

## PARISH OF STOKENCHURCH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
At Longburrow Hall at 7.30pm.

Attendees: Mrs Nuthall (Chairman), Mrs Shelton (Clerk), Mrs Baker, Mrs Powis, Mr Parkinson, Mr I Chadwick, Mr Preece, Mr Davis, Mr Saunders, Mr Jones, Mr Penny and 7 members of the public.

1. **Apologies.** Apologies were received from Cllr Hayday, Cllr Adoh & Cllr Thomas
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 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 be approved. Unanimously Agreed. Cllr Powis, abstained.
4. **Matters Arising** – Clerk reported that she keeps chasing Richard Thompson about the post survey, he keeps promising to finish it and yet no results. Following a discussion it was decided to cancel the post survey with Thompsons Garden Services. Clerk to follow up. Mr Preece referred to the hedge along the Marlow Road discussed at the last meeting he informed the council that this hedge is the responsibility of the homeowners in Ferndale Close and handed the clerk a copy of the land registry.
5. **Reports and Actions** – Mr Preece reported that following the last meeting, the clerk sent out a list of streetlights owned by the Parish Council so Mr Preece very kindly had a walk around the village and noted all streetlights that were not working and handed a copy to the clerk to organise the repairs needed. Mr Davis informed the council that he and Mr M Chadwick have repainted the lines for the parking bays at the library.
6. **Notification of Parish Matters (information only) — *Hut at The Kings -Mudds Bank- Chalk Farm***
7. **Planning** – Planning decisions; permissions and refusals.
  - 06128 - Erection of stock proof fencing, gate, stable block in connection with use of land as rescue sanctuary- Land Between Pophleys Wood And Footpath 75 City Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire (Mrs Patricia & Miss Lee-Ann Nailor) Objection on the grounds of if the application is a change of use. Access now going to used regularly and is not safe. Two abstentions. All others present agreed.
  - 06090 - Prior notification application (Part 6, Class A) to erect an agricultural building to store farm machinery securely - OS Parcel 8400 Radnage Common Road Radnage Buckinghamshire- (Ms Elizabeth Fynn) No objection, all agreed on both. Clerk to inform Radnage clerk.
  - 06089 - Prior notification application (Part 6, Class A) to erect a building to store agricultural equipment and hay grown on holding - OS Parcel 8465 Water End Road Beacons Bottom Buckinghamshire – (Ms Elizabeth Fynn) No objection, all agreed on both. Clerk to inform Radnage clerk.
  - 06000 - Householder application for construction of first floor rear/side extension - 34 Marlow Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3QJ – (Mrs Bernadette Troth) No Objection, all agreed.
  - 05976 - Householder application for construction of timber framed garage in rear garden - Warmwell House Lower Church Street Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3TG- (Mr Neil Meredith) No objection, all agreed.
  - 05906 - Change of use from Use Class B8 (Storage and Distribution) to car show room (Use Class Sui-generis) together with alterations to external elevations and associated works (part retrospective) - Units 1-2 Independent Business Park Mill Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3TP- (Mr P Whiting) No objection to change of use application, issues such as car alarms, can the times be the same as Giles yard. Following a discussion about the concerns from parishioners and councillors regarding this application including hours of trading, lighting, fencing, the pavement, the boundary & the parking. It was decided that whilst the Parish Council have no

objection to the change of use they would ask WDC to ensure there is not a detrimental impact on the amenity of neighbouring dwellings, we would ask for any permission granted to be subject to the above conditions. (please see full comments on WDC planning website)

**8. District and County Councillors:** None present.

**9. Finance-**

- Bills Payable to the amount of £3216.48, unanimously agreed.
- Mr Preece spoke of the informal meeting that the PC had on Monday evening to discuss the budget, Mr Preece would continue like to speak about this in -committee following this meeting.

