

STOKENCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 15th August 2018 at Longburrow Hall at 7.30pm.

Attendees: Cllrs Baker(Vice Chairman)(CB), , Davis(DD), Garrett(SG), Parkinson(CP), Powis(JP), Preece(AP), Saunders(CS), Thomas(RT), Watson(NW) , Cllr Chadwick(IC),

District: Cllr Adoh (SA)

County:

Minutes: Cllr Watson

Members of the public: 36

1. **Apologies.**
District Cllr Saddique(SS), Cllr Hayday(DH), Cllr Nuthall(VN)
2. **Declarations** of interest (agenda items).
JP - Bills payable
3. **To confirm Minutes of 1st August 2018.**
Approved. IC Abstain. CP/SH/Unanimous
4. **Matters Arising (information only).**
(DD) Ladies Netball post: sandbags needed to make it heavier.
Lampost in Marlow Road fixed - replaced. Need to check SPC not invoiced for it as driver of car that damaged it known to police.
5. **Reports/Actions.**
(NW) Mudds Bank Lay-bye: Joint waste claim to have collected 6 bags of rubbish this week, but uncertain quite where from as it still looks messy. Caravan base supposed to be being collected on Friday. Will investigate / photograph to confirm tidy-up tomorrow.
6. **Notification of Parish Matters (information only).**
(AP) Tree/Hedges in Marlow Rd. Devolved services
(DD) War Memorial + Office Phone
(CP) War Memorial + Gutters + Sheet of council members
(IC) Mark E Payment
(JP) Photograph
(RT) Allotments
(NW) Play Equipment on the Longburrow field

Police

PC O'Driscoll addressed the meeting

There have been reports of a spate of crime in the village. Not everything is being reported - social media alone does not get things reported! Police "hotspot" areas are based on formal reports! If nothing is reported, then officers get taken away from Stokenchurch to other duties as it is perceived that they are not needed in the village There are reports that some allotment sheds broken into. No reported house burglaries in the last few weeks. One theft from vehicle. Don't keep tools in vans!

(IC) Cars on roads speeding (Marlow Rd). Overtaking and excessive speed.

Little police can do - speed gun will be a short term. They will slow while the police are there and then speed up again...

(JP) think things are happening, but not being reported - maybe people are afraid to report crime?

Pop up didn't get many visitors - the police are finding that the public are finding it easier to contact police through phone (101) or the website than to visit in person..

Parishioner: Lots of crime is being reported on social media

Recommend reporting it through 101 or website. The police do not routinely monitor social media so it needs to be reported directly.

(CP) Local problems a few weeks ago?

Still under investigation, so no comment for now...

(DD) Junction at the bottom of Dashwood Hill has had several accidents recently.

The speed van used to be there regularly - will check to see it is still going there as this might help.

7. Planning:

- 06899 - Change of use of land to 1 x gypsy pitches and associated works including 1 x touring caravan, 1 x mobile homes, 1 x dayroom/stableblock and hard standing at Land North Of Five Oaks Farm Wycombe Road Studley Green Buckinghamshire (Mr N Fletcher)
 - A wide ranging discussion took place, which was also opened to members of the public and after careful consideration, the Council decided to object to the application
 - **Resolution:** to object: no special reason to allow it. ANOB and Green Belt (AP/RT/Unanimous)

- 06894 - Erection of detached barn incorporating triple garage and log store at The Coppins Horsleys Green Buckinghamshire HP14 3UX (Mr Ziggy Philbert)
 - Original application was for a double garage and a stable, but on advice withdrawn in favour of a triple garage.
 - **No Objection (NW/AP/ Unanimous)**
- 07056 - Prior notification application (Part 6, Class A) to construct a new building to store hay at Mudds Bank Stud Farm City Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire (Mrs Jill Clark)
 - Unsightly as on the skyline. Refer to agricultural report - maybe need a follow up if more land really has been secured. 18x6m buildings already there and not being used for what they have permission for - one of them could be used as hay store. This is a field, and contradicts with HGV application for a film related business is at odds with agricultural (cheese making) use - no evidence of cheese making.
 - Ask WDC councillors to call it in - if Planning Officer minded to approve it.
 - **Resolution: Object on the basis above (CS/AP/Unanimous).**
- 06956 - Householder application for construction of two storey side and rear extensions and alterations to fenestration at Eastmead Wycombe Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3RR (Mr John Cross)
 - Small property. Nice extension.
 - **Resolution: No Objection (AP/RT/Unanimous)**

8. District & County Councillors.

(SA) Apologised for not being around recently due to family issues. Highlighted that the District Councillors represent the parishioners and will tell people when she believes they are in the wrong.

No news on devolvement.

9. Finance:

- Bills Payable
 - **Resolution: All acceptable: (AP/RT/Unanimous)**

10. CCTV & Security Review

- Defer to approval at finance committee to check against budget.
- (from the floor) lighting of car park is not good. Agreed by general assent.
- The matter of lighting had been discussed at previous meeting and was being investigated by a former councillor
- Need to pick up the lighting issue again and discuss next meeting.

