

PARISH OF STOKENCHURCH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 25th January 2017
At Longburrow Hall at 7.30pm.

Attendees: Mrs Nuthall (Chairman), Mrs Shelton (Clerk), Mrs Baker, Mr Jones, Mrs Powis, Mr Penny, Mr Parkinson, Mr I Chadwick, Mr Thomas, Mr Davis, Mr Preece and 8 members of the public.

1. **Apologies.** Apologies were received from Cllr Hayday, Cllr Etholen & Cllr Saunders
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
3. **Minutes.** It was agreed by all those present at that meeting that the minutes of the Council meeting on 11th January 2017 be approved. Unanimously agreed, one abstention.
4. **Matters Arising – 80-** Clerk read the response from TFB regarding the incorrect speed limit sign stating, the sign was incorrectly painted two years ago, they are not allowed to burn off the incorrect paint due to Health and Safety, so they have been blacking out the relevant part to make the number eight look like a three but if they keep doing this the white paint will not wear away so they will monitor it and keep painting the number three in white and hopefully the rest will eventually wear away. **Garda House** – After contacting Mr Linsey regarding Garda house his response was as follows; ‘I have taken a look and I did not think that the light was covered, but can see that there is a lot of ivy everywhere. There are also electric cables running through the tree so the electricity board would need to be involved in any tree work. I can have a word with the owner, but I do not have any authority to carry out work to Garda House’. **Disabled Parking Bay by The Church Entrance** – the response received from TFB as follows; there may be some problem with marking a bay immediately by the church gate itself for access reasons and to mark it either side would place it in front of residential properties, which may raise objections. If the proposed bay were marked adjacent to the green it is possibly less likely to cause objections. In addition, if we were to install on the opposite side, it would technically take up a space in an already very busy area, and would require the good will of others to pay attention to the bay. As there would be no traffic regulation order, it would not be enforceable so if anyone were to park inconsiderately, there would not be a lot anyone could do about it and in my experience, this can cause more issues than not having one in the first place.
5. **Reports and Actions** – Mr Preece informed the council that the lawnmowers by Tipping footpath had now been removed. The Chairman thanked Mr & Mrs Preece for the assistance in their removal. Mr Preece also informed the council that he and Mr I Chadwick attended the meeting about the unitary council.
6. **Notification of Parish Matters (information only) – Cemetery - Park Lane, Mudds Bank – Light – Mary Towerton School**
7. **Planning** – Planning decisions; permissions and refusals.
 - 05041 -Householder application for construction of part two storey, part single storey side / rear extension following demolition of existing detached garage and loft conversion (amended scheme to pp 16/06808/FUL) (part retrospective) - Cliftonville Wycombe Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3RP (Mr Hunt) No Objection, Unanimously Agreed.
 - 05017 – Householder application for erection of single storey rear extension following removal of existing rear extension. Extension to rear roof creating half hipped gable & insertion of dormer windows to both side elevations, 1 x velux rooflight to front & 3 velux rooflights to side elevation in connection with loft extension - Many Trees Horsleys Green Buckinghamshire HP14 3UX (Mr Alex Langstaff-Ellis) No Objection, Unanimously Agreed.

- 05013 - Householder application for insertion of window into north elevation of existing orangery - Wormsley House Wormsley Estate Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3YE (Mr Patrick Maxwell) No Objection, Unanimously Agreed.
- 05014 - Listed Building application for insertion of window into north elevation of existing orangery -Wormsley House Wormsley Estate Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3YE (Mr Patrick Maxwell) No Objection, Unanimously Agreed.
- 08488 - Demolition of existing single storey extension and erection of attached 1 x 3 bed dwelling with associated parking and amenity area - 126 Slade Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3QB – (Mr T West) No Objection, Unanimously Agreed. However, parking is a problem in this area and several residents have worries about this application.
- 08458 - Display of internally illuminated blue halo surround to new ATM & associated signage - Convenience Stores And Post Office London House Oxford Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3SX – (Ms Jan Clark) The Parish Council object on the grounds of road safety in a controlled area near a pelican crossing and parking there is already a problem. It is also close to residential houses.
- 08457- Installation of an ATM to the far right shop front with associated security panel - Convenience Stores And Post Office London House Oxford Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3SX (Ms Jan Clark) The Parish Council object on the grounds of road safety in a controlled area near a pelican crossing and parking there is already a problem. It is also close to residential houses.

