Group (WREN)-play equipment	£2,750.00
679	Lesley Smith-Clerk's salary+expenses-Oct 09	£244.01
	Total	£2,994.01

5. BUS SHELTERS

Types of bus shelters were discussed. Metal and glass shelters are considerably cheaper than wooden shelters. An approximate costing is require in order to set the precept for 2010/2011 financial year.

Cllr Martin from Tilsworth Parish Council arrived at this point.

6. POLICE REPORT BY PCSO BURGESS

a) Crime Figures. PCSO Burgess reported the following:

	<u>Offence Group</u>	<u>Offence</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1	Miscellaneous theft	Mower from shed	Unforced entry
1	Burglary from dwelling	Nothing taken	No evidence-no further action
1	Theft from motor vehicle	Power tools	No further information

These crimes occurred in the late afternoon/early evening. PCSO Burgess will carry out more foot beat.

- b) Station Road.** Cllr Tidey asked about recent police activity in Station Road. PCSO Burgess replied that the police had stopped a van and the occupant charged with possession of drugs.
- c) Parking on the Village Green.** In answer to a question from Cllr Tidey PCSO Burgess thought that this was probably a matter for the parish council. He will look into. Potential vandalism to play equipment was discussed. This should be reported to the police as it is a criminal activity.
- d) Remote Base.** PCSO Burgess would like to set up a remote base in Stanbridge & Tilsworth Village Hall. Cllr Tidey said that this could be considered.
- e) SID Machine.** PCSO Burgess will have use of the SID the week beginning 23/11/2009, Monday to Friday. He will use it on Station Road and Tilsworth Road near the school. Cllr Round suggested using it near Ivy Farm as well. He will let the parish council have the results at next month's meeting.
- f) Speed Limits.** A 50mph speed limit for Station Road was discussed again. PCSO Burgess reported that a 20mph limit should be coming into force outside all schools soon.

6. REPORT BY COUNCILLOR MUSTOE

- a) Boundary Committee** wants 59 cllrs for Central Bedfordshire. However the cllrs themselves want 66. Still to be decided.
- b) Town & Parish council Conference: 4/11/2009.** Cllr Mustoe thought the conference was very good. Cllr Tidey commented that Central Beds Council appeared to have lots of economic problems to which Cllr Mustoe replied that it will take two years for things to settle down.
- c) Street Lights-A505.** Many lights have been out along a stretch of the road. Cllr Tidey has already reported to Highways. Cllr Mustoe will mention this to Highways again.
- d) Grants.** Cllr Round reported that Stanbridge Parish council had been awarded a £25,000 grant from WREN for new play equipment. She has put in another application for £15,000 from Central Bedfordshire Council.
- e) Hedge Cutting-St John's Close.** The clerk has contacted the Operations Manager at CBC. Awaiting reply.

7. STANBRIDGE & TILSWORTH PARISH COUNCILS-ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST

- a) Stanbridge & Tilsworth Village Hall.** Cllr Tidey stated the two councils had a common interest in the hall and the recreation ground. Last year Stanbridge PC donated £4,000 to have the hall car park resurfaced. The lighting was improved in the grounds of the hall with a combined grant. He commented that it might be worth considering co-operating through each parish council's precept.
- b) Combined Website.** Stanbridge PC paid the fee last year. Stanbridge Cllrs felt that the fee should be split between the two PCs. Stanbridge PC will probably eventually leave the site as it now has one of its own. Cllr Martin said she would relay both issues back to Tilsworth PC at its meeting on Monday November 16th. Cllr round commented that both sites need advertising.

Cllr Martin

8. VILLAGE BOUNDARY SIGNS

Tilsworth has had its signs refurbished. Cllr Martin will find out the details and forward to the clerk.

Cllr Martin

9. MATTERS ARISING

Grass Cutting. The clerk will send a tender form to---- **Clerk**

10. OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2009 CORRESPONDENCE

a) War Memorial Magazine.

b) **Central Bedfordshire Council.** Letter confirming that grant application for £15,000 is being considered.

11. LEAFLET DISTRIBUTION

The distribution of the police leaflets was discussed briefly. Not enough leaflets were provided and some houses were missed. On agenda for January. **Clerk**

12. STANBRIDGE PC NEWSLETTER

Deferred until next meeting. It was suggested that the Parish Meeting be advertised in the newsletter. **Clerk**

13. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

The clerk explained the reasons for the PC having a Complaints Procedure in place. Cllr Round and the clerk will put together. **MR; Clerk**

14. PLANNING

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Comment by PC</u>	<u>Decision by CBC</u>
CB/09/06241/FULL	Corner Farm, 85 Station Rd.	Erection of replacement outbuilding & stable block & construction of menage.	Concern expressed that the outbuilding may be converted into a residence at some later date.	
CB/09/06230/LB	Green Farm, Church Lane	Restoration & alterations to Barn 1 & adjacent outbuilding. (revised application).	No objections to plan. Concern expressed about possible increase in traffic across the Village Green.	
CB/09/0530/FULL	Stanbridge Lower School, Tilsworth Road	Erection of rear conservatory.		Permission Granted

Clerk

15. PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT

Cllr Round showed the parish council the type of equipment and the layout scheme she would like. It was **unanimously agreed** to accept Cllr Round's recommendation.

16. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Precept; Newsletter.

17. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday December 8th, 2009 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Signed by Chairman..... Dated.....

