

PARISH OF STOKENCHURCH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 2nd August 2017
At Longburrow Hall at 7.30pm.

Attendees: Mrs Nuthall (Chairman), Mrs Shelton (Clerk), Mrs Baker, Mrs Powis, Mr Parkinson, Mr I Chadwick, Mr Davis, Mr Jones, Mr Saunders, Mr Thomas and 1 members of the public.

1. **Apologies.** Apologies were received from Cllr Preece, Cllr Hayday, Cllr Adoh & Cllr Saddique
2. **Declarations of Interest.** Chairman declared an interest on planning application-06547
3. **Minutes.** It was agreed by all those present at that meeting that the minutes of the Council meeting on 19th July 2017 be approved. Unanimously agreed with one abstention.
4. **Matters Arising** – Mr Jones asked if planning application 06073 could be discussed again under planning. The Clerk informed the council that she had obtained written permission from the landowner to relocate the notice board in Studley Green. Clerk informed the council that our solicitor is currently on holiday so would follow up enquiries of the Fleur Lease once he returns. Clerk informed the council that with regards to the dog bin at Studley Green, we are currently waiting for Cllr Hayday to forward the funds for the contract to the parish council before starting. The Chairman had spoken to Mr Madhandi regarding the parked cars on the common stating that he said he had received a letter from the clerk and did not take any notice of this for which he apologised and since the discussion with the chairman, the situation had now improved.
5. **Reports and Actions** – Clerk reported that Park Lane potholes have now been repaired and the damage to the skylight at Longburrow Hall had been repaired too. Mr Thomas gave an update on the allotments.
6. **Notification of Parish Matters (information only) — 30mph Signs Marlow Road – 40mph Sign Lowes Close- Grass Cutting- Large Branch**
7. **Planning** – Planning decisions; permissions and refusals.
 - 06699 - Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension and part conversion of existing garage (part retrospective) 4 Beech Close Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3QY – (Mr Clark) No Objection unanimously agreed.
 - 06902 - Householder application for construction of first floor rear extension - 4 Pigeon Farm Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3TE – (Mr & Mrs Roberts) No Objection unanimously agreed.
 - 06661 - Certificate of lawfulness for proposed construction of single storey rear extension - Longacre Horsleys Green Buckinghamshire HP14 3UX – (Mr & Mrs Towe Butwell) No Objection unanimously agreed.
 - 06591- Householder application for the conversion of integral garage to form office/study and internal alterations - 21 Barkus Way Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3RD – (Mr & Mrs Ian Hughes) No Objection unanimously agreed.
 - 06965 - Reduce lateral growth towards property by approx. 2m and remove large dead limbs to Lime Tree (T1), remove large dead limbs to 4 x Lime Trees (T2, T3, T4 & T5), remove large dead limbs to Sycamore Tree (T6) and reduce 1x large lateral limb growing towards property by approx 2-3m to blend with rest of crown and remove large dead limbs to Sweet Chestnut (T7) - all the works are to prevent limbs falling and damaging either the property or the residents using the shared garden - Stockfields Place Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire – (Neil Douglas Block Management) No Objection unanimously agreed.
 - 06928 - Crowns reduce the two Ash trees (T1,T2) by 3m, cut the ivy at the base and remove as much as practically possible and raise the crowns to 4m. Removing any dead or dangerous wood - Positive Steps Day Nursery Lower Church Street Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3TG (Plummer) No Objection unanimously agreed.
 - 06856 - Householder application for single storey rear extension, insertion of 2 x velux rooflights to front & rear with hip to gable side extension & alterations, all in connection with loft conversion - 85 New Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3SQ – (Mr & Mrs M Percy) No Objection unanimously agreed.

Not included on the agenda but to be discussed:

- 06547-Demolition of existing stables and construction of agricultural building for use as feed store, machinery store and cheese production - Land Adjacent 1 Pophleys Cottage City Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire – (Mrs Jill Clark) A parishioner raised concerns and a discussion took place about machinery and traffic increase, there were mixed views on the planning. The Parish Council failed to agree, so the decision would be left to the District Council. The Parish Council would ask that the District Council give consideration to any additional noise pollution, consideration to neighbours and the name on application refers to land adjacent to Pophleys Cottage but the name on the property clearly states Mudds Bank Stud Farm.
- 06073 – Mr Jones referred to the planning application discussed at the previous meeting stating the query raised was regarding a kerb, belongs to highways along the verge. No objection.

8. District and County Councillors: Cllr Etholen apologised for being unable to attend the last few meetings. Cllr Etholen reported that Mr Thomas reported a number of issues from Ferndale Close to Dashwood Hill so Cllr Etholen did a tour of these areas with James Tunnard to look at the issues. Cllr Etholen thanked the clerk for explaining that some of the issues had been reported via the TFL website and said James Tunnard confirmed that the issues raised have to be reported via the website so they may be allocated to the correct department to be investigated. Cllr Etholen also reported that he had been allocated an extra £4000 in his budget for roads. Whilst out with James Tunnard in the area they looked at Beech Close which is in poor condition and this will be considered for repairs and the council were asked if they would like the white gate on the Marlow Road reinstated as it is currently laying on the ground. The council agreed that would be a good idea and thanked Cllr Etholen. The Chairman spoke to Cllr Etholen about the youth club, stating they are doing very well but they are concerned that if they have to keep paying the rent they may have to close. Are you able to help with this as Bucks County Council currently runs the building? Cllr Etholen will follow up. Mr Davis asked Cllr Etholen why it was that so many roads signs are covered by vegetation stating that this seems to be a countrywide problem. Cllr Etholen explained that it all comes down to money which is getting tighter each year. Cllr Etholen continued saying that when councillors go out canvassing to enquire about problems in the local areas, people generally all mention potholes not road signs.

9. Finance-

- Bills Payable to the amount of £9388.15, unanimously agreed.
- Finance committee: a meeting was held on Tuesday 1st August, a request was received from Stokenchurch Football club for a donation of £500 from the Parish Council the finance committee recommended that this donation not be approved. Unanimously agreed. Mr Thomas would like to increase the allotment plot fees from £2.50 per plot to £3.50 per plot as of October this year. Following a discussion, the proposal of an increase to £3.50 unanimously agreed with one abstention. The finance committee request a discussion in committee following this meeting.

10. Correspondence – The clerk read an email from a parishioner expressing concerns about the tables and chairs outside of the Coffee Shop. The Parish Council duly noted the concerns and will take any necessary actions if needed.

11. The Commons – None.

12. Other Parish Matters- 30mph Signs Marlow Road – are they legal have they had permission to put them there – they are unreadable to any one driving – they are distracting to drivers- chairman they have been putting – school children can see it – speak to penny to remove and have them blown up to larger size. **40mph Sign, Lowes Close-** Mr I Chadwick there is a 40mph sign just after the 30mph sign. Clerk to follow up. **Grass Cutting-** Mr Saunders explained that a parishioner reported a gentleman sat in a vehicle sat in the van for a number of hours just smoking, the chap got out and did a bit of strimming and then got back in the van for a few more hours. Following a discussion, it was believed that the grass contract employee was one of Bucks Highways and not one of First Services that the Parish Council use for the devolution services for the village. Clerk will inform Bucks County Council. **Large Branch** – Mrs Baker reported a fallen branch on the verge by Lowes Close and asked if can get the large branch removed so the grass can be cut properly. Clerk to follow up.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.35 pm