

STONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 9 December 2009 6.45pm** at The Council Offices, Recreation Ground, London Road, Stone, Kent.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mrs T Richards, Mrs R Sweetland, Mrs J Wise, Ms S Thredgale, Mrs S Martin

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Thomas - Clerk to Council, Mrs M Martin - Senior Administrator

VISITORS: Kent County Councillor's Penny Cole and Richard Lees, PCSO Andy Simpson

91/12/09CL APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence were received from Councillor's Mrs D Jones, I T N Jones, A Martin, J Burrell, Mrs N Wightman, and Mrs S East.
Apologies for absence were also received from Dartford Borough Councillor's Mrs C Angell and Rosie Bryant and Kent County Councillor A Sandhu.

92/12/09CL TO ACCEPT DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

93/12/09CL TO HEAR THE OPENING PRAYER Councillor Mrs J Wise read the opening prayer.

94/12/09CL TO ACCEPT QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC There were no public present.

95/12/09CL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2009 The minutes of the meeting of the Council held Wednesday 11 November 2009 were accepted as a true record by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Mrs J Wise objected to the phrasing used at item **86/11/09** regarding the recent disqualification of Cllr S Ahamfula.

Cllr Wise wished to make it clear that she was not questioning the validity of the disqualification but was enquiring about the applicability of attendance at training and other events in relation to S85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Cllr Wise requested that the minute be amended to reflect this.

96/12/09CL TO DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

97/12/09CL TO RECEIVE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1) Cherished Memories
– thank you for grant awarded.

Members resolved to note this item of correspondence.

2) Brent Windmill Cub Pack – thank you for grant awarded

Members resolved to note this item of correspondence.

3) Stone Modern Sequence Dance Club
– thank you to the Council for grant awarded.

Members resolved to note this item of correspondence.

98/12/09CL TO RECEIVE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Minutes of Planning, Environment and Transport Committee held 28 October 2009.

Members resolved to note the minutes of the Planning, Environment and Transport Committee held 28 October 2009.

2) Chairman's Report:

A verbal report was given by Cllr T Richards

She expressed her pleasure that planning applications are now submitted for both the new Pavilion and development of St Mary's U5s and looked forward to the development of these projects in the new year.

Councillor Richards also wished the council, staff and visitors a Happy Christmas and New Year.

3) Clerk's Report:

A verbal report was given by the Clerk, Mrs J Thomas

The Clerk confirmed that the ecological survey has been carried out by Groundwork on land at Cotton Lane, with a report due in the new year.

The Clerk also updated members on the planning applications for the Pavilion and St Mary's Preschool

and confirmed that if the applications were required to be heard by the Development Control Board that this would be likely to take place at the meeting of 14 January 2010.

The Clerk confirmed that transfer papers are still awaited for recent land purchases of Charles Pocket Park and Horns Cross. However, ground staff have already carried out a deep clean of the Pocket Park to remove fly-tip and litter. The Clerk suggested that a consultation with local residents would be very beneficial to establish local needs for this amenity.

An update was also provided regarding the flooding on London Road with progress finally being made due to action by Kent Highways and the drainage team.

**99/12/09 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM
OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS
AND AGENCIES**

1. Kent County Councillor's
Report:

Councillor P Cole provided a written report covering London Road Flooding; improvement of the footpath over the railway at Bell Close and a consultation due to be undertaken in 2010 regarding the Manorbrooke Residential Home.

Council resolved to note the report.

2. Dartford Borough
Councillor's Report:

Councillors' D Lawson, R Bryant and C Angell provided a written report covering constituents complaints regarding drainage; the monitoring of land and tree clearance at St Mary's Road; concerns over the provision of facilities for younger people around Hillhouse Road and Alamein Gardens; and the imminent parking permit restrictions in Charles Street.

Council resolved to note the report.

3. Community Warden's
Report:

No report was provided as the Community Warden was on annual leave.

4. Neighbourhood Beat
Officer's Report:

A report was submitted by PC J Kilvington covering recent activity.

Council resolved to note the report.

5. Minutes of Stone Triangle Community Association held 13 October 2009: Members were advised to notify Councillor T Richards and J Burrell of any items they wish to raise at the next meeting of Stone Triangle before Wednesday 27 January 2010.

Council resolved to note the report.

6. Minutes of Dartford Association of Parish and Town Councils held 6 October 2009:

Council resolved to note the report.

100/12/09CL TO AUTHORISE PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS

Members were provided with details of receipts and payments for November 2009.

It was resolved that the receipts and payments for November 2009 are approved.

101/12/09CL TO CONCLUDE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

No items were proposed.

Councillor J Wise commented on the vast improvement in appearance of Horns Cross Garden and wished to congratulate the ground staff.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.32pm. The next meeting of the council will be held on Wednesday 13 January 2010.

DATED THE

DAY OF

2009

CHAIRMAN