

STOKENCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 18th April 2018 at Longburrow Hall at 7.30pm.

Attendees: Cllrs Nuthall (Chairman), Baker, Chadwick, Davis, Parkinson, Penny, Powis, Saunders Preece, Thomas.

Clerk: Mrs F Shelton

Members of the public: 3

1. **Apologies.** Apologies were received from: District Councillor's Adoh & Saddique, County Councillor's Hayday & Etholen.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
3. **Minutes.** It was resolved that meeting that the minutes of the Council Meeting on 4th April 2018 approved. Unanimously agreed.
4. **Matters Arising** – Cllr Chadwick asked Cllr Parkinson if had checked the oven door yet. Cllr Parkinson replied no. Cllr Baker suggested that we get a professional person in to look at the oven door and also get it cleaned, unanimously approved.
5. **Reports and Actions** – clerk meeting with Davis Coupe read email. Cllr Preece informed the council that the white gates and the signs have been washed and cleaned but they do need painting. Cllr Preece, Cllr Chadwick and Cllr Thomas attended the unitary council meeting, this was discussed later in the meeting.
6. **Notification of Parish Matters (information only) – Caravan At Muds Bank- Royal Wedding – Sign Opp Marlow Rd Junction- Library- Tractor Tyre -Marlow Rd Church Yard- Bucks Freight Strategy – Studley Green Notice Board**
7. **New Councillor Applicants** – Roger Hagon and Neil Watson both in turn gave a two minute speech about themselves and why they would like to be a councillor. The Parish Council went into committee and the public were asked to leave the room. A ballot was done and counted and Mr Neil Watson received the majority vote and was co-opted on as a councillor.
8. **Youth Club** – Sam Paulton explained that following a meeting a decision has been made to close the youth club. It has been kept afloat by asking for donations from various organisations. They will keep running until they run out of money which will be the end of June. They are so far away from a sustainable level that they have no option. Sam will be at the APM. The Chairman said she is very sad to hear this news.
9. **Planning – Planning decisions; permissions and refusals.**
 - 05799 - Householder application for construction of single storey front extension - 59 Marcourt Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3QU - (Mrs Bushrod) No objection all agreed with one abstention.
10. **District and County Councillors: None.**
11. **Finance-**
 - Bills Payable to the amount of £1228.77, unanimously agreed.
 - Signing of the Governance Statement
12. **Correspondence** – The clerk forwarded an email to all councillors regarding the boundary fence at Longburrow Hall from a parishioner enquiring as to whether the fence is going to be repaired. Cllr Baker explained that it is the PC responsibility. The Chairman suggested that we get three

contractors to come and quote for the works. Cllr Davis will walk around and see what needs to be done.

The Chairman informed the council of an email from a parishioner regarding the grass in front of the Fluer de Lis which is part of the common but it hasn't been cut with the rest of the common and a couple of damaged posts in this area. Clerk will follow up.

13. **Unitary Council-** Cllr Preece gave a report of the meeting attended stating that the full details of the secretary of states letter was read out and it seems to be a done deal, so it seems pointless to have any further discussion, we need to accept the decision and move on. (Andy you may want to add or take out bits from this as I didn't get everything word for word) Cllr Thomas gave a brief report from his notes and will forward to all councillors. Ask Cllr Thomas for his notes. Cllr Chadwick explained that some precepts could come up and some could go down and more devolved services may come over to Parish Councils but they don't have to be accepted.
14. **The Commons** – Cllr Baker informed the council that there are several posts and chains on Church Square that are falling down and damaged that need replacing. We should have a plan of the posts of the village. Cllr Davis is going to map out all of the post around the village and carry out a post survey. Cllr Preece showed a photo of the slabbed area outside of the fish and chips shop, he said they are looking very old and tired can we do another option. Cllr Baker explained that the PC had to put slabs down because they are removable. The Chairman will get a quote. Cllr Preece asked if we are entering the Best kept Village this year. The clerk replied yes and the judging will start from June.
15. **Other Parish Matters –**
- **Caravan at Muds Bank-** Cllr Preece informed the council that half of the caravan had been removed but the base is still there. Clerk informed the council that the remainder of the base should be removed by the end of April.
 - **Royal Wedding** – Cllr Preece asked if the PC could get the chairman to plant a tree to commemorate the royal wedding. Unfortunately the chairman is unavailable that day but perhaps the Vice Chairman could do this in her place.
 - **Sign Opp Marlow Rd Junction-** Cllr Preece explained that there is a sign by the Marlow Road Junction that had fallen to the ground could we get the Parish warden to remove it please. Clerk to follow up. Road Safety Plans - The Chairman explained that Bucks County Council have released plans to put a traffic island at the junction of the Marlow Road. Clerk explained that this was discussed some time ago due to the accidents that keep happening at this junction and is still in the planning stage. Clerk to send information round to all councillors about the road safety plans for A40.
 - **Library-** Cllr Davis reported that he attended the library anniversary day that he attended. They are going to be doing a jigsaw hire. Cllr Davis wants to start a family tree evening.
 - **Tractor Tyre** –Cllr Parkinson informed the council that there is a dumped tractor tyre on the grassed verge on Slade Road. Clerk to follow up.
 - **Marlow Rd Church Yard-** Cllr Powis asked about the clear up in the Marlow road. Clerk informed Cllr Powis that we are just waiting for the quote from Complete Tree Services.
 - **Bucks Freight Strategy** – Cllr Thomas reported on the response he received, following his comments, he will send to all councillors.
 - **Studley Green Notice Board** – Cllr Penny informed the council that this working progress, the two new posts have been installed and the notice board is currently being refurbished. Cllr Penny also reported that the notice board on New Road needs repairing. It was approved to get the repairs done. Clerk to follow up.
 - **Parishioner** – reported that the first street lamp on the path by the side of the school is broken. Clerk explained that this had reported and is in hand.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.45pm.