

PARISH OF STOKENCHURCH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 1st February 2017
At Longburrow Hall at 7.30pm.

Attendees: Mrs Nuthall (Chairman), Mrs Shelton (Clerk), Mrs Baker, Mr Jones, Mrs Powis, Mr Parkinson, Mr I Chadwick, Mr Thomas, Mr Davis, Mr Saunders, Mr Preece and 4 members of the public.

1. **Apologies.** Apologies were received from Cllr Etholen, Cllr Saddique & Cllr Penny
2. **Declarations of Interest.** Cllr Powis in bills payable. No others.
3. **Minutes.** It was agreed by all those present at that meeting that the minutes of the Council meeting on 25th January 2017 be approved. Unanimously agreed.
4. **Matters Arising** – None.
5. **Reports and Actions – Cemetery/ Church Yard-** Councillors were asked to refer to the existing rules and new proposed rules. Mr Preece gave a brief update on the discussions of the cemetery committee held earlier this week. The main changes were for burials plots to be FOC for children in line with the church and a small increase in burial plots. A request was made to remove the point about no stone surround and allow stone surrounds. Another request was made to reword the paragraph about the ten year rule for former parishioners and the removal of unsafe memorials. Unanimously approved once changes are made. Clerk to follow up. **DS Autos** - Mr Preece explained that bailiffs have seized the building and DS Auto have ceased trading, but it's believed that some vehicles owned by the proprietor are still parked in various areas around the village. Mr Preece past a list of the details for the cars to the clerk to be reported to Danny O'Driscole and WDC to investigate further. Clerk to follow up.
6. **Notification of Parish Matters (information only) – Mill Lane – Mudds Bank – Play Area – Pot Holes - Sign**
7. **Planning** – Planning decisions; permissions and refusals.
 - 05156 -Householder application for construction of decked area to rear (retrospective)- 2 Hillside Water End Road Beacons Bottom Buckinghamshire HP14 3XF. (Mr Andrew Savin) Object on the grounds that it is an unneighbourly form of development, we had concerns over the height of the fence and there is a possible enforcement issue for unapproved out building. Agreed, with one abstention from Mr Jones and one other.
8. **District and County Councillors:** Cllr Hayday gave an update on the unitary council stating that bids are in with the secretary of state and the expected timeframe is two years. Cllr Hayday also informed the council that they have a new area technician that covers this area.
9. **Finance-**
 - Bills Payable to the amount of £5340.61, Unanimously agreed.
 - January Accounts, Unanimously agreed.
10. **Correspondence** – Clerk show a request for approval for an additional inscription on a tomb stone in the Parish Churchyard. Unanimously agreed.

11. The Commons – None

12. Other Parish Matters. Mill Lane – The Chairman reported that earlier in the week six councillors came together to look at the enclosure map to investigate any access right to Mr Sweeney’s property via Mill Lane. The Map was scrutinised and following a discussion, it was undoubtedly clear that there is no access into Mr Sweeney’s property via Mill Lane. Mr Sweeney was unhappy about the outcome. The Chairman stated that our decision stands that there is no access and if you feel you can prove otherwise please do so. **Mudds Bank** – Mrs Powis informed the council that there are still rats at the Mudds Bank layby. Clerk to follow up. **Play Area** – Mrs Powis asked if there had been any further progress with play area at Scholar Rise. Clerk informed Mrs Powis that this area has not been handed over to the Parish Council yet. **Pot Holes** – Mr Saunders had been approach by a parishioner stating that it is extremely difficult to push a wheelchair over the potholes on the track at Bowling Green. Chairman to follow up. **Sign-** Mr Saunders reported that there is a ‘logs for sale’ sign situated at the end of Lowes Close that is not being bought in each evening. Clerk to follow up.

Mr Randall – Asked who had cut the grass verge on George Road. Clerk replied our contractors. Mr Randall also asked about the vegetation between road and the layby. Clerk is speaking with TFB regarding this matter.

Mr Davis thought it would be a good idea to arrange a litter pick for the village. Clerk to follow up.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.37pm