

Minutes of the meeting of Stanbridge Parish Council held on Tuesday,  
June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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

Also present: Cllr. K. Janes and Cllr. M. Mustoe from Central Bedfordshire Council.

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

**2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

a) Cllr Tidey took the chair pro-tem.

b) **Nominations for Chairman.** Cllr Round nominated Cllr Tidey. This was seconded by Cllr Waldock. The vote was unanimous therefore Cllr Tidey was duly elected as Chairman.

c) **Nominations for Vice-chairman.** Cllr Tidey nominated Cllr Round. This was seconded by Cllr Waldock. The vote was unanimous therefore Cllr Round was duly elected as Vice-chairman.

**3. SIGNING OF DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE**

Completed by Cllrs Tidey, Round and Waldock.

**4. CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER**

a) Cllr Tidey nominated Mrs. Lynda Spikesley. This was seconded by Cllr Round. The vote was unanimous therefore Mrs Spikesley was duly elected on to the parish council.

Cllr Spikesley signed her Declaration of Acceptance form at the end of the meeting.

**5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting were amended, approved and signed as correct by the chairman.

**6. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**7. MATTERS ARISING FROM MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2009 MINUTES**

a) **Village Green-Grass cutting.** Concern was expressed about the number of cuts currently being carried out. The parish council agreed that the grass will need cutting before the village fair is held on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

b) **Dog Bin.** The clerk will contact Mr Joe Pitt at Central Beds. Ongoing.

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Clerk**

c) **Highways Maintenance Parish Partnership 09/10.** Ongoing. Regarding the petition from Stanbridge Lower School pupils asking for a Lollipop Lady Cllr Janes commented that the school itself would have to apply. The clerk will send a letter to the school to that effect.

**Clerk**

**8. REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDS COUNCILLORS**

a) **Cllr Ken Janes** is hoping to go on the Planning Committee again. With the reduction of the number of cllrs to 66 each cllr will have to sit on at least 3 committees. He is willing to advise the parish council on planning issues.

**b) Cllr Marion Mustoe** hopes to attend all the parish council meetings. Central Beds representatives plan to meet with the chairmen of parish councils two or three times a year to discuss problems etc.

**9. CIRCULATION OF CORRESPONDENCE**

**a) Paul Tingey, Tony Brinded and Martin Throsby** to be included. Cllrs Janes and Mustoe to be included. **Clerk**

**b)** It was agreed to e-mail the above with anything that needed dealing with between meetings. **Clerk**

**10. MAY/JUNE 2009 CORRESPONDENCE**

**a) Bedfordshire Bugle.** Distributed to those present.

**b) Wicksteed Playscopes.** Cllr Round to deal with. There will be no inspection this year as one was carried out in 2008. **MR**

**11. PLANNING**

No applications this month.

**12. ACCOUNTS**

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

655	SBDC-Copying	£27.60
656	BATPC-Annual affiliation fee	£139.00
657	J. Brunton-Grass cutting x 2	£252.00
658	Smiths of Derby-Church clock maintenance	£187.45
659	D. Shiels-Clerk's salary + expenses to 31/5/09	£466.00
660	R. Goss-Hedge Trimming; village green	£46.00
661	P. Morris-Website fee	£67.98
662	Chalgrave Parish Council-GAPP membership fee	£75.00

**13. OFFICE EQUIPMENT.** The parish council approves in principal to the purchase of a laptop computer, a mobile phone and a filing cabinet. To discuss at next meeting. **Clerk**

**14. END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS 2008/2009**

**a) 2008/2009 External Audit.** The return for the financial year 08/09 was approved by Stanbridge Parish Council and signed and dated by the chairman and clerk.

**Clerk**

The Explanation of Significant Variances and the Bank Reconciliation were created by the new clerk as they were not included in the hand over from the outgoing clerk/Responsible Financial Officer.

**15. NOTICEBOARD**

Deferred until next meeting.

**16. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA**

Central Beds Cllrs; Grants; Noticeboard; Bus shelter.

**17. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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