

## STOKENCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Annual Parish Council held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2021 at Longburrow Hall at 7.30 pm**

**Attendees:** Cllr Vicki Nuthall (Chairman), Cllr Malcolm Penny (Vice Chair), Cllr Camilla Baker, Cllr Tracy Ramsden, Cllr Robin Thomas, Cllr Raquel Burnham, Cllr Matthew Jennings, Cllr Tracey Young, Cllr Valerie Jenkinson, Cllr Nick Hodder

**Minutes :** Mr John Harding

**Members of the Public :** 10

**1. Acceptance of Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Andrew Preece, Buckinghamshire Councillors, Thames Valley Police, Medical Centre

**2. To Confirm Minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2019**

The Minutes were agreed.

Proposed : Cllr R Thomas    Seconded : Cllr V Jenkinson

**3. Report by Parish Council Chairman**

After thanking everyone for attending, Cllr Nuthall made the annual Chairman's report (full report attached).

Cllr Nuthall introduced the new Parish Councillor's Cllr Malcolm Penny (Vice Chair), Cllr Camilla Baker, Cllr Tracy Ramsden, Cllr Robin Thomas, Cllr Raquel Burnham, Cllr Matthew Jennings, Cllr Tracey Young, Cllr Valerie Jenkinson & Cllr Nick Hodder

Cllr Nuthall thanked the Clerk and RFO who had left, for their work for the council.

Cllr Nuthall also thanked the Parish Warden for his work

**4. Report by Thames Valley Police**

Gave apologies were unable to attend.

**5. Report by Stokenchurch Educational Charity**

Camilla Baker reported for the Educational Charity. The charity was set up in 1987 from funds from the sale of the old board school. Help has been given to various ages including special needs and apprenticeships, other donations had been made to various organisations helping the youth of the village. There are six Trustees, and you have to live in the parish two years before help can be given.

**6. Report by Stokenchurch Community Transport**

Jim Casper reported the bus was founded in 1991 by John Trigg. They are currently on their 6<sup>th</sup> bus which has a tailgate for wheelchair access and now covers the Radnage area. The bus had to suspend operations in 2020 due to covid. Operations resumed in January 2021 with 5 passengers only as a vaccination transport service. This had been extremely well received. Over 120 people had been transported for vaccinations.

Jim Casper thanked Stokenchurch Parish Council & North West Community board for their financial assistance. Please see attached report

**7. Report by Stokenchurch Day Centre**

Unable to attend due to covid. They said they hoped to return in June, if possible. Report attached

**8. Report by Stokenchurch Cricket Club**

Peter Langford, as Chairman of the Cricket Club, reported on the events and teams at the Club. He said it had been a roller coaster of a year. He reported that they had received a grant from the educational charity and carried out their own fund raising. The club was selected by sky sports to be interviewed on the restarting of recreational cricket in July 2020.

The Club was open to anyone who would like to join, and he talked of the Club's successes with several young people and that under 12's were playing that night. He also thanked the Parish Council for their support which was always appreciated. Report attached

**9. Report by Stokenchurch Community Library**

Mike Chadwick gave a presentation reporting that the year had been dominated by lockdown.

From May we offered a home delivery and collection service to Stokenchurch and surrounding villages, and were the only library in Buckinghamshire to do so. And we again continued with this service during subsequent lockdowns, also offering it in parallel with resumed open-doors service for those who were hesitant about visiting public places. Full report attached

**10. Report by Studley Green Community Centre**

Philippa Fibert reported that the Community Centre had weathered the covid storm and managed to stay open. Car park has been re-surfaced. A grant from Bucks Council assisted when there was no income. A defibrillator has been installed. CCTV installed to the rear of the hall. Hirers returning to the hall by it looked unlikely a youth club would return.

Energy efficiency measures have commenced. Full report attached

**11. Report by St Peter and St Paul's Church**

Not present

**12. Report by Stokenchurch Scouts**

Jim Casper spoke as the local Scout leader.

All the scout sections made full use of Zoom to keep connected and offer some different scouting experiences – drumming, painting, guide dogs, cookery classes, seed planting, escape rooms and virtual hikes around the village all featured in our programme, as well as a number of “camp-at-home” weekends – exploring “The Great Indoors”. We rose to the challenge of trying to keep 6 year olds socially distanced (a rope, marked at 2m intervals and rubber quoits certainly helps). We must be doing something right, because our numbers have stayed constant compared to a 25% decline nationally.

All down to our excellent volunteer leaders – and we are always looking for more volunteers to join us. Turning to Stokenchurch Scout & Guide HQ. The Betty Messenger building celebrated its 10th Birthday on St. George's Day (23 April). During those 10 years, countless young people have benefited from the various uniformed organisations that call it home, with Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers meeting each week – 150+ when everything is running. Activities are slowly returning to normal, benefitting from the large, well-ventilated hall and outside spaces. Full report attached

**13. Report by Sawmill Trust**

Cllrs Nuthall & Jennings are the Parish representatives. There are five trustees of the charity which has £1,000,000.

Not currently much to report, has gone through to charity commission. It will probably be 2022 before any funds are available.

**14. Report by Stokenchurch Medical Centre**

Martin Elliott, Practice Manager, sent his apologies.

Reported back log. Surgery re-opening 17<sup>th</sup> of May  
Copy of report to follow.

**15. Report by Buckinghamshire Council**

Not present at their own AGM

**16. Any Other Business**

Jim Casper reported that the sale of the Methodist Church was moving forward with a religious group from South London, who wish to be involved in the community

A parishioner asked that the website be updated

A parishioner queried where minutes were from 2nd of September 2020

Cllr Ramsden wanted to increase public participation with the Parish Council

A parishioner commented that tree planting was a good idea

**17. Parishioner's Award**

The parishioner of the year award given to all parishioners for their volunteering, helping neighbours during Covid