11. Correspondence.

- Request for Silent soldiers for the village. (NW) they cost £700 each, and, unfortunately, SPC have no budget for this.
- Hedges between Bowling Green Rd and Chalk Farm - some hedging has been cut and left. Other is overgrown. SPC have a prescribed form of required communication to serve the owners to instruct them to trim them / tidy up.

Clerk to action on his return.

- 2x Applications for graves in the graveyard - Within regulations. Clerk to reply.
- Letter about kerb and headstone. Initial request was from the beginning of July and has not received a response. Apologies to be sent for having not replied. The request cannot be permitted. The reason for rejecting kerbs is that they make the area impossible to mow as the graves are too close together to allow mechanised grass cutting. Some graves have had kerbs fitted without permission in the past and the grass between them cannot be made to look neat. The question of whether a precedent has been set by the existing kerb stones, but it was emphasised that they were installed without permission or prior knowledge. It is also pointed that if a kerbstone is damaged by grass cutting, then who would be responsible?

Resolution: (Temporary) Clerk to write letter apologising for the lack of response and explaining the reasons that the council cannot permit kerbs on graves - though other planting on the grave is fine. In the meantime send an acknowledgement that the matter was discussed

- Jaguar garage has taken down a fence and would like Stokenchurch Parish Council should prevent people from accessing garage through the gap. The fence belonged to the site originally. SPC do not have title. People are parking on Mill lane and going into the dealership. Part of the planning permission was reinstating fence and tidying up as well as hours of operation. The planning application is still under consideration. A traffic consultation has happened and WDC are recommending refusal of the application. Mill Lane is a right of way - there is legal right of access with vehicles, we do not want to restrict it for the other homeowners, just prevent new entrances onto it.
Resolution: Clerk to write to owner to inform the garage owner informing him that he has no right of way through there and he must reinstate the fence. (RT/SG/Unanimous)

12. The Commons.

- Commons cut 3 has started today.
- Quotes for posts forthcoming. Contractor is reporting some areas cannot be cut because of parked cars.

13. Other Parish Matters.

- (AP) In the recent hot weather the evergreen trees on Marlow Rd/Hart Moor Close have lost lots of needles and owned by #1 Hart Moor Close. Clerk to write to them to tell them to clear up the debris and tidy it up and keep it clean.
- (CP) Gutters been sprayed for weeds. Sweeper has driven around and cleared some... Unfortunately some of the roads the warden has just sprayed!
- (AP) Some houses in Ferndale Close have hedges that are almost blocking Marlow Rd footpath. Clerk to start the written process of notifying them to cut them.
- (AP) BCC are contacting parish councils to see if they want devolved responsibly for dropped kerbs and pavement repairs.
- (IC) Can we investigate a louder phone for the office
- (DD) WW1 anniversary: contact between church and SPC in process - research ongoing to investigate the commemorated soldiers. Church / Council / Memorial club joint meeting proposed. The memorials in some other villages are in better condition - but often where they have British Legions. There is some damage on the memorial

and the writing is eroding (need to clear with appropriate authority). A non-rusting plate may make it more visible. Troughs of flowers might make it more attractive. Look for volunteers from memorial club to tidy it up. May look for sponsorship from local businesses. Check the gravestones for being cleaned. DD/CP will create a plan.

- (JP) Summer fete marquee still not paid... Need to go back to them and request a repeat invoice.
- (JP) Photo of Mr Ted Green from the archive - can it passed to next of kin? Yes. Unanimous.
- (AP) Can the old photos from the archive be restored and put back up in the corridor? Yes. AP to look at pictures and budget to restore as necessary.
- (CB) Someone wants to look at the archives and look at it from the perspective of WW1 record. JP/CB to coordinate.
- (NW) Zip wire stretched, gate to playground loose and tree overhanging rope swing all need attention. **Clerk to get the contractor required** (Chair may be able to provide contact details).
- (RT) Allotments - some new applications. Having trouble getting hold of Polaris Ground Care - need to meet up with him to discuss allotments with him. Can hedge cuttings be burnt rather than shredded.
- Any chance of a bench on the grass by Tesco's ? Maybe approach Tesco to see if they would like to sponsor?
- (DD) Marlow road closure is going affect bus routes. The bus companies know about it.

From the floor:

- CCSG: request for budget to finish surfacing car park. First layer was applied several years ago, but it needs a second layer. The base layer is beginning to break up.
 - At the last SPC budget meeting, the second layer was postponed for a year due to financial constraints.
- Busses and lorries particularly are going to the centre of the road between Studley Green and Mudds Bank. BCC councillors are aware of it, and parishioner is taking it up with BCC Chief Exec. **Clerk to formally notify BCC councillors of the issue to record concern.**

Public session closed at 21:32