

**MINUTES OF THE STATUTORY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 1ST MAY 2009
AT 6.45PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SIMPSON CENTRE, STOTFOLD**

Councillors present:

Mrs S Bundock	Mrs A Clarey
B Collier	A Cooper
Mrs M Cooper	Mrs D Haslett-Saunders
Mrs J Hyde	B Saunders
M Smith	L Stoter

In attendance: The Clerk

371. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor B Collier was elected Chairman.

372. SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF OFFICE AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT BY THE CHAIRMAN

Councillor Collier signed the Chairman's Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk.

373. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs Lewin, Mrs Turner and Mrs Wilding.

374. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor A Cooper was elected Vice-Chairman.

375. ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS RELATING TO STOTFOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Resolved that the Standing Orders of this Council be adopted.

376. ADOPTION OF THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS RELATING TO STOTFOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Resolved that the Financial Regulations be adopted.

377. CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES

Resolved that the numbers of members on each committee are as follows:

Recreation Grounds, Public Lands & Lighting	10
Cemetery Management	8
Buildings Management	8
Planning	10
Establishment	8
Town Enhancement Committee	8

378. FORMATION OF COMMITTEES

With the Chairman and Vice-Chairman as ex-officio members of all committees the following committees were formed:

Recreation Grounds, Public Lands & Lighting

Councillors Mrs Bundock, Mrs Clarey, Collier, Cooper, Mrs Cooper, Hayes, Mrs Hyde, Mrs Lewin, Saunders and Stoter (10)

Cemetery Management

Councillors Collier, Cooper, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Hyde, Savill, Stoter, Mrs Turner and Mrs Wilding (8)

Buildings Management

Councillors Mrs Bundock, Mrs Clarey, Collier, Cooper, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Haslett-Saunders and Hayes, Savill (8)

Planning

Councillors Collier, Cooper, Mrs Cooper, Hayes, Mrs Hyde, Mrs Lewin, Saunders, Smith, Mrs Turner and Mrs Wilding (10)

Establishment

The Chairman of full Committees, Chairman of the Town Council, Vice Chairman of the Town Council plus two co-opted members

Town Enhancement

Councillors Mrs Bundock, Mrs Clarey, Collier, Cooper, Mrs Haslett-Saunders, Hayes and Smith (7)

379. TO APPOINT AN INTERNAL AUDITOR

Resolved that Mr Philip Knightley, Clerk to Northill Parish Council continues in his role as the internal auditor.

380. COMMUNITY GOVERNORS FOR ST MARY'S LOWER SCHOOL AND ROECROFT LOWER SCHOOL

For note, we are no longer required to nominate a Councillor to serve on the Board of Governors, individual schools may choose to request that we nominate a Member to serve as a Community Governor.

Resolved that support is given to Councillor Mrs Bundock in continuing in this role at Roecroft Lower School, and Councillor Mrs Wilding at St Mary's Lower School.

381. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE STOTFOLD FOOTBALL CLUB COMMITTEE

Resolved that Councillors Saunders is elected to serve on the Stotfold Football Club Committee.

382. ELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE MOSSMAN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Resolved that Councillor Saunders is elected to serve on the Mossman Management Committee.

383. ELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE STOTFOLD BOWLS CLUB COMMITTEE

Resolved that Councillor Mrs Cooper is elected to serve on the Stotfold Bowls Club Committee.

384. ELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE STOTFOLD SCOUTS COMMITTEE

Resolved that Councillor Savill is elected to serve on the Stotfold Scouts Committee.

385. ELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE STOTFOLD CHAMBER OF TRADE

Resolved that Councillor Smith be elected to serve on the Stotfold Chamber of Trade. The Chamber of Trade will be requested to forward dates of their regular meetings to Councillor Smith.

386. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE STOTFOLD COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP

Resolved that Councillors Mrs Wilding and Cllr Mrs Turner are elected to serve on the Stotfold Community Safety Group.

387. ELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE BLUE LAGOON SHADOW BOARD

Resolved that Councillor Smith is elected to serve on the Blue Lagoon Shadow Board.

388. TO CONSIDER THE PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS FALLING TO BE PAID ANNUALLY

Members were copied a list as appended to these minutes of all subscriptions that are paid annually. Members queried whether any Member or the Clerk found the Direct Information Service bulletin of any use, and whether it was still necessary to continue with the subscription.

Resolved that all subscriptions as detailed on the list continue to be paid, with the exception of the Direct Information Service bulletin.

389. TO INSPECT ANY DEEDS AND TRUST INSTRUMENTS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE COUNCIL

Members were advised that details are kept in the office and are open to inspection.

Resolved that the Deeds and Trust instruments in the custody of the Council, which are kept in the office and open to inspection, are noted.

Councillor Smith requested that his name be recorded as voting against this item.

There being no further relevant business the meeting was declared closed at 7.12pm

CHAIRMAN

DATED

Subscriptions falling annually

Recreation Grounds and Public Lands and Lighting Committee

C.P.R.E	£28.00
International Tree Foundation (as at January 2008)	£25.00
The Wildlife Trust (as at July 2007)	£36.00
Open Spaces	£30.00
The Playing Fields Association (as at October 2007)	£50.00

Cemetery Management Committee

Bulletin	Free
The Living Churchyard	Free
Association of Burial Authorities 08/09	£90.00

Buildings Management Committee

Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity for Village Hall affiliation to include News sheets	£40.00
The Performing Rights Society 2007 £115.56	Variable

Establishment Committee

Local Council Review (as at April 2007)	£180.00
BATPC Affiliation	£1001.00
Direct Information Service (TO BE REMOVED AND NOT PAID)	£ 105.00
Rural Business Solutions, Financial package support	£300.00
Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC)	170.00
BRCC affiliation	£30.00
Bedfordshire Bugle newsletters	£180.00