

PARISH OF STOKENCHURCH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 3rd May 2017
At Longburrow Hall at 7.30pm.

Attendees: Mrs Nuthall (Chairman), Mrs Fay Shelton (Clerk) Mr Penny, Mrs Baker, Mr Saunders, Mr Thomas, Mr Parkinson, Mr Jones, Mr Preece, Mr Davis, Mr I Chadwick, and 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies. Apologies were received from Mrs Powis, Cllr Etholen,
2. Election of Chairman- Mr Preece proposed that Mrs Nuthall be re-elected to the post of Chairman. This was seconded by Mr Saunders, all were in favour and there were no other nominations. Mrs Nuthall was therefore duly re-elected to the post of Chairman.
3. Election of Vice Chairman, Mr I Chadwick proposed that Mrs Baker be re-elected to the post of Vice-Chairman. This was seconded by Mr Preece. There were no other proposals. Mrs Baker was duly re-elected unanimously.
4. **Council Appointments-** Each Councillor confirmed their readiness to continue with their existing roles and appointments (see separate list)
Responsibilities presently:
Mrs Baker-Educational Charity, finance committee, open spaces Stokenchurch, cemetery committee, PPG
Mr Saunders-Educational Charity, Cemetery committee
Mr I Chadwick – Finance committee
Mr Preece – Cemetery committee
Mr Jones- Open spaces SG, Community centre committee SG, Finance committee, NAG, PPG
Mr Thomas- Allotments, Chilterns Conservation Board and LAF,
Mr Parkinson- Cemetery committee, Day centre, PPG
Mr Penny- Finance Committee
Mr Davis- Memorial Club, Youth & Community Centre
Mrs Nuthall- Finance committee, Play areas
Mrs Powis- Play areas, Open Spaces, NAG
5. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
6. **Minutes.** It was agreed by all those present at that meeting that the Minutes of the Council meeting on 19th April 2016 be approved. All agreed.
7. **Matters Arising** – Clerk read a response from the enforcement team at WDC regarding the Jaguar garage stating 'There is a planning application on the site, but it is currently invalid. We are awaiting for further information from the agent. Once this is received the application for the change of use, external alterations and fencing will be validated and allocated to an officer and the usual consultations made'. Clerk also read a response from the enforcement team at WDC regarding the septic tank spoken about at the previous meeting stating 'They have spoken to the land owner and the septic tank is not being installed on that land it is sitting on a trailer to be taken to and installed at the land owners home'.
8. **Reports and Actions** – The Clerk reported on a meeting with several councillors and Tom McCarthy on Tuesday 25th April to discuss the bollards and their inefficiency along the A40 at the entrance to George Road. It was agreed that the bollards have made no difference to the parking. Two options were discussed one, to raise the curb, which would not be suitable for elderly parishioners to mount and secondly would not stop people in vans or four-wheel drive cars. Two, to install more bollards along the yellow lines to the entrance of the Tesco's carpark. It was advised not to remove the yellow lines because this would incur more cost and they would still be enforceable if people parked on them. Mr McCarthy will forward costing for both ideas to the clerk to be discussed later in council.
9. **Notification of Parish Matters (information only) – Chiltern Grange – Allotment Skip – Hedges - Studley Green Crossing - Over hanging trees on the A40 – Street lamp on Dashwood Hill**
10. **District and County Councillors:** None

11. Planning – Planning decisions; permissions and refusals.

- 05965 -Householder application for alteration to existing roof and insertion of a rear dormer and 2 x velux rooflights to front - 1 Trent Villas Wycombe Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3RJ (Allison Keylock) No objection, unanimously agreed.

12. Finance-

- Bills Payable to the amount of £9997.01, unanimously agreed.
- April accounts, unanimously agreed.

13. Correspondence: Clerk read a request from Mr Sweeney requesting permission for signage for the annual Ibstone show on Saturday 5th August 2017. The request was for five signs. Permission for signage was approved. The signs are to be erected no more than two weeks before the event. Clerk read a request from Mr Cotton for the councils support in getting the speed limit reduced on the road from the A40 to Radnage, stating that there are no pavements along this stretch of the road and therefore children are having to stand within people's driveways or on the grass verge. The road is not very wide through this point and around bus times there are a number of larger, heavy commercial vehicles using this route making the road seem relatively narrow and the children consequently more vulnerable. The clerk also read a response from the road safety team at Bucks C C, stating the cost and procedure for this scheme in addition to their views 'I understand that Mr. Cotton is concerned about the children walking to and from the bus stop. I have just had a discussion with BCC Client Transport Team who says that they if Mr, Cotton contacts them they will carry out and assessment. However, it is Mr Cotton's prerogative to use the transport or not and if he considers the location is unsafe then he is at liberty to take his children to where he considers is safer boarding point. With regards to safety, there has not been any reported injury collisions in the vicinity of Water End Rod and Mudds bank in at least the last 10 years. As a result the County Council are not currently considering installing any safety measures.' Following an in-depth discussion the parish council decided they would be unable to support your request at this time, unanimously agreed.

14. Commons: Mrs Baker enquired as to the when the post survey would be finished; the clerk is chasing Thompsons Garden Services.

15. Other Parish Matters –Chiltern Grange – Mr Thomas reported that he attended the coffee morning at Chiltern Grange and there was a very poor attendance. On speaking to the manager, Mr Thomas said they would like to get more involved in the village and he would be happy to be go-between for them and the Parish Council. **Allotment Skip** – Mr Thomas informed the council that the skip for Cricket Ground Lane allotments had been ordered and is waiting delivery. **Hedges** – Mr Preece reported that the hedge on Marlow Road behind Ferndale Close is very overgrown. Mr Preece was unsure if this is the Parish Councils responsibility or another's. The Chairman advised this was privately owned land and owners had been written to previously. Mr Penny reported that the Parish Council had previously cut the area themselves due to non-response from the owners. Clerk will write to the home owners again. **Street lamp on Dashwood Hill-** Clerk informed Mr Jones that the lamp in question was knocked down by a builder delivering goods to one of the houses. A replacement lamp was discussed in a finance committee last year but was deferred. **Studley Green Crossing** –Mr Jones reported that some parishioners in Studley Green and nearby, were greatly concerned about children crossing the busy A40 from one side of the road to the other. This road (from Studley Green to West Wycombe) has been identified as one of the most dangerous in Bucks with a high accident rate. Residents are concerned that school children should have the protection of either traffic lights, or indeed they should be under the supervision of a school crossing patrol. Cllr Hayday has already raised the matter with Mark Shaw, but would like the PC to get involved also. The Clerk will contact Sue Brown from the road safety team at Bucks. **Over Hanging Trees on The A40** – Mr Jones referred to an email from Sian Thomas (28/4/17) following an enquiry from Cllr Hayday. "The adjacent overhanging trees do look a bit dark and encroaching and I wonder whether cutting them back would open up the area and make it more prominent. Maybe this is something that the Parish Council would be able to speak to the land owner about ". Mr Jones continued stating that this chap need to be reminded very strongly that the strip of woodland belongs to BCC, a couple of years ago this cropped up, and TFB wrote us a letter stating that they would be responsible for this strip and would undertake any action needed. So let's remind him that we require immediate action in this respect.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.40pm.