

PARISH OF STOKENCHURCH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th September 2017
At Longburrow Hall at 7.30pm.

Attendees: Mrs Nuthall (Chairman), Mrs Baker (Vice Chairman), Mrs Shelton (Clerk), Mr Parkinson, Mr I Chadwick, Mr Davis, Mr Jones, Mr Saunders, Mr Thomas, Cllr Preece and 6 members of the public.

1. **Apologies.** Apologies were received from Cllr Powis, Cllr Etholen, Cllr Adoh, & Cllr Saddique
2. **Declarations of Interest.** Mr Preece – Cricket club as a sponsor.
3. **Minutes.** It was agreed by all those present at that meeting that the minutes of the Council meeting on 6th September 2017 be approved. Unanimously agreed with one abstention.
4. **Matters Arising** – None.
5. **Reports and Actions** – Mr Jones gave a report of a meeting at the community centre at Studley green. Mr Jones referred to a lottery funding they received to have a new patio and sensory garden. Mr Jones had asked for a sketch indicating the size for the proposed garden before proceeding. Mr Jones also reported that after 16 years at the helm, Nigel North (Secretary and Groundsman) of the above club has decided to call it a day. A new quorum of younger players have taken control, although a relative and smooth changeover, they were wanting to change the clubs name, so a line can now be drawn under "Studley Green Rangers". The Chairman, Mr Parkinson & Mr Jones attended the CAF meeting but did not have much to report.
6. **Notification of Parish Matters (information only) – Allotments – Hedges - Disabled Bay By CJ Stores- Light Out At Studridge Court – Trees by the crossing on the Marlow Road**
7. **Stokenchurch Cricket Club** – Mr Langford – Chair referred to the last meeting and the invitation for Mr Langford to come to a meeting. Mr Langford gave a detail account of the proposal for re-developing the cricket ground to include pitches for the under 10's team. Following a discussion, the proposal was approved. Unanimously agreed.
8. **Planning** – Planning decisions; permissions and refusals.
 - 07241 - Demolition of all existing buildings and structures and redevelopment of a supported living community (Class C2) providing 169 units comprising 115 supported living units, 24 care suite units and 30 dementia care suites, clubhouse incorporating community facilities and administrative accommodation, improvements to internal access roads, landscaping (including additional planting and water features and swales in association with the SUDS), passive garden courtyards, active recreational areas (tennis, bowls and pitch and putt), allotment gardens, community energy centre, servicing area and parking for staff, residents and visitors - The Wycliffe Centre Horsleys Green Buckinghamshire HP14 3XL – (Salmon Harvester Properties Ltd) The Parish Council do not object to this application. However, they do have concerns that would need consideration. It has been noted that the first floor apartments only have one lift for wheelchairs, if this lift is broken how any parishioners with disabilities exit the building from this level would. It was proposed that a restriction be put on working hours in this residential area and any construction vehicles access the site from the A40 Wycombe Road and not the Bigmore Lane end of the road, as it is not suitable for such vehicles. In addition to a request that the road is regularly checked for damages caused by the large vehicles and repaired accordingly, unanimously agreed.
 - 07355 - Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension - 53 Eastwood Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3SN – (Mr & Mrs Eden) No Objection, unanimously agreed.
 - 07318 - Householder application for construction of single storey side and rear extension - Woodland View Old Dashwood Hill Studley Green Buckinghamshire HP14 3XD (Mr & Mrs Kingsman) No Objection, unanimously agreed.
 - 07420 - Thin / reduce T1 & T2 (Oaks) by 15% by removing up to 1.5m of apical growth and 2m of lateral growth to form more compact crowns and give adequate clearance from services wires - Valinor Wycombe Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3RP – (Mr Glen Hart) No Objection, unanimously agreed.

9. **District and County Councillors:** Cllr Hayday – stated that he is in agreement with the Wycliffe application, saying he doesn't want it to become a housing estate, he explained that they had lost the funding previously but have now got it back again to proceed. Cllr Hayday will also keep eye on the condition of the roads in that area. Cllr Hayday informed the council that the contract to empty the dog bin at Studley Green is in his court and he will liaise with the clerk and he is in the process of obtaining the funding for the contract. Cllr Hayday continued, the hedges at Dashwood Hill are being cut back. The Chairman explained that the A40 stretch towards Stokenchurch is in a bad state and needs cutting back. Cllr Hayday will report this to Bucks C C. Cllr Hayday gave a quick update on the unitary council stating that it has now been side lined (Brexit) and there is no agreement on either option and informed the council that there will be many more financial cutbacks coming and this will affect parish councils.

10. Finance-

- Bills Payable to the amount of £3300.77, unanimously agreed.
- Clerk informed the council that the external audit had been received and is available for inspection by any local government elector of the area of the council. This will be advertised in our notice boards and on our website. Copies will be available from the clerk at Longburrow Hall office at a charge of £4 each.

11. **Correspondence – Allotments** – The Chairman explained the recent emails between the clerk, Mr Thomas and a parishioner querying reasons for the allotment increase. Following a discussion, it was unanimously agreed that all discussions regarding this matter are now closed. **Hedges** – Chairman gave an update concerning the overgrown hedges on the Marlow Road, an email from a parishioner was read out explaining how difficult it is to navigate the pavement with pushchairs. This was discussed at the last meeting and the clerk had since written a letter to the houses with a boundary on the Marlow Road. The householders have 14 days to reply, two houses had replied and cut the hedges. If the two remaining houses do not reply within the specified time, they will be sent another letter saying it will be passed to Bucks County Council. Mr Preece informed the council that there is another house on the Marlow Road that has a very overgrown hedge. Clerk to send out a letter. **Trees by the crossing on the Marlow Road.** Mr Preece showed some photos of the trees on the Marlow Road showing the poor lighting by the crossing. In addition to a land registry document indicating that these trees are the within the boundary of No.1 Hartmoor Close. Clerk to send a letter asking for the trees to be cut back and maintained appropriately. Mr Davis asked that in the interim could we ask the council road sweeper to clear the debris from falling trees. Clerk to follow up. **Request For Signage** – Clerk read a request from Stokenchurch Primary School to display signs around the village advertising the Christmas Fete. The request was approved subject to conditions; to be displayed no more than two weeks before the event and for signs to be removed within 48 hours following the event. **Light Out At Studridge Court** – Mr Preece reported that there is a street lamp out on Studridge Court. Clerk to follow up.

12. **The Commons** – Mrs Baker reported that the grass on the commons is very long. It was agreed that this is because of the length of time between cuts. Clerk to arrange an extra cut.

13. **Other Parish Matters** – It was reported that the disabled parking bay near CJ's Stores is not very visible, as the paint has worn away. Mrs Baker reported that there are also some potholes in this area. Clerk will report to TFB. Mr Preece informed the council that the village carol service will be on the 10th of December this year and asked for approval for them to display some signs advertising the event. Request approved.

A parishioner reported that there is a light out at the top of Coopers Court and raised the issue of dog fouling In the area stating that it has improved over this year it seemed to be small dogs not big dogs.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.20 pm