

STOKENCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th June 2018 at Longburrow Hall at 7.30pm.

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

Minutes: Cllr Watson

Members of the public: 7

1. **Apologies.** District Cllr Saddique(SS), District Cllr S Adoh (SA) County Cllr Etholen(CE), County Cllr Hayday(DH)
2. **Declarations of Interest** - NW goods for the parish office in Bills. VN Run the Rock expenses.
3. **Minutes** - It was agreed by all those present at that meeting that the Minutes of the Council meeting on 6th June 2018. (AP/CB/Unanimous - JP abstain)
4. **Matters Arising –**
 - Paint and brushes bought for painting gates
 - Hedges to be discussed with Polaris Groundcare.
 - Weed killing course attended by Parish Warden. Weed killer bought. Will be treating as needed.
 - Cladding in Redkite homes all OK they report
 - Coopers Court Farm – HGV usage to be reported to BCC.
 - Both football clubs attended meeting to be addressed by council (see later)
5. **Reports and Actions**
 - (DD) Suggest letters of appreciation to Run The Rock and Village Fete Committee
 - (AP) Has strimmed the rear of churchyard
6. **Notification of Parish Matters (information only) –**
 - (AP) Churchyard
 - (IC) Signs on posts; air ambulance parking
 - (JP) Bungalow and car hire
 - (CS) Mudds Bank
 - (VN) Sawmill trust

Football clubs:

VN addressed the clubs at this point so that that they would not be held up.

SFC Groundsman's actions have become a liability: mowing the grass while children present and in close proximity. Parish Council have to take it seriously as it is a health and safety issue and have received complaints from parents. There seem to be communications problems between the two football groups - but since the event the council observed, they have spoken. If Juniors can provide times when they are using the grounds, the adults / cutting can avoid those times. Mr Hills thought it was an unfortunate incident as cutting the training area also facilitates the juniors - but that is now seen to have been a poor decision. Discussion about moving the metal goalpost - need to agree between the groups where it can be moved to. Groups agreed to work together to ensure health and safety and not cut the grass when the junior team were present or 15 minutes either sided of their scheduled sessions.

SG: Asked about dogs : They won't be bringing dogs onto the field any more.

CB: can't the grass be cut in the daytime : no, as people are at work in the day and only some people can drive the mower.

IC: sending a letter? Adult team sending a letter to the Juniors and cc SPC confirming agreements.

7. Planning – Planning decisions; permissions and refusals.

- 06301 - Erection of 1 x 4 bed detached dwelling with associated new access (amended scheme to pp 14/06942/FUL) (retrospective)- The Harrow Old Studley Arms Water End Road Studley Green Buckinghamshire HP14 3XN - (Putnam Properties)
 - No objection to this application (RT/DD/Unanimous)
- 06298 - Alterations to fenestrations in connection with permitted change to residential apartments, erection of bin and cycle stores and new vehicular and pedestrian gates to front - Axis40 Oxford Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3SX - (Mr J Schneck - Stokenchurch Estates Ltd)
 - No objection (AP/RT/Unanimous)

VN read decisions.

Application 17/08418 for Towerton Works. Notify that it is making a revision to the access. Send round to councillors and make a decision by email.

8. District and County Councillors: None present.

9. Finance

- Bills Payable £1300.64 (CP/IC/Unanimous)
- AP Finance Committee should meet to look at budget. Aim for 18th July.

10. Correspondence

- Request for donation to Primary School fete request. 7Jul raffle prize. £50. (Unanimous)
- Request for donation to Mary Towerton fete raffle £50 (Unanimous)
- Dashwood Arms, Piddington: Promoting a big event for 04Aug. John Coglan (Status Quo) raising money for charity. Can 4x3ft banners be put in the parish? Action: find out which charity and report back
- Raven Rd / Marlow Rd hedge : hedge is not householder's property according to his photos. Action: AP to get land registry map to confirm ownership of hedge.
- 1-5 the Cottages Timber gates across the footpath. Enforcement made owner aware to give them opportunity to apply for permission... It is blocking the highway (footpath) which is an offence, but not a planning matter.
- Open spaces society: £45/year subscription due (Unanimous to pay it)

