



## STOKENCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 at 7.40 pm

**Attendees:** Cllr Victoria Nuthall (chair), Cllr Malcolm Penny (vice chair), Cllr Camilla Baker, Cllr Robin Thomas, Cllr Andrew Preece, Cllr Tracey Ramsden, Cllr Tracey Young, Cllr Val Jenkinson, Cllr Nick Hodder & Cllr Matthew Jennings

**Buckinghamshire Councillors:** Cllrs Carl Etholen & Orsolya Hayday

**Minutes:** John Harding

**Members of the Public:** 7 + RFO

#### 1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

Cllr Racquel Burnham Cllrs Robert Carington, Darren Hayday & Shade Adoh

#### 2. Declarations of interest (agenda items)

Cllr Jennings: Bills payable

The chair declared that a letter of complaint had been received from a former Councillor and wanted this to be recorded in the minutes

#### Meeting closed by Chair and opened to the public

A Parishioner commented that ivy was still blocking a streetlight in Lower Church Street. A Parishioner commented that they could not get the agenda on the website; the Chair explained that there had been internet problems.

#### 3. To confirm Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

Proposed Cllr Penny Seconded Cllr Preece unanimously agreed

#### 4. Buckinghamshire Councillors

Cllr Orsolya Hayday said food waste collections would re-start



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are to be presented in February.  
Cllr Carl Etholen also said he was looking into speed restrictions on the Ibstone Road, but he had found that raised zebra crossings were prohibitively expensive elsewhere. Cllr Penny said a chicane similar to that at Kingston Blount would probably be a good solution

### 5. Finance

Bills payable Proposed Cllr Thomas Seconded Cllr Penny unanimously agreed (Cllr Jennings abstained)  
Monthly Accounts

Proposed Cllr Jenkinson Seconded Cllr Penny unanimously agreed

### 6. Bushes on the green outside the Coffee Shop

Cllr Penny proposed that all 3 bushes which are so close to the kerb that inconvenience is caused to people alighting from cars should be removed, the stumps ground, and two new trees planted. Seconded Cllr Preece unanimously agreed

### 7. Electric charging points

Cllr Hodder had asked for this to be on the agenda. The Chair informed the meeting that this issue had been put to the NWCC board (for Longburrow)

### 8. Day Centre

Cllr Jenkinson informed the council that the community bus had not run on Monday. Christmas lunch is going to be held at the Lambert Arms on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December. An article publicising the Day Centre is to be sent to Chiltern View. Cllr Jenkinson to speak to the Day Centre regarding Wednesdays.

### 9. Mudds Bank

Cllr Preece said all statutory notice periods had now expired. Cllr Etholen offered his support.

### 10. Standing Orders



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- that Studley Green must have a Councillor)
- Apologies for absence should be in writing
  - Parish Clerk to have the authority to spend on an *ad hoc* basis an amount to be decided at the AGM. (Currently £250.00)
  - Standing order 46 to be revoked - committee meetings to be open  
Proposed Cllr Penny: Seconded Cllr Preece unanimously agreed

Longburrow Hall committee to be a standing committee with ability to spend up to £1,000 Proposed Cllr Preece: Seconded Cllr Penny. Agreed; Cllr Young abstaining.

Cllr Preece asked that '**any other business**' be put back on the agendas (**Report only**)

#### 11. Website

Cllr Hodder had prepared a "draft" website which was shown to Councillors; he said he would carry on with this over the Christmas break. Cllr Preece asked that Cllr Hodder be thanked for his work.

#### 12. Youth Club

Was shut last week (26/11), and this week (3/12) due to covid. Has had up to 21 attending. Cllr Jennings and Jenkinson thanked for their work in setting this up.

#### 13 Cemetery Working Party

The working party had met and agreed to recommend to Council the approval of a memorial to the late Nelson Curtis: Proposed Cllr Preece Seconded Cllr Hodder unanimously agreed. Grave spaces: Council agreed to support NALC in any response to a recent circulation from DEFRA. Headstone inscriptions and re-inscriptions are not currently subject to a charge. Suggested £50 for initial inscription and £35 for re-inscription: proposed Cllr Jennings seconded Cllr Bake: r agreed Cllr Preece abstaining.



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needed to be signed. Cllr Preece asked if it could be electronically circulated, Cllr Penny confirmed that the hard copy would still need signing.

Cllr Jenkinson commented on outside lighting to be brought to next health and safety meeting. **15 Kings Hotel**

Clerk reported that our insurers had been contacted and were happy with the council's response.

The chair reported that the estate agents had been given two different reports of the action being taken by the owners.

Cllr Etholen spoke about designated heritage assets. Contact the conservation officer to find out what further action can be taken.

Cllr Penny proposed that the council fence off our car