

STONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Council Meeting** held on **Wednesday 9 September 2009 7pm** at the Council Offices, Recreation Ground, London Road, Stone, Kent.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

J Burrell - Vice Chair
Mrs R Sweetland
ITN Jones
Mrs D Jones
Mrs N Wightman
Mrs J Wise
A Martin
Ms S Thredgle

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs J Thomas - Clerk to Council
Mrs M Martin - Senior Administrator

53/09/09CI: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor's Mrs S East, Mrs S Martin and Mrs S East. Apologies for absence were also received from Dartford Borough Councillor Mrs R Bryant and Kent County Councillor Mrs P Cole.

54/09/09CI: TO ACCEPT DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

55/09/09CI: TO HEAR THE OPENING PRAYER

Councillor Mrs J Wise read the opening prayer.

56/09/09CI: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND AGENCIES

1) Dartford Borough Councillor's Report

Councillor Mrs N Wightman gave a verbal report covering the following:

- Proposed gym on London Road. Councillor Wightman attended the Development Control Board where this application was granted.

2) Kent County Councillor's Report.

No Report was given.

3) Community Warden's Report

No Report was given.

4) Neighbourhood Beat Officer's Report

Apologies received from PC J Kilvington. PCSO K Dimertas gave a verbal report covering the following:

- Anti-social behaviour
- Burglary
- Drugs
- Next surgery to be held 30 September 2009 at St Mary's Church Hall.

57/09/09CI: TO ACCEPT QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no public present.

58/09/09CI: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2009 AND THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST 2009.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held Wednesday 8 July 2009 and the Special Council Meeting held Wednesday 19 August 2009 are accepted as a true record by the Council and signed by the Chair subject to the following amendments:

40/07/09CI: Stone Village Ward Issues

Minutes to reflect that local residents expressed concern at the possible reduction of train services stopping at Stone Crossing. This issue should be raised with South Eastern and not Network Rail. A representative of South Eastern will be invited to attend the next Planning Committee meeting.

19th Aug 09 Councillor's Present

Councillor Mrs S Martin was present at the meeting.

59/09/09CI: TO DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Clean-up at Hedge Place Road:

This is an ongoing situation requiring a multi-agency approach. Endeavours continue to establish appropriate action and the Parish Council is in constant liaison with Kent Highways and the police to remedy the situation.

60/09/09CI: TO UPDATE MEMBERS REGARDING THE IMMINENT AUCTION OF LAND IN THE PARISH
Members were informed that the Clerk had presented an offer to Land Securities for purchase of an 8.23 acre site at Cotton Lane, in line with council's agreed sum.

The Clerk explained that a decision was awaited pending the return of an officer from annual leave.

The Clerk also clarified that the purchase was being made under S124 of the local Government Act which gives a council powers to acquire land for the purpose of any of their functions, in line with the council's need for additional allotments.

61/09/09CI: TO RECEIVE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Received.

2) Minutes of Finance Committee held 8 April 2009.

Received.

A discussion took place regarding the identification of individuals, particularly members of staff, in council minutes. Discussion centred on the need to balance accurate recording of council decisions with unnecessary disclosure of personal data.

- 6) Dartford Association of Parish & Town Councils. Minutes of meeting held 30 June 2009.
Received.

62/09/09CI: TO RECEIVE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE

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| a) | Dartford Borough Council, Graham Harris, Returning Officer | regarding a possible UK Parliamentary (general) election |
| b) | Kent Fire & Rescue Service | Service Performance Plan for 2009/10 is now available on their website. |
| c) | The Brent (6 th Dartford) Scout Group, Sue Ingram, Scout Leader | Congratulations on a successful Stone Fete and appreciation for giving them the opportunity to be involved and raise funds for their group. |
| d) | Premier Inn Singlewell, Jarrod Green, General Manager | Congratulations to the Council for successfully gaining village status for Stone Community Garden, Alamein Gardens. |
| e) | Dartford & Gravesham NHS Trust | Annual Report and Summary 2008/09 |

All items of correspondence were noted.

63/09/09CI: TO CONCLUDE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- A presentation will be given regarding future plans for Stone Pits 9 & 9A.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55pm.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2009.**

DATED THE

DAY OF

2009

CHAIRMAN