Mudds Bank – Orchard – Mr I Chadwick informed the council that the application had been permitted. He attended the planning committee stating that it had been permitted because they scrubbed the access route out of the planning and approved it.

8. District and County Councillors: Cllr Adoh Replied to Mr I Chadwick's comment stating that the applicant has informed them that he is not going to be making any changes to access, so the application regarding the access has nothing to do with the application for the orchard. We will be monitoring the area and Cllr Adoh has spoken to the applicant and has asked him to stay in contact, which he was very happy to do so. Mr Preece stated that Cllr Adoh and Cllr Sadique have taken a lot of stick about matter arising from Mudds Bank and he would like to thank them for all of their hard work and efforts. Cllr Adoh ask the chair is she could clarified where the rubbish problem is in Stokenchurch. The chairman replied that there are many places in the village that have been reported several times and nothing has been done. Cllr Adoh will follow up.

9. Finance-

- Bills Payable to the amount of £1564.44 Unanimously agreed.

10. Correspondence – None.

11. The Future of Local Government in Buckinghamshire – Mr Preece gave a report of the main points of the unitary council proposals from WDC and Bucks C C. The Chairman informed the council that David Lidington had asked the parish council for their views and preferences of one unitary council or two councils (North & south Buckinghamshire). Following a detailed discussion and mixed views, it was decided, that the clerk would respond to Mr Lidington stating that we are unable to comment on a choice as many of the councillors have a difference of opinion and thus we are not being able to give a unanimous preference. Clerk to follow up.

12. The Commons – None

13. Other Parish Matters. Cemetery – Mr Preece informed the council that he attended a meeting earlier in the week with Mrs Baker, Rev Wainwright & Mary Shurrock to discuss the churchyard. Points discussed were; Rules and regulations of the churchyard, cremation plots, the reasonable length of time a former parishioner who has left the village can still qualify to be buried in the churchyard, including parishioners who are in nursing homes out of the area and reparation to the church wall. The cemetery committee will gather shortly to review the churchyard rules and bring back to a full council for approval. The clerk and parish warden will continue to speak with the conservation officer and Mr Palmer, who will contact the diocese. **Park Lane** – Mr Penny asked if there was any progress on the repairs to Park Lane. Clerk will chase up Mr Giles. **Mudds Bank** – Mr Davis reported that the recycling bin that contains plastic is overflowing again and is not being emptied enough, resulting in people throwing rubbish on the floor. Clerk to follow up. **Light** – Mrs Baker reported that the light by the gate at the entrance of Longburrow Hall car park is not working. Clerk to follow up. **Mary Towerton School**- Mr Jones informed the council that the Mary Towerton School had now been given permission to expand the school up to age eleven years as of September 2017.

Mill Lane- The Chairman explained that following an inspection of the enclosure award book by Mrs Baker, the Parish Warden and herself they were unable to determine whether there was a vehicular access route via Mill Lane to Mr Sweeney's property. Mr Sweeney was asked to provide proof from his solicitor giving the reason informing him that he has access or for a copy of the title deeds for the property. When asked, Mr Sweeney could not provide any documentation to say that he has access. However, Mr Sweeney also stated that other people are using the access route to park cars so if they are allowed then why is he not allowed vehicular access. The Chairman has asked Mr Sweeney for the title number so we can look at the title deeds and several councillors will be meeting to look at the original village map.

Mr M Chadwick stated that he was pleased to see the latest stint of wheel clamping around the village.

Mrs Hunt informed the council that a light by the zebra crossing on the Marlow Road was not working. Clerk to follow up.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.35pm