

## PARISH OF STOKENCHURCH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
At Longburrow Hall at 7.30pm.

Attendees: Mrs Baker (Vice Chairman), Mrs Shelton (Clerk), Mr Parkinson, Mrs Powis, Mr Jones, Mr Penny, Mr Preece, Mr Davis and 8 members of the public.

1. **Apologies.** Apologies were received from Cllr Nuthall (Chairman), Cllr Thomas, Cllr I Chadwick, Cllr Saunders, Cllr Adoh, Cllr Saddique, Cllr Hayday, & Cllr Etholen.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** Mrs Powis on bills payable.
3. **Minutes.** It was agreed by all those present at that meeting that the minutes of the Council meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 be approved. Unanimously agreed with one abstention.
4. **Matters Arising** – None.
5. **Reports and Actions** – Mr Jones reported that the committee for the community centre at Studley Green have been enquiring about the proposed sign and stated that WDC have said no planning permission is needed. It was previously said that the Parish Council have no objections to the sign. Mr Jones asked if we could relocate the Parish Council notice board. Mr Parkinson explained that he has offered to help the Parish Warden move the sign. Mr Jones continued reporting on the patio and sensory garden that the committee would like to install and has asked the committee for a sketch before commencing any works. Mr Jones asked if the parish council could get a revised quote for the car park at the community centre. Clerk to follow up.
6. **Notification of Parish Matters (information only) – Studley Green Bonfire Scouts- Marlow Road Cemetery – Marlow Road Cemetery**
7. **NHS in our area presentation - Nicola Lester, Director of Transformation.** – A presentation was given and a short video shown of plans for development of the NHS in our area including additional services and cluster teams. (the presentation is available in the office at Longburrow hall. A Q & A session took place following the presentation with such questions as if there will there be any impact on an overstretched medical centre? Reply: Gp's see this as something they have wanted for some time as there has been a lack of additional services to assist them. The presentation stated that the 111 line will be improved and they are hoping to enable callers to speak directly with clinicians. The new services will attend elderly housing for example. Comments were made such as; once patients have been given advice they will need to follow it. Along with, the need to teach the importance of healthy lifestyles to children in schools to enable them to be healthier later in life. Nicola Lester thanked all for their questions and comments and explained that people could see more information on their website [www.letstalkhealthbucks.nhs.uk](http://www.letstalkhealthbucks.nhs.uk) or can email comments or questions on [letstalkhealthbucks@nhs.net](mailto:letstalkhealthbucks@nhs.net)
8. **Planning** – Planning decisions; permissions and refusals.
  - 05663 - Outline application (with all matters reserved) for the erection of up to 140 dwellings (10 of which will be specialist accommodation for older people) communal hub for older persons' accommodation, up to 230sqm of retail space, public open space and landscaping - Little Studdridge Farm Ibstone Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3XR - (Mr R J & S Styles Ltd) No objection to the additional surveys we maintain our previous objection.
  - 07762 - Prior notification application (Part 3, Class O) for change of use of existing building falling within Class B1(a) (offices) to Class C3 (dwellinghouses) to create 42 x 1 bed apartments - Axis40 Oxford Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3SX -(Stokenchurch Estates Limited) Following a discussion the councillors were unable to reach a decision. Mr Preece would like his objection noted.
  - 07430 - Change of use of land to offer rural camping facilities with 4 x camping pods, 2 x shower/toilet blocks, 1 x wooden hut and 3 x tent pitches - Old House Farm Marlow Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3UN – (D&V Nuthall Ltd) Mr M Chadwick there is a need for tourist spots in the Chiltern areas. Following a discussion where it was noted that there was a lack of information on the planning portal. Mr Preece proposed no objection, Mr Penny seconded. No Objection, vote taken four in favour and three against.

- 07677 - Householder application for construction of single storey front extension - 3 Butterly Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3SG – (Mr & Mrs Glennerster) No objection, unanimously agreed.
- 07546 - Householder application for demolition of existing garage, car port & rear conservatory and construction of part two storey, part single storey side / rear extension, re-veneer existing property and change windows throughout - Ravendale Wycombe Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3RR – (Mr Peter Bussey) No objection, unanimously agreed.

**9. District and County Councillors:** None present.

**10. Finance-**

- Bills Payable to the amount of £5139.44, unanimously agreed.

**11. Correspondence –** Clerk read a Request for a TENS licence for a 30th birthday party on 25th November 2017. Request approved.

A request was received for two former parishioners to be interred in the Longburrow cemetery. It is possible for one more person to be buried in the noted plot as it is a double plot but not a triple but it would be possible for a cremation marker to be added to the grave for ashes to be interred.

The letter of engagement to proceed with the half yearly audit with the Fish Partnership, at a cost to the parish council of £600 + vat was signed by the vice chairman Mrs Baker and the Clerk Fay Shelton.

Solicitors costings for the lease agreement for the flat above Longburrow hall at a cost to the parish council of £1750 + vat. + works that need to be done by a qualified surveyor. The tenant requested an increase from three parking spaces to four parking spaces plus two for visitors on an informal basis. All requests approved, unanimously agreed.

An email from a parishioner was read out regarding the gates of the small play area at Longburrow Hall. Clerk informed the council that recent playground inspections by WDC deemed the gates as very low risk. The clerk had a meeting earlier this week with the playground specialist regarding the repair of the gates and other play equipment at Longburrow. He informed the clerk that the gates always open outwards and said that the gates should be self-closing but should not be secured by bolts or catches, in case of an emergency situation.

Clerk read a response from no 1 Hartmoor Close and presented the council with the evidence provided by the parishioner. Following a discussion and several inspections of the trees by the chairman and other councillors the trees remain the responsibility of the home owner of no.1 Hartmoor Close. Clerk is to proceed with the second letter to the home owner and refer to Bucks County Council to proceed further if no response is received. Unanimously agreed.

Clerk read an email from Mr Hood parishioner regarding hedges along New Road asking for us to send out letters asking for them to be cut back. The comments have been noted. Clerk to follow up. The Clerk read out further correspondence from Mr Hood regarding the hedges on the Marlow Road, Trees in the Marlow Road cemetery and reports of other hedges around the village, Mr Hood feels that the parish council are not addressing his concerns. Mr Preece and the clerk will respond to Mr Hoods email.

Councillors were sent an email regarding a complaint about the refundable deposit not being returned to a hall hirers following a party asking for a more senior member to reassess the evidence provided and be more understanding of their position. The council assessed the evidence provided and support the clerks decision to withhold the deposit. Mr Jones asked that the Chairman send the hall hirer a letter stating so.

**12. The Commons –** None.

**13. Other Parish Matters – Studley Green Bonfire Scouts-** Mr Jones stated that the scouts have organised a bonfire night at the community centre at Studley Green and explained they need to provide a risk assessment and be given notice that they have seven days to clear up the rubbish and debris from the bonfire. Clerk to follow up.

**Marlow Road Cemetery –** Mr Davis reported to the clerk in the week that there was loads of duvets that had split open in the cemetery and the filling was going all over the place, he would thank the parish clerk and warden for a quick response in responding to the report.

**Marlow Road Cemetery –** Mr Parkinson asked if the parish warden sweep the path in the cemetery as it is covered in wet leaves. Clerk to follow up.

**Hall Hire** – following intolerable noise from the large hall during the parish council meeting, Mr Preece proposed that the large hall is kept free on the nights of the parish council meetings and not hired out. To be discussed when the council has full members. Agenda item for the next meeting.

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