**10. Correspondence** – Clerk asked for councillors to look at the pictures provided of the rat burrows at the Marlow Road cemetery, then proceeded to read an email from the estate manager at Old School Close ask for the parish council to address the rat issue. Clerk is still waiting for quotes to remove the vegetation and has already informed the estate manager that the bin is WDC remit. Clerk informed the council that apologies were received from Ken Edwards for his non-attendance at the APM and read his status report for the M40 CEG, highlighting notes such as there is design in progress for 8 noise barriers, to include one at Stokenchurch (North side). Stokenchurch lbstone Rd / Mill Lane has not qualified for a barrier in the current programme because the quantified benefit (over 30 years) did not exceed 2 x cost – slip road is a complicating factor. Quiet surface, when (?) installed, should make a useful contribution to reducing noise in these areas. Noise measurements completed at 10 of 15 locations – (including Cricketers, Slade Rd, Marcourt Rd and Beech Close) – much thanks to local residents for their willing cooperation. Next steps are to press for Quiet Surface in AONB within DBFO contract and finally thanks due to local committee members for 12 years hard work, Ian and Sylvia Chadwick. Clerk also read the chair report from the community centre at Studley Green points included were the centre is being well used, improvements on the building over the past year, the rent increase and future step to raise more funds.

**11. Stokenchurch Football Club** - Mr David Fisher started by giving an update of the history of the football club to date. Points noted were the football club finished in a good position this season, there were 9 injuries, they had no reserve side this year, they will need to update the facilities if they want to progress onto the next league (more pitches, floodlights, barriers around the pitch, a club house with toilets showers and dug outs). Mr Fisher explained the first steps for development would be the pitches for which he had a quote of £26,000. Following an in-depth discussion in which it was noted that the playing fields whilst originally purchased for the football club to use then became a recreation area for all following the need to a new location for a village hall and new play equipment was installed. The Chairman has asked how discussions were progressing regarding the adult and junior teams collaborating to achieve the funding for such works. Mr Preece asked if it worth putting the funding and plans on a back burner until all the teams are working together to achieve the same goals. We have tried to talk to them it started to go well then fell apart. Regarding the new terms and conditions for the changing rooms Mr Hills explained the first come first serve basis is a problem for them and asked if they were able to book every Saturday between August and May then cancel by the Wednesday before if the rooms are not needed. Another issue is the removal of football boots before entering the changing rooms. The PC decided it was fine for them to book in advance and clerk will remove the condition about the boots from the T's & C's. The PC will also look into rubber mats for the floors of the changing rooms to minimise damage to the floor. Mr Fisher also suggested a no parking grid to be painted on the floor by the cemetery gates in the car park of Longburrow Hall to keep the access route onto the field clear when the hall is busy.

**12. The Commons** – Mr I Chadwick reported that there had been a car with advertisements parked in several places around the commons. Clerk to follow up.

**13. Other Parish Matters- Hut at The Kings** – Mr Parkinson reported that a parishioner had approached him to ask if the Kings Hotel needed planning permission to have the hut in the car park. Mr Preece believed that as it is only a temporary structure that planning permission is not needed. The Chairman explained that the Kings Hotel did sort permission from the parish council to put the hut there temporarily and that asking them to remove the boiler would have a detrimental effect on the business. As previously said the structure is going to be removed by the end of May. **Mudds Bank** - Rubbish dumped down the road, fridge dumped, clerk will report to waste and cleansing. The Chairman stated that the rats and rubbish are a concern but all we can do is report them to Bucks C C and WDC. **Chalk Farm** – Mr Preece reported that following a discussion with a parishioner the entrance to Chalk Farm seems to be an area heavily used for cars parking, lorries turning and its becoming more and more of a problem. The Chairman explained that Lowes Close also have the same problem. Following a discussion the Parish Council will monitor the situation. The clerk was asked to chase up Cllr Etholen regarding the disabled parking bays on Pigeon Farm Road. Mrs Baker asked if we could chase our solicitor about the lease for the Fluer De Lis. Clerk to follow up.

A discussion took place regarding the poor response for the community litter pick and the predicted weather conditions for the week, Mr Preece suggested postponing the litter pick until sometime at the end of June, all agreed the date is to be confirmed. Clerk to follow up.

Mr Spittles brought to the PC attention that Mudds Bank is an area of outstanding natural beauty he feels that the PC need to be more assertive in the comments on planning.

A parishioner stated that there have been no notifications put up or sent to neighbours about the change of use planning for the Jaguar Garage. The Chairman explained that yes notification should be given and asked the parishioner to contact WDC

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.20pm