

Minutes of the meeting of Stanbridge Parish Council held on Tuesday, October 13th, 2009

Present .Cllr. N. Tidey (Chairman); Cllr. M. Round (Vice); Cllr. T. Brinded; Cllr. M. Throsby;
Cllr. P. Tingey; Cllr J. Waldock; Mrs. L. Smith (Clerk)

Also present: Cllr. M. Mustoe (Central Bedfordshire Council); PC V. Dady;
PCSO S. Burgess.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

L. Spikesley.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the September 8th, 2009 meeting were approved and signed as correct by the chairman.

3. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. SITING OF NEW NOTICE BOARD

Cllr Tingey commented that a professional sign writer had suggested the current location of the new notice board. It was unanimously agreed to leave it in its present location for the time being. However concerns have been raised by a resident that the board could present a danger. It was unanimously agreed that the clerk writes to RosPa to examine the current site of the notice board and the proposed location of the new bus shelter. Clerk

5. CONDITION OF VILLAGE GREEN

Cllr Tingey supplied both the cllrs and clerk with a list of specifications for grass cutting. It was suggested that 16 cuts were appropriate subject to budget. The Parish Council will consider and decide at next month's meeting.

4. REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDS COUNCILLOR MARION MUSTOE

- a) Bus Shelter Grants. Cllr Mustoe had information regarding sources of possible funding. She pointed out that planning permission would be required for the new bus shelter.
- b) Meeting for Parish Council Chairmen. A meeting was held at the home of Cllr Mustoe on Saturday, September 12th, 2009. Cllr Throsby attended and said it was a good meeting. Cllr Mustoe went through the main points briefly. She plans another meeting in two or three month's time. Cllr Throsby will attend if possible.
- c) St John's Close Hedge. Cllr Tidey mentioned the hedge and Cllr Mustoe suggested contacting Mr. Joe Pitt at Central Beds.
- d) Boundary Committee. Cllr Mustoe said the number of Central Beds Cllrs was likely to be kept to the current number of 66.

5. POLICE REPORT. P.C. VIV DADY & PCSO SCOTT BURGESS

- a) Crimes in Stanbridge. Cllr Round commented that there had been 3 break-ins since the last meeting. PC Dady confirmed that two crimes have been reported. Both were house burglaries, one in September, the second in October. The CID is investigating both. PC Dady asked people to look out for a blue Astra, N440 MW, occupants possibly posing as window cleaners. She asked that any suspicious vehicle be reported to the police. PC Dady added that house burglaries are uncommon in rural locations whilst shed burglaries are much more common. A robbery in Billington Road had also occurred.

- b) Police Newsletter. This is distributed every quarter and can also be obtained off the Bedfordshire Police website.
- c) Information Packs. The cllrs agreed to help PCSO Burgess distribute the packs.
- d) Community Safety Forum-17/9/09. No Cllr was able to attend. More forums will be held.
Cllr Tidey asked PC Dady and PCSO Burgess to keep the council informed of anything going on.
- e) Speeding. There are problems on both Tilsworth Road and Station Road. The Parish Council will contact Central Bedfordshire and ask for the SID machine. Clerk

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM SETEMBER 8TH, 2009 MINUTES

- a) Hedge Cutting-St John's Close. Cllr Tidey and the clerk will write a letter to Central Bedfordshire requesting a refund of £900 for hedge cutting. NT; Clerk
- b) Speed Limit Review-CBC. The clerk will follow up with Mr. Basil Jackson. Clerk
- c) Website. Cllr Round asked Cllrs for their 'one liners' about themselves. All

7. SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2009 CORRESPONDENCE

a) Meetings

MEETING	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CLLR ATTENDING
Town and Parish Council Conference-	4/11/2009	6.30pm	Priory House, Chicksands	Cllr Tidey
BRCC-Parish Plan Meeting	14/10/2009	7.00pm	Cardington	CllrTidey
BATPC-AGM	22/10/2009	7.30pm	Brickhill	
Leighton-Linslade Town Council	5/11/2009	7.00pm	Council Offices, Leighton Buzzard	

8. AUGUST CORRESPONDENCE-DISCUSSION

None.

9. ACCOUNTS

- a) Cheques for Payment. The following cheques were approved by the council and signed: Clerk

674	Mandv Round-expenses	£19.34
675	J. Brunton-s" Grass cut 25/9/09	£126.00
676	Lesley Smith-Clerk's salary+exoenses-	£226.23
677	Lionel Tomkins-Noticeboard erection	£57.50
	Total	£429.07

- b) Clerk's Pay Rise. The NALC recommendation of a 1% pay rise for the clerk back dated to April 1st2009 was approved by the council.

10. GRANTS

- a) Play Equipment. Some funding may be available from CBC-WREN. Cllr Round will know on October 15th, 2009 whether money has been awarded to the parish council.

11. PLANNING

Applicatlon Number	Site	Proposal	Decision by PC
CB/09/05934/FULL	8 Station Rd, Stanbridge	Erection of single storey rear extension	No objections

12. WEBSITE

It was agreed that the two village websites should be advertised on the noticeboards etc. Cllr Tidey will produce a flyer to be delivered with the Police leaflets and he will put copies on the notice boards.

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13. VILLAGE GREEN

The parish council has received correspondence from the resident of Green Farm. The parish council will reply.

Clerk

14. NEWSLETTER

Deferred until next meeting.

15. FUTURE PLANNING FOR STANBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Deferred until next meeting.

16. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Deferred until next meeting.

17. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Newsletter; Complaints procedure; Website; Grants; Grass cutting; Noticeboard; Bus shelters. Stanbridge boundary sign.

18. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, November 10th, 2009 at 7.30pm.

Apologies in advance from Cllr Spikesley

Meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Signed by Chairman... ..Dated

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