

PARISH OF STOKENCHURCH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 4th October 2017
At Longburrow Hall at 7.30pm.

Attendees: Mrs Nuthall (Chairman), Mrs Baker (Vice Chairman), Mrs Shelton (Clerk), Mr Parkinson, Mr I Chadwick, Mrs Powis, Mr Jones, Mr Saunders, Mr Thomas, Cllr Preece and 2 members of the public.

1. **Apologies.** Apologies were received from Cllr Penny, Cllr Davis, Cllr Hayday, & Cllr Etholen late.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** Mr Preece on bills payable and for planning application No.07653.
3. **Minutes.** It was agreed by all those present at that meeting that the minutes of the Council meeting on 20th September 2017 be approved. Unanimously agreed with one abstention.
4. **Matters Arising** – Mr Preece referred to the footpath along the Marlow Road, stating that stinging nettles have been removed but the hedges remain the responsibility of the householders. The chair thanked Mr Preece for arranging for the nettles to be cut.
5. **Reports and Actions** – Mr Jones reported on items discussed at the NAG meeting he attended the minutes are available in the office at Longburrow Hall. Mr I Chadwick informed the council that they have now got a fencing contractor for the M40 Motorway. Mr Thomas gave an update allotment.
6. **Notification of Parish Matters (information only) – Pendles Paddock – Church Yard Marlow Road**
7. **Planning** – Planning decisions; permissions and refusals.
 - 07587 - Householder application for demolition of existing detached garage and timber side annexe and construction of part two storey, part single storey side and rear extension and insertion of 1 x front and 2 x rear roof lights in connection with loft conversion - 87 Mill Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3TP – (Mr Matthew King) No objection, unanimously agreed.
 - 07330 - Householder application for erection of single storey pool building with mezzanine and subterranean rooms –Mallards Court Park Lane Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3TQ (Mr & Mrs E Hunt) No objection, unanimously agreed.
 - 07653 - Householder application for construction of first floor rear extension - 4 Pigeon Farm Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3TE – (Mr & Mrs Roberts) No objection, unanimously agreed one abstention.
8. **District and County Councillors:** Cllr Saddique gave an update on the unitary council stating that they are still waiting for the decision from the secretary of state. Cllr Saddique informed the council that district councillors get an allowance that they can get give to people in their ward, asking for suggestions. Clerk will forward list of suitable clubs. Cllr Etholen also asked the council if they had any projects that would benefit from funding. Cllr Etholen went on to say that the broken gate on the Marlow Road will be replaced, costing are in progress and Beech Close will also benefit from road repairs. David Coupe will be attending a meeting on the 1st November. Cllr Etholen informed the council of the potential coach park at Dry Banks. The chair explained that we had received an email from Darren Hayday but stated that we would be unable to comment until a planning application comes through.
9. **Finance-**
 - Bills Payable to the amount of £6386.60, unanimously agreed, one abstention.
 - September Accounts. unanimously agreed, one abstention.
10. **Correspondence – Complaint from Wye Valley Quilters** – Clerk read an email from the Wye Valley Quilters concerning disturbances during their hall hire noting football club. Following a discussion clerk will write a letter to the football club. **Way Leaves S & S** – Clerk read a request for permission to erect stay wire within the boundary of the Waterend allotments. Following a discussion Mr Thomas would like to meet to find out the exact location of the said wires as this may encroach on a used allotment plot. **Permission for the Christmas Market signs** – A request was received from the fete committee asking for permission to display advertisement for the Christmas Market. Permission was approved.

11. The Commons – Chair reported on the Devolution Committee which took place on Monday 2nd October stating that Maps and contracts were studied and looked through to establish areas identified by WDC and Bucks C C. Clerk to get quotes for hedge cutting, footpaths, weed killing and weed removal Applewood landscapes, All Scapes, Cherry wood. Proposal to stay with First Services for 10 cuts per year and budget for an extra two if needed for the common areas and 8 cuts per year for the verges and budget for two extra cuts if needed. Contingency budget to cover emergency tree works. It was noted that the recent grass cut in the village was of good quality.

Pendles Paddock – Mr I Chadwick informed the council that fences seem to be moving in this area and asked Cllr Etholen to look into what is going on there. **Church Yard Marlow Road-** Mrs Powis asked are we still going in to clear up the debris in the Marlow Road cemetery? Chairman explained that the skip needs to be arranged and volunteers need to come forward. Chairman would also like to thank the Free Masons and the Scouts for their efforts in tidying up this area. Clerk to arrange for the war graves to be cleaned.

Parishioner referred to an article about allotments in the Bucks free press, Mr Thomas is investigating.

12. Other Parish Matters –There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.45 pm