

PARISH OF STOKENCHURCH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 15th November 2017
At Longburrow Hall at 7.30pm.

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

1. **Apologies.** Apologies were received from Cllr Hayday & Cllr Adoh.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** Cllr Powis and Cllr Preece on bills payable.
3. **Minutes.** It was agreed by all those present at that meeting that the minutes of the Council meeting on 1st November 2017 be approved. Unanimously agreed.
4. **Matters Arising** – None
5. **Reports and Actions** – Cllr Penny would like it noted that the war memorial area looked impeccable for Remembrance Sunday thanks to the Parish warden.
6. **Notification of Parish Matters (information only) – Footpaths- Emails – M40 CEG – Allotments – War Memorial – Scouts Bonfire Studley Green – Bus Shelter.**
7. **Red Kite: Councillor focussed Development presentation.** The Red Kite representative gave a brief background to Red Kite. 6 years ago, tenants voted to move away from the council housing scheme, this is how Red Kite developed. Red Kite promised to invest money in bringing existing accommodations up to a standard where they should be. By June 2020, Red Kite plan to build 270 homes within the district. There is a high demand for social housing here in Stokenchurch and in the Wycombe district. Some developments will be outright sales and some for shared ownership. Any subsidies will be put back into the project. We intend to demolish blocks of flats that are outdated and redevelop them. Want an open door policy to have discussions. Cllr Chadwick stated that in the local plan there is housing proposals for this area and asked are you able to step in and do the social housing unit. The Red Kite representative explained they could only do that if they are asked to do so by the developer. Cllr Chadwick asked if housing could be given to local people? The Red Kite representative explained they don't actually have a say who moves into them, that decision lies with WDC. Mrs Baker asked if Red Kite take on board what the Parish Council think, parishes would like somewhere for there children to go when they leave home. The Red Kite representative replied again, neither myself or Red Kite have any control over who is allocated to the housing that would be WDC.
8. **Planning** – Planning decisions; permissions and refusals.
 - 07973 - Householder application for the construction of a single storey side and front extension - Birdwood Old Studley Arms Water End Road Studley Green Buckinghamshire HP14 3XN - (Mr And Mrs C Berkeley) No objection, unanimously agreed.
 - 07944- Certificate of lawfulness for proposed construction of detached garage/store - Penley Lodge Marlow Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3UW (Mr Wali Nazir) No objection, unanimously agreed.
 - 07820 - Certificate of lawfulness for proposed construction of single storey rear extension to existing dwelling house - Longacre Horsleys Green Buckinghamshire HP14 3UX – (Mr & Mrs Towe Butwell) No objection, unanimously agreed.
 - 07801 - Householder application for construction of part two storey, part single storey rear extension replacing existing conservatory - 19 Pigeon Farm Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3TE – (Mr & Mrs Crane) No objection, unanimously agreed.
 - 07647 - Certificate of lawfulness for proposed construction of single storey rear extension - Many Trees Horsleys Green Buckinghamshire HP14 3UX- (Mr Alex Langstaff-Ellis). No objection, unanimously agreed.

9. District and County Councillors: Cllr Saddique reported that following the email from the Chairman about Mudds Bank he had emailed environmental health expressing how alarming the situation is and will chase them up tomorrow. Cllr Chadwick asked Cllr Saddique if the council have looked into what's happening at Pendles Paddock. Cllr Saddique informed Cllr Chadwick that enforcement investigated and said it was fine. Cllr Saddique informed the council that the next councillor surgery on the 9th December at 10am in the library. Cllr Etholen had received a number of enquiries about Bucks County Council investing in fossil fuel companies. Cllr Etholen will forward the statement to the clerk to put on social media for parishioners to read. Mr Preece enquired as to whether it would be possible for Bucks County Council to stop the lorries parking at the Mudds Bank layby and close the layby. Cllr Etholen will look into this.

