

## **STOKENCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 at Longburrow Hall at 7.30pm.**

**Attendees:** Cllrs Nuthall (Chairman), Baker, Chadwick, Davis, Parkinson, Penny, Powis, Preece, Thomas. Cllr Saddique (District)

**Clerk:** Mrs F Shelton

**Members of the public:** 5

1. **Apologies.** Apologies were received from: Cllr Saunders, County Councillor Etholen.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
3. **Minutes.** It was resolved that meeting that the minutes of the Council Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 approved. Unanimously agreed,
4. **Matters Arising** – Cllr Preece asked the clerk if there had been any response from the most recent letter sent to various people at WDC. Clerk reply no replies from any of them to date.
5. **Reports and Actions** – Cllr Parkinson gave a report of a meeting with the Day Centre saying they are not happy with the oven sticking but Cllr Parkinson will take a look at it. The day centre would also like to do a fire drill, the Chairman that's fine could they liaise with clerk. Cllr Preece reported that the mobile home situated on Berry Farm, Mudds Bank burnt down at the weekend.
6. **Notification of Parish Matters (information only) – Signs- Allotments - Litter Picking- Community Litter Pick- BMCF - Pot Holes.**
7. **Planning – Planning decisions; permissions and refusals.**
  - 05552 - Householder application for construction of 2 x dormer windows to front elevation -2 The Cottages Bricks Lane Beacons Bottom Buckinghamshire HP14 3XG (Mr Mitchell Craker) No objection, unanimously agreed.
  - 05455- Householder application for erection of single storey detached garage to front - Willow Court the Pitch Beacons Bottom Buckinghamshire HP14 3XE-(Mrs Blakeley) No objection, agreed, with one abstention.
  - 05449 - Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed for the erection of single storey front extension & single storey front & side extension - The Mary Towerton School Water End Road Studley Green Buckinghamshire HP14 3XN - (Mr Andrew Bourne - Buckinghamshire County Council) No objection, unanimously agreed.
  - 05687 - Prior notification application (Part 3 Class O) for change of use of existing building falling within Class B1(a) (offices) to Class C3 (dwellinghouses). – Axis 40 Oxford Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3SX - (Stokenchurch Estates Ltd) No comment.
  - 05594 - Householder application for demolition of existing single storey front, side & rear structure and construction of single storey front & rear extensions & part single/part two storey side extension - alternative scheme to PP/17/07811/FUL - 34 Mill Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3TT -(Mr & Mrs Mark & Cheryl Gregory) No objection, unanimously agreed.
  - 05595 - Householder application for erection of a detached garage to front - 34 Mill Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3TT - (Mr & Mrs Mark & Cheryl Gregory) Objection, with concerns over the curtilage and it would be too close to the highway, unanimously agreed.

Cllr Preece informed the council that WDC got their own independent people in to give a report which is very interesting and urges all councillors to download and read the document.

**8. District and County Councillors:** Cllr Saddique referred to the unitary council announcement by the secretary of state saying he is minded to approve the unitary authority in bucks. WDC are challenging the decision. Parish councils can write to Sanjay David to explain why we would not like one unitary council but two and give the reasons. Councillors will be reduced from 230 to 90 which is not looking good. Cllr Preece suggested putting this on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting. Cllr Saddique continued saying District Councillors had been writing to David Johncock about the enforcement issues and Penelopy Tollit suggested bringing in an independent person in to look at these issues. Cllr Preece said that the mobile home fire could possibly have been arson where people are taking things into their own hands. A parishioner referred to the poly tunnel and a blue container that should have been removed. Another parishioner referred to a previous application for an agricultural building that has been used as an equestrian stables and WDC did nothing about it. A parishioner asked what the purpose of having an independent person review for enforcement issues, the parishioner ask Cllr Saddique if the chosen person would be agreed by the Parish Council as well as the district council. The Chairman asked if Penelopy Tollit is intending to respond to us or if the feedback was just through Cllr Saddique? Cllr Preece explained that the Parish Council had sent a last ditch attempt letter to several people at WDC before we approach the ombudsmen which are yet to receive a reply. Cllr Preece asked if Cllr Saddique had spoken to Sarah Nicholson about the planning application ??? and whether WDC minded to approve this? Cllr Saddique replied I had emailed her but had not yet had an email back. Cllr Saddique referred to the District Councillors budget explaining that they had given some money to the Community Bus, the Mary Towerton School and the Stokenchurch Library.

**9. Finance-**

- Bills Payable to the amount of £716.90, unanimously agreed.
- Finance Steering Committee: Are to meet on the day of the 1<sup>st</sup> Parish Council meeting of each month starting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 6pm.

**10. Correspondence –**

- Clerk read a request from a parishioner to erect a seat in memory of his wife in the corner of the Cricket Ground next to the existing one so people can sit and watch the cricket. The plaque would say 'In memory of Gwen Russell who loved Stokenchurch'. Request approved.
- Clerk showed a design of the sensory garden that the Studley Green Community Centre committee would like to have installed at the Community Centre. Request approved.
- Clerk read a request from Friends of Stokenchurch primary School to erect a publicity board at the three main points of the village for their summer fete on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Request approved.
- Clerk read a request to install a larger container from Stokenchurch Juniors next to and the same size as the existing green container not the smaller one that they had previously requested. This request was deferred to the next meeting in order for councillors to take a look and see where it may be positioned.

**11. The Commons – None.**

## 12. Other Parish Matters –

- Signs – Cllr Parkinson informed the council that the Memorial Club had been leaving their sign out overnight, Cllr Davis and Cllr Parkinson have had a word with them regarding this on Saturday and they will ensure they start to put it behind the hedge each night. Could the clerk send a copy of the sign letter conditions to them.
- Allotments – Cllr Thomas reported that he had three potential people looking to rent a plot.
- Community Litter Pick – The Chairman has been contacted by parishioners who are prepared to go and litter pick with the council's permission. Cllr Preece is happy to help organise a van to take the litter away. The Chairman suggested a date of Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 10am. To meet on the common by the Kings Hotel. Cllr Preece suggested we have maps with areas that need. Clerk to check hall. Cllr Chadwick suggests another one in September 29<sup>th</sup> Saturday 10am. Clerk will check both dates are free in the hall for refreshments afterwards.
- Cllr Davis reported several willow tree branches on the common and asked if we could get John to rake them up.
- BMCF – The Chairman explained that the Parish Councillors met last week to discussed setting up the trust and finding the trustee's, the chairman drafted a suggested advert for trustees and forwarded it to Stephen Ross at the BMCF who tweaked it. This had been sent out to all Parish councillors and been approved and is now ready to be advertised.
- Pot Holes – The Chairman referred to the pot holes around the village and a price from John Lee quoting for the areas we usually do (The Kings Hotel carpark, Rose corner, Longburrow Hall car park, Cricket Ground Lane. and Bowling Green), asking if the parish council were happy to go ahead with the works as they are a health and safety issue. Cllr Powis suggested doing the major potholes temporarily whilst we obtain three quotes. The clerk explained that there were 30 or so potholes in the Kings car park last year so the whole car park would need to be closed in order to fully repair them. Cllr Preece would like it recorded that the parish council have a due diligent when spending public money and must obtain more than one quote. It was agreed that the clerk would obtain three quotes for all potholes in all the above areas to be repaired and temporary measures to be put in the worst reported holes.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9 pm.