

PARISH OF STOKENCHURCH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 1st March 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 Preece, Mr Davis, Mr Saunders, Mr Penny and 2 members of the public.

1. **Apologies.** Apologies were received from Cllr Thomas, Cllr Etholen, Cllr Adoh & Cllr Hayday
2. **Declarations of Interest.** Chairman, Cllr I Chadwick, Cllr Saunders & Cllr Powis for bills payable. No others.
3. **Minutes.** It was agreed by all those present at that meeting that the minutes of the Council meeting on 15th February 2017 be approved. Agreed with one abstention.
4. **Matters Arising** – Mr Davis reported that the fir tree pines by the pedestrian crossing on the Marlow road were cleared within two days of being reported. The Chairman informed the council that she had spoken to Rose Giles regarding the potholes in Park Lane and Justin Giles will be repairing them in due course. She also stated that they are not planning to sell their part of Park Lane.
5. **Reports and Actions** – Mr Penny reported that the street lighting on the Wycombe Road between New Road and the Mudds Bank layby are out and have been for some time. Clerk had previously reported the light to Bucks County Council but will chase up again. Mr Penny informed the council that he, Mr I Chadwick and Mr Preece attended the unitary council briefing last week and stated that there was nothing to update. Mr I Chadwick reported that the Community Bus had a good celebration in the hall last Friday which went very well.
6. **Notification of Parish Matters (information only) – *Lloyds Bank – Ds Autos – Walk By The School – Marlow Rd- Planting Trees – Road Signs – Pendles Paddock – Fencing And Fire Doors Studley Green- Posts – Park Lane Access Rd***
7. **Planning** – Planning decisions; permissions and refusals.
 - 05429 - Crown reduction by 6m to 1 x Poplar Tree (T1) - The Old Post Oxford Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3SX - (Dr Gary Murton) No Objection, unanimously agreed.
 - 05364 - Fell 1 x Goat Willow (T1) and fell 1 x Holly (T2) - Oxford Villa Wycombe Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3RQ – (Mrs Wells) No Objection, agreed with one abstention.
 - 05340 - Listed building application for insertion of new windows into existing weather boarded walls and boarded doors (alternative scheme to PP14/07063/LBC) - Home Farm Wellground Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3YE – (Mr Patrick Maxwell) No Objection, unanimously agreed.
 - 05306 - Demolition of existing detached bungalow and construction of pair of semi-detached two bedroom houses with associated parking - Maytime Lower Church Street Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3TG – (Mr & Mrs Bravington) Objection on the grounds of over development in the area, concerns over the parking access and that it is in the conservation area. Unanimously agreed.

8. **District and County Councillors:** Cllr Saddique – informed the council that there will be a surgery held at Stokenchurch Library on 11th March 2017 from 10.30 - 12.30am.

9. Finance-

- Bills Payable to the amount of £6518.65. Mrs Powis raised a query about the payment for works already completed on Bowling Green track, stating that the last decision made was to obtain three quotes to resurface or repair and these would be discussed and approved in council. The Chairman stated that she made a Chairman's decision on the grounds of health and safety. Agreed, with two abstentions.
- February Accounts, Unanimously Agreed.

10. **Correspondence** – Clerk read a request from the Stokenchurch Scouts asking for permission to display signage on boards around the village for a show they are doing. Permission was granted with the condition that signs are removed shortly after the event. Unanimously agreed.

11. The Commons – None

12. **Other Parish Matters- Lloyds Bank** – Mr Preece stated that the silver rail at Lloyds Bank is a bit of an eyesore and not in-keeping with the village could we ask them to paint it. Clerk will follow up. **Ds Autos** – Mr Preece gave the clerk an update sheet of the cars that still remain in the village. Clerk will follow up. **Wall by the School** - Mr Preece reported that the curved wall to right of the school on the left hand side of Bartholomew Tipping Way has a large crack and looks unsafe, can we contact the housing authority that owns the wall to investigate and repair. Clerk will follow up. **Marlow Road**- Mr Davis reported that as well as the crash into the boundary fence on Old School Close two weeks ago, there was another crash yesterday this one has done structural damage to one of the houses. Can we ask highways to come and look to see if something can be done to make the junction safer? Clerk will follow up. **Planting Trees** – Mr Davis explained that the parish warden had suggested the planting of two trees, one to replace the one that fell down in the storm and one for the common. Mr Davis offered to help the parish warden sort some prices and plant the trees once brought. **Road Signs** – Mr I Chadwick informed the council that there are no road signs to at junction of just past the Stokenchurch Dog Rescue. Clerk will follow up. **Pendles Paddock** – Mrs Powis had been approach by a parishioner who had concerns about the amount of caravans and how close they are together in Pendles Paddock and asked if this could be a potential fire risk. Clerk to follow up with WDC. - **Fencing** – Mr Jones informed the council that the hedge on the A40 adjacent to Studley Green Playing field is the parish councils he explained that there was once a chain link fence in situ, which is no longer there. There is a lot of dead wood in the hedge that can be cleared at the right time of year then we can re-install the fence. Clerk to follow up. **Fire Doors** – Mr Jones stated that when the parish council agreed the quote for the installation of the new doors at the community Centre at Studley Green, it was not a like for like quote. The new door in the kitchen does not have a window resulting in the kitchen being very dark, the door that was installed has bowed and there is the other doors do not sit flush with the floor. Mr Jones attended a review of the work by an engineer from Panache Fire Services who installed the doors they will report their findings back to the clerk. **Posts** – Mrs Baker enquired about the repairs and replacements to the posts on the common. Clerk informed Mrs Baker that Thompsons Garden Services have started the work and should be completed shortly. **Park Lane Access Road** – Mr Parkinson asked the council who owns the access lane. The Chairman replied Justin Giles. Mrs Baker informed the council that she thinks the parish council were given right of way over the lane for time and ever. Mrs Baker informed the council that parish council at the time had the surface of the road put down and we need to maintain the road. Mrs Baker also stated that permission should be sort from the parish council to cross that path. Mrs Baker and Mr Jones will find the paperwork relating to the park lane track and report back. **Tescos Bollards** - Chairman reported that she had spoken to the site person about disappointment with the positioning of the newly installed bollards. It had been decided to monitor the area and address any further issues as they arise. The clerk brought it to the council's attention that the bollards were not requested by the chairman to be positioned all along the yellow lines along George Road, just at the top of the road. Mr Preece will chase up NSL about the issuing of tickets on the yellow lines. **BMCF**- The Chairman informed the council that she had received correspondence from the BMCF informing that they are putting the houses up for auction on the 18th May 2017. They have set up a fund to help the tenants. Unfortunately, negotiations with Bucks Housing Association have fallen through.

Mr Preece asked a parishioner present if there had been any developments happening in Mill Lane. The parishioner stated that the car dealership is trading already and there is concern about their cars being parked in Mill Lane along with a transporter offloading cars for the garage.

Parishioner asked for clarification that the hedge and trees along the border of the playing field at Studley Green are the responsibility of the parish council as the trees are quite tall and are blocking the streetlights. Mr Jones will investigate.

Mr Saunders requested that the parish council ask for the signs on the A 40 road for a lost dog to be removed. Clerk will follow up.

The Chairman informed the council that as agreed at the previous meeting we have no objection to the SMC licence to assign or the licence to underlet so we have been sent the documents by our solicitor. The Chairman then asked the council if they were all in agreement for the Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign at that meeting. Mr Jones abstained. All other councillors agreed. The Chairman (Victoria Nuthall) and the Vice Chairman (Mrs Baker) signed the two documents and the Clerk (Fay Shelton) signed both documents as a witness.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.45pm