

STOKENCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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

Attendees: Cllrs Nuthall (Chairman), Baker, Davis, Garrett, Parkinson, Powis, Preece, Saunders,
Thomas, Watson and County Cllr Etholen

Members of the public: 2

1. Apologies. Apologies were received from Cllr Chadwick and District Cllr Saeed Saddique
2. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Powis in connection with Bills Payable .
3. Minutes – Subject to the correction of a spelling mistake, it was agreed by all those present at that meeting, that the Minutes of the Council meeting on 12th June 2018 be approved. Cllr Saunders abstained.
4. Matters Arising - None
5. Reports and Actions Cllr Davis has contacted the Bus Company and has been informed that buses are not allowed to turn as suggested; elderly residents to be informed . Mr Mike Chadwick will investigate the situation in respect of the B482 upon his return from holiday. Cllr Parkinson reported that a Fire Drill for the Day Centre is to be held shortly, the date to be notified and the upstairs office informed; there is no need to inform the Fire Station. Replacement keys for two Day Centre cupboards are unobtainable and new locks should be fitted. Problems with items missing from the fridge, or other items being left in the fridges were reported. The new sign at Studley Green village hall has been erected. Footpath 75 near the Junior School is badly overgrown despite brambles being sprayed; it may be possible to ask Polaris to trim – contact Simon? Some improvements have been undertaken on the office PC, including an increase in memory.
7. Notification of Parish Matters (Information only). Overgrown hedge, Marlow Road. Signs on lamp posts. Community Bus. Roses. Noticeboard. Berry Farm. Bins. Allotments. Parish garage: petrol cans.
8. Planning – Planning decisions; permissions and refusals. **06506**- Construction of outdoor all-weather arena (part retrospective) planning ref: Gibbons farm, Bigmore lane, Horsleys Green, Bucks HP14 3UR – No Objection. **06639** Householder application for construction of single front storey extension at 4 Butterly Road, Stokenchurch , HP14 3SG (Graham) – No Objection.. **06617** Proposed non-material amendment to permission for application for erection of single storey rear extension following removal of existing wooden lean-to granted under householder planning ref 18/05418 (Langstaff Ellis) – approved by Wycombe District Council. **06614** Erection of detached 3-bed dwelling with bin/cycle stores & associated parking at Maplefield Farm, City Road, Stokenchurch (Mrs L. Bowers) – Strongly Object – no previous dwelling there only a touring caravan, contrary to WDC policy, access is a blind spot, no notices sent to neighbours (Cllr Watson declared an interest and did not vote). **06674** Certificate of Lawfulness for erection of single storey detached garden studio to the side for ancillary use to the dwelling at 25 Pigeon Farm Road, Stokenchurch HP14 3TE (Mr C. Littlewood) – No Objection. **06768** Change of Use of land and creation of Manege with associated boundary fence and gate at Maplefield Farm, City Road, Stokenchurch (Mrs L. Bowers) – Proposed Object – previous application, 06534 had been appealed (K/0425/A/A) and turned down, described as “a desecration of the countryside” due to a blind corner presenting a danger to horses and 40mph traffic **18/6652** Application to WDC by Mr M. Askerett of Mudds Bank, which WDC had not

enforced – proposed Object on grounds that it is not agricultural use, no water, no business plans, no yellow notices.

9. County Councillor Report. BCC Cllr Etholen reported on parking problems outside the Tesco store with delivery vehicles parking on the yellow lines, perhaps due to the limited turning circle in the store car park; he has received no response from Thames Valley Police. Another parking issue is at Lowes Close, where a resident is blocking the access and preventing residents and office staff from parking; it appears that the Police are not enforcing the law and Cllr Etholen agreed to investigate and feed back. Cllr Davis said that the damaged lamp post had not been removed and was seriously dangerous for children. The voluntary litter picking activities by the young daughter of a resident were highlighted and Cllr Etholen concluded by forecasting that there will not be a decision on Unitary status until the Autumn.

10. Finance- ☐ Bills Payable and Accounts to the end of June. Details of the Bills Payable and Accounts had been circulated and both were approved, proposed Cllr Preece, seconded Cllr Thomas. The Chairman indicated that the process for examining invoices and accounts is to be changed with earlier distribution of the information so that Members will have more time to examine them. Village Annual Health & Safety Inspection. Cllr Davis agreed to accompany the contractors undertaking this inspection.

Fleur de Lys Lease. A minor change to the lease, requested by the solicitor was agreed and initialled by the Chairman.

11. Parish Cemetery: rules & regulations review. Following careful discussion, it was agreed that kerbstones around the graves should not be permitted; this was in accordance with practice in the Oxford Diocese to facilitate grass mowing in future years. It appeared that the Parish rules are not specific enough in that some applications for kerbstones have been agreed. A recent request from a stonemason will be rejected.

12. CCTV & Security Review. The annual service contract for CCTV is coming up for renewal and Councillors expressed some concern about the service provided by the present contractor, also whether the whole of the property was adequately covered. There have been 3 recent incidents (when the Karate was invaded by teenagers who refused to leave, toilets vandalised and youths riding bikes in the building during a Wye Valley Quilters session). The cost for extending the CCTV coverage could exceed £1200 and Cllr Watson agreed to liaise with the contractor and report back. There was also a problem with youths using the car park at night time, possibly for illegal drug use; hall users should be advised to lock the doors during bookings. It was agreed that the outside premises cannot be made 100% secure owing to entrances via the churchyard etc but that the main gate to the car park be locked at 10.00pm, Monday to Thursday and at midnight on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

11. Other Parish Matters:

A 100 year old garden fork has been stolen from the allotments. Cllr Davis reported that there are over hanging brambles near the bus stop and that a litter bin at the Four Horseshoes is split in two. A litterbin by the M40 is often over-flowing and should be replaced for a larger bin (clerk to contact WDC). No notification has been received about a road closure on 25th to 27th, advertised on a notice near Tesco's; also a notice near the Post Office about a cycle race should be removed. Cllr Thomas agreed to investigate a proposal that drivers of the Community Bus may be required to hold a PSV licence and attend training for 35 hours, costing £1000. Council approved the purchase of two roses at the Marlow Road cemetery. A noticeboard at the Fleur d'Lys is causing an obstruction and should

be removed – agreed to write to the licensee. The Enforcement Officer claims that a container at Berry Farm is permitted development despite being of no agricultural use – Cllr Preece to draft letter seeking review for the Chairman to sign. Agreed to ask the mother of the 7 year old child picking up litter for permission to feature her on the website. The tap at Water End Allotments cannot be turned off – purchase of a new tap approved and contact Malcolm about turning of mains. A shed has been broken into and a hedge needs cutting – Cllr Thomas to contact Mark Elliott

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.58pm.