

MINUTES OF THE STATUTORY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 2ND MAY 2008 AT 6.45PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SIMPSON CENTRE, STOTFOLD

Councillors present: B Saunders (Chairman)
 Mrs S Bundock Mrs A Clarey
 B Collier A Cooper
 Mrs M Cooper T Grant
 Mrs D Haslett-Saunders S Hayes
 Mrs J Hyde Mrs L Lewin
 L Stoter Mrs C Turner

In attendance: The Clerk

353. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN
Councillor B Collier was elected Chairman.

354. 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.

355. APOLOGIES
Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Smith and Mrs Wilding.

356. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN
Councillor A Cooper was elected Vice-Chairman.

357. ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS RELATING TO STOTFOLD TOWN COUNCIL
Resolved that the Standing Orders of this Council be adopted.

358. ADOPTION OF THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS RELATING TO STOTFOLD TOWN COUNCIL
Resolved that the Financial Regulations be adopted.

359. 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

360. 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, Grant, Mrs Hyde, Stoter, Mrs Turner and Mrs Wilding (8)

Buildings Management

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

Planning

Councillors Collier, Cooper, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Hyde, Mrs Lewin, Saunders, Smith, Mrs Turner and Mrs Wilding (9)

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, Grant, Mrs Haslett-Saunders, Hayes and Smith (8)

361. TO APPOINT AN INTERNAL AUDITOR

Resolved that Mr Philip Knightley, Clerk to Northill Parish Council be appointed as the internal auditor.

362. 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.

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

Resolved that Councillors Saunders and Mrs Haslett-Saunders be elected to serve on the Stotfold Football Club Committee.

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

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

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

Resolved that Councillor Mrs Cooper be elected to serve on the Stotfold Bowls Club Committee. The Clerk is to write to the Bowls Club to request that dates of their regular meetings are forwarded to Councillor Mrs Cooper.

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

Resolved that Councillor Hayes be elected to serve on the Stotfold Scouts Committee. If he is unable to make a meeting, any other Member available may represent him.

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

Resolved that Councillor Grant be elected to serve on the Stotfold Chamber of Trade. The Clerk is to write to the Chamber of Trade to request that dates of their regular meetings are forwarded to Councillor Grant.

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

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

369. 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.

Resolved that all subscriptions as detailed on the list continue to be paid.

370. 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.

There being no further relevant business the meeting was declared closed at 7.06pm

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	£ 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