

8Minutes of the meeting of Stanbridge Parish Council held on Tuesday, September 8th, 2009

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

Also present: Cllr. K. Janes and Cllr. M. Mustoe from Central Bedfordshire Council; PC V. Dady; PCSO S. Burgess.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. M. Throsby.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the July 14th, 2009 meeting were approved and signed as correct by the chairman.

3. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDS COUNCILLORS

a) Cllr K. Janes.

- i) Cllr Janes is hoping that a meeting can be arranged for his parish council chairmen sometime in September.
- ii) A Boundary Committee meeting is to be held on July 20th, 2009. This is to review the electoral arrangements of Central Bedfordshire. Cllr Mustoe may attend.
- iii) Cllr Tidey expressed concern regarding the Village Green being damaged as a result of building traffic accessing Green Farm. Cllr Janes will check on the application and come back to the parish council.

b) Cllr M. Mustoe

- i) Cllr Mustoe is on the Sustainable Communities Directorate Committee.
- ii) Cllr Mustoe asked if the cutting of the grass verges had been acceptable. Cllr Tidey reported that there had been no problems. The parish council was advised to contact the Highways Helpdesk if a problem did arise.
- iii) Cllr Tidey asked if there would be a Central Bedfordshire grant available this year. Cllr Mustoe will look into. Cllr Tidey also asked if Cllrs Janes and Mustoe knew of any grants which may be available for bus shelters. The Cllrs will look into.
- iv) Cllr Tidey commented that under the new system big plans are difficult to download from e-mail.

5. POLICE REPORT

a) New PCSO. PC Dady introduced PCSO Scott Burgess. PCSO Burgess then gave a report to the parish council.

b) Village Patrols. More high profile patrols are taking place around the villages.

c) Speed Checks will be carried out when the equipment becomes available. The data will be passed on to the Casualty Reduction Team.

d) 'Stepping Out Safely'. PCSO Burgess will be conducting 'Stepping Out Safely' with years 1 and 2 at Stanbridge Lower School in July. This teaches children how to cross the road safely and to understand road safety. Cllr Round mentioned that the school was trying to obtain a Lollipop Lady.

e) Crime Figures. One burglary from a commercial property was reported. PCSO Burgess has visited nearby residents to advise on crime prevention.

f) Newsletter. A copy will be put on the notice board. It can also be obtained from the Bedfordshire Police website. The crime figures can also be obtained from this site.

- g) Speed Limits.** Cllr Tidey suggested that it would be a good idea to have a 50mph speed limit on Station Road as it joins the A505 where a 50mph speed limit is already imposed. PC Dady will look into. She suggested that 'Kill your Speed' signs might be useful.
- h) Community Safety Forum.** PC Dady is trying to set this up and will be inviting people to a meeting, the date provisionally being September 21st, 2009. The meeting will adopt a multi-agency approach. It will also be a problem solving opportunity. She hopes to hold a meeting every three months. PC Dady will contact the clerk when the meeting is confirmed.
- i) Number Plate Security Sessions.** To be held on Thursday July 16th, 2009.

6. AIMS OF STANBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

- a) Overview.** Cllr Tidey explained what he hopes to achieve. He wants to get much more done in the village. He hopes that each councillor will take on a specific task.
- b) Communication.** The council agreed that communication was important. The idea of a newsletter was discussed. Cllr Round is attending a website training day run by Central Bedfordshire.

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7. MATTERS ARISING FROM JUNE 9TH, 2009 MINUTES

None.

8. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The council reviewed the estimated expenditure for the financial year 2009/2010. The clerk also presented a statement of accounts from April 1st, 2009 to August 6th, 2009. In answer to a question from Cllr Waldock the parish council has no objections to where the bulbs the Tilsworth and Stanbridge WI purchased from last year's grant, are planted.

9. JUNE/JULY 2009 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Central Bedfordshire Council** will not reimburse the parish council for hedge cutting at St. John's Close. It was **proposed and seconded** that the clerk writes a letter to CBC asking for clarification. **Unanimously resolved.**

Clerk

10. ACCOUNTS

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

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| 667 | J. Brunton-Grass cutting x 2 | £252.00 |
| 668 | BDO Stoy Hayward LLP-External Audit fee | £155.25 |
| 669 | VOID | VOID |
| 670 | Lesley Smith-Clerk's salary+expenses-Jly/Aug 09 | £480.75 |
| 671 | Lesley Smith-Computer, software + sundries | £528.93 |
| 672 | Lesley Smith-Filing cabinet | <u>£112.59</u> |
| | Total | £1,529.52 |

Clerk

- b) Office Equipment.** The parish council approved the purchase of a laptop computer and a filing cabinet. The parish council also approved a payment of £4.95 a month for telephone calls.

Clerk

11. GRANTS

Stanbridge Parish Council unanimously agreed in principle to allocating a certain amount of money for grants. Local organisations will be asked to apply by letter for a possible grant.

12. PLANNING

Cllr Round declared an interest. She did not leave the room.

Application Number: CB/09/05231/CED. Proposed development of detached garage for storage of classic vehicles - 4 Station Road, Stanbridge.

The plans were given to Cllr Tingey for examination. Cllr Tingey will send comments to the clerk. PT; Clerk

13. GRASS CUTTING

The parish council has allowed for 8 cuts this year. It was questioned whether more cuts will be needed before the end of the year.

14. SITE FOR NOTICEBOARD

A potential site is on the church side of the post box.

15. BUS SHELTERS

a) New Bus Shelter. The parish council unanimously agreed that a bus shelter was needed by the bus stop next to the Post Office. A site between the hedge and the post box was suggested. It was agreed that the resident of the nearby house would need to be notified beforehand. Cllr Brinded will research for the next meeting. TB

b) Renovation of Bus Shelter. Cllr Brinded will investigate. TB

16. CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

a) Cllr Round nominated Mr. Tony Brinded. This was seconded by Cllr Spikesley. The vote was unanimous therefore Mr. Brinded was duly elected on to the parish council.

b) Cllr Waldock nominated Mr. Paul Tingey. This was seconded by Cllr Tidey. The vote was unanimous therefore Mr. Tingey was duly elected on to the parish council.

c) Cllr Round nominated Mr. Martin Throsby. This was seconded by Cllr Spikesley. The vote was unanimous therefore Mr. Throsby was duly elected on to the parish council.

Cllrs Brinded and Tingey signed their Declaration of Acceptance form.

17. 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

18. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Newsletter; Website; Grants; Grass cutting; Bus shelters.

19. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday September 8th, 2009 at 7.30pm.

Apologies in advance from Cllr Waldock, PC Dady and PCSO Burgess.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm.

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