10. Finance-

- Bills Payable to the amount of £6611.07, unanimously agreed.
- Budget 2018/2019 - councillors to prioritise.
- LAF Funding Budget – community funding pot – do we have any ideas?
- Payment for the Marquees – following a discussion it was agreed to take the payment for the Christmas Market Marquee's from the Marquee funding account.

11. TFB - David Coupe – No show.

12. Correspondence – Clerk read out a formal complaint against Stokenchurch Parish Council from a parishioner. Following a discussion it was decided to go back to the parishioner to say that the letters we use comply with the procedure from WDC and Bucks C C in accordance with the devolution agreement. Thank you for your letter, your comments have been noted.

Clerk read an email from WDC regarding the use of Longburrow Hall as an emergency rest centre, requesting the emergency contact number for a key holder for Longburrow Hall and would like to know if there were any areas that pets would not allowed to be housed in the event of a largescale evacuation/emergency. Following a discussion clerk will inform WDC of the emergency contact numbers and there would be no restricted areas for pets in the event of a largescale evacuation/ emergency.

Clerk read a request from the Chairman of memorial hall asking for permission to cut the hedge outside of the premises to 3.5ft high to increase visibility. Request approved.

Clerk reported a light out on Slade Road lamp 4, this has been inspected and found that the cover bowl is missing, this is no longer available for this lamp, so the lantern will have to be replaced clerk is waiting for a quote for the new lantern.

Clerk read an email from WDC requesting a current list of all councillors and for up to date DPI forms for all councillors, all councillors were given a copy of the form to fill in and return to the office.

Ballot papers for a vote on a vacancy on the Chiltern Conservation Board were given to Councillors. Cllr Thomas is a candidate.

13. The Commons – Cllr Baker noted that the common looks good following the last grass cut.

14. Other Parish Matters – Footpaths- Cllr Davis reported that the pavement opposite Tesco's on George Road is very damaged. Clerk to follow up.

Emails – Cllr Parkinson asked why are emails being sent to councillors before meetings. The Chairman explained that this is so councillors can read additional information regarding items on the agenda before each meeting in preparation for the meeting.

M40 CEG – Cllr Chadwick asked if the parish council were going to give a financial contribution to the M40 CEG this year? The Chairman said it will be in the 2018/19 budget for consideration.

Allotments – Cllr Thomas gave an update on the allotment payments and proposed that a letter be sent to the remaining allotment holders terminating their tenancy agreement if payment is not received by the end of November. CPRE – Cllr Thomas will be attending the CPRE meeting next week, one of the speakers is David Liddington.

War Memorial – Cllr Penny asked about the broken step at the war memorial that was raised at a previous meeting. The clerk is waiting for a final quote to come back before applying for funding.

Scouts Bonfire Studley Green – Cllr Jones explained that year after year the scouts are asked to clear away the debris from the bonfire as soon as possible following the event and there are large nails from pallets all over the

ground can we send a strict letter to scouts asking them to immediately clear up the area. Clerk to follow up. Cllr Jones thanked a parishioner for his efforts at the community centre at Studley Green. The Chairman asked informed the council that there was a companion dog show at the community centre at Studley Green and asked if this was allowed. Cllr Jones replied this had been questioned before and the answer was yes as long as the hall is cleaned up.

Bus Shelter - The Chairman informed the council that the bus shelter on the Marlow Road had been vandalised again this is happening on a weekly basis and asked the council, do we take it down. Cllr Chadwick asked if we could inform the parishioners of the village that it is costing tax payers money. Clerk to follow up. It was decided to make the bus shelter safe and not replace the window.

Cllr Davis Remembrance Sunday went well but there were problems even though the road was blocked people were still driving round the common to get round it but the Parish Warden did a good job. The Chairman stated that a child fainted, as it was so cold, because they were waiting outside for so long. The Chairman was approached by a parishioner about the need for a British Legion club in Stokenchurch.

A Parishioner asked if the complaints committee on the website. Clerk will follow up.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.15pm