11. Commons

- Fantastic job by new contractor so far. Strimming round posts in progress. Coming back in 2 weeks for another cut.
- Formal thanks to Cllr Nuthall for finding the company and arranging the new contract so swiftly. (Unanimous)
- Marlow Rd cemetery: Some graves / stones standing up need to be looked at to limit damage to mowers.
- Hedge cutting / weed killing still out for quotes.
- Formal thanks to the members of the Church for clearing the churchyard. (Unanimous)
- Thanks to the public for cooperating and being patient during the grass cutting contract problems.

12. Other Parish Matters

(AP) Strimming at back of church: Thanks to the Parish Warden for efforts in the churchyard. He has suggested spending extra hours on it to bring upto standard - which he will take back in the winter. Agreed in principle VN / CB will liaise and manage.

(DD) Marlow road - see above.

Youth club: Next youth club meeting will be the last.

(IC) Signs on posts: remove advertising. Instruct Parish Warden to remove

Parking at Air Ambulance - they want more parking. But none available.

Dog Rescue: coming in on a Sunday - can they have a key - need to come in to collect one.

By Chinese Takeaway : 2 parking spaces are being used that are not been approved

(JP) Bungalow down Marlow Rd that is boarded up. Can anything be done? Privately owned - so not anything SPC can do. It is unsightly. Hedge is overgrowing the footpath. Chain has been put on the gate so post cannot be delivered.

(JP) Car fire: debris left there should be the responsibility of highways: JP to raise on new portal.

(RT): **Allotments**: complaints about hedge cuttings appearing on plots but seems to be just someone cutting hedges not council contractors. Need an email to the Medical Centre about the hedge between them and the allotments (VN to action) . Abandoned/unused plots: Parish Warden to trim (and possibly weed killer) and the purchase / install matting to prevent new growth. Someone injured on path - can they be risk assessed? (VN): H&S auditor assessed all areas of the parish (but VN to check). Skip in Stokenchurch allotments. Hedges not cut - but they cannot be done when birds nesting. DD: concern about using weed killer at the right time of year and compromising organic tenet of allotments - so the feeling was that weed killer should not be used on plots. There is no waiting list any more. AP: complaints about parking for allotments on the road. Car park is there for the benefit of cricket club and the allotment holders - cannot tarmac as it is common land and may need to revert to allotments at some stage in the future.

(CS) Mudds Bank: Stud Farm WDC have enforced but applicants now appealed on caravan. Concrete footings have appeared behind bales at Berry Farm. Parishioners need to contact WDC planning enforcement department rather than the SPC.

(VN) Sawmill trust: Trustees in place. Bank account set up and making good progress. VN to publicise names when they make a formal announcement when charity commission application complete. Are Red Kite doing a similar thing in community award. VN to resend email to Mary Towerton head in response to their quotes.

Footpath and refuge island and drainage junction of Marlow Rd and Wycombe Rd works to happen 20Aug - 03Sep.

From the floor

Nettles under the hedge on cemetery side in Marlow Rd need attention. Car Fire had left a pile of debris by the curb including big bits - parishioner tidied it herself under the hedge and swept again. JP to report it.

Will freeholder of Axis 40 be responsible for lease of Swilley Pond? Yes.

Parishioner asked if origin of the sign at CCSG established yet - might be to stop dog training on the sports field; SPC can give permission for fires for the scouts bonfire specifically and they will need to clear up. Need key to access CCSG grass for cutting.

Update on complaint with WDC planning by Parishioner: went through process with WDC and they didn't uphold the complaint. Then went to Ombudsman but has heard nothing formal back but the Ombudsman has investigated and has now appointed an Inspector to go to WDC planning. The Inspector will be phoning Parishioner. District Councillors claim that all Mudds bank applications are called in, but Ms Tollett says that they are not.

Public meeting closed 20:55