

PARISH OF STOKENCHURCH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 5th April 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 Thomas, Mr Davis, Mr Saunders, Mr Penny and 8 members of the public.

1. **Apologies.** Apologies were received from Cllr Jones
2. **Declarations of Interest.** Mrs Powis bills payable, Chairman for March Accounts and correspondence, Mr Saunders for planning, no others.
3. **Minutes.** It was agreed by all those present at that meeting that the minutes of the Council meeting on 15th March 2017 be approved. Unanimously Agreed.
4. **Matters Arising** – None.
5. **Reports and Actions** – None.
6. **Notification of Parish Matters (information only) — Longburrow Gate – Marlow Rd Cemetery – Street Light – Drain Cover – Allotment – Bus Shelter - Cold Callers – Berry Farm – Mudds Bank**
7. **Planning** – Planning decisions; permissions and refusals.
 - 05687 - Householder application for construction of two storey rear extension, alterations to existing rear single storey roof and front dormer window and associated works - The Cottages Bricks Lane Beacons Bottom Buckinghamshire HP14 3XG (Mr G Wells) No Objection, unanimously agreed.
 - 05659- Householder application for construction of open lean-to roof and retaining wall to side (retrospective) - The Old School Bricks Lane Beacons Bottom Buckinghamshire HP14 3XG (Mr & Mrs H Tate) No Objection, agreed with one abstention.
 - 05627- Erection of 2.5 m high gates and fencing to the entrance from City Road (Retrospective) - Land Adjacent 1 Pophleys Cottage City Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire – (Mrs Clark) No Objection, agreed, with one abstention, Mr Saunders. However, PC have concerns about the vision splay at the access and out of keeping with the area, AONB & conservation area.
 - 05626- Erection of replacement 1.35 m high agricultural livestock fencing to north and south boundaries (retrospective) - Land Adjacent 1 Pophleys Cottage City Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire – (Mrs Clark) No Objection, agreed, with one abstention Mr Saunders. However, the proposal states replacement fence and information from a parishioner tells us there was not a fence there before.
 - 05677 - Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension - 8 Springfield Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3QR – (Mr Andrew Chapman) No objection, unanimously agreed.
8. **District and County Councillors:** Cllr Saddique reported that he had no real update from the district at present but did state that district councillors held a surgery on the 11th of March, where a few parishioners attended which was quiet.
9. **Finance-**
 - Bills Payable to the amount of £7223.05, unanimously agreed.
 - March Accounts, unanimously agreed.

- Finance committee – Chairman announced that councillors had a budget meeting last week. Chairman read the notes from the finance committee. Items approved at full council were, Panache Fire Services @ £387.60 for repairs to fire doors at the Community Centre in Studley Green, Complete Tree Services @ £595.00 for disposal of fallen tree at Longburrow Hall, G Spratt @ £400 for repairs to playing field fencing at The Community Centre at Studley Green, An increase in the MUGA lighting token costs from £2 per token to £2.25 per token and Clean up skips @ £264.00 for supply of a skip at the Cricket Ground Lane allotments (for this year only then review). New hall hire costs were approved and will be effective as of the 1st July 2017 as follows; Parishioner rate: £10 per hour for the small hall and £12 per hour for the large hall. Non-parishioner rate: £18 per hour for the small hall and £23 per hour for the large hall. Items not approved, a financial contribution to Beacons of the Past @ £150.00.
- A set of terms and conditions have now been devised and approved for hire of the changing rooms at Longburrow Hall, these are available in the office or can be seen on the entrance door at Longburrow Hall.

10. Correspondence – Clerk showed the council some drawings for two headstones to be installed at Longburrow cemetery both were within the cemetery requirements and were approved. Clerk read a request from Run the Rock for asking for approval for signage to advertise the event, approved. [Clerk informed the council that there have been several complaints written and verbal about the hut outside the Kings Hotel stating that dates for completion keep getting given and the hut has now been there for four months. Mrs Baker suggested councillors should attend a visit to see the works being done. Mr Preece asked if we could discuss this matter in committee. Chairman replied yes. The clerk read two letters from parishioners expressing their distress about the parking and poor state of the pavements and verges on George Road, following a discussion the clerk will contact Transport for Bucks and pass on the concerns.

11. The Commons – Mr Preece asked if can we put a few more posts on the triangle verge near CJ's and the grass is getting damaged due to vehicles stopping there to run in the shop. Clerk to follow up. Mr I Chadwick asked informed the council that the Cricket club have asked if some of the posts on Cricket Ground common could be painted white. Following a brief discussion this was approved.

12. Other Parish Matters- Longburrow Gate – Mrs Baker reported that the large 'no dogs allowed' sign is covered in vegetation. Clerk to follow up. **Marlow Rd Cemetery** - Mr Davis gave a report of the Marlow Road cemetery stating that there are quite a few trees need trimming back, the hedges need trimming down to a sensible height and it looks like someone is sleeping in the bushes so it needs a good clean up. The clerk asked for a definitive decision as to whether Mr Davis and Mr Penny were going to burn the old pile of weeds or if she was to obtain a quote to have it cleared by a company. Following a discussion, it was decided to have a company remove the debris. Clerk will follow up. **Street Light** – Mr Saunders reported a street light was out at the end of Cricket Ground Lane. Clerk will follow up. **Drain Cover** – Mr Davis reported that the drain cover outside the memorial hall is moving. Clerk to follow up. **Allotment** – Mr Thomas reported that he had sent the clerk an update on the allotment and had now received the last payment from a plot holder which he passed to the clerk. **Bus Shelter** – Mr Thomas had received a complaint about the seat being removed from the bus shelter on the Marlow Road. Clerk informed the council that there have been several episodes of vandalism in the last two weeks resulting in repairs costing a tidy amount, so the decision was made to remove the seat at this present time. **Cold Callers**– Mr Thomas has had notification from several parishioners that two people were knocking on doors collecting for Great Ormond Street hospital, they looked very suspicious and were quite abrupt. Clerk will inform the PCSO that they are in the area. **Berry Farm** – Mr I Chadwick asked are we doing anything about Berry Farm appealing there planning request. Mr Preece explained that he felt there was not a need to do anything as they are playing a game, looking in detail it doesn't look like this going to go anywhere. **Mudds Bank**- Mr Preece informed the council that someone has been dumping fridges/ freezers on a plot at Mudds Bank and asked if the council could notify the public of any adverts offering to dispose of such items as these may not be getting disposed of appropriately.

A Parishioner informed the council that Tesco are taking over Booker Cash and Carry which will make them too big so will possibly selling all the Tesco express stores.

The parishioner also reported that the footpath near Tippings is absolutely strewn with litter, stating that Wycombe Wanders players who use the playing field have been seen throwing empty energy drink cans

and litter. A meeting will be arranged to meet with Mr Terry Day and Cllr Etholen to discuss the use of the pitches at Tippings centre. Clerk to follow up.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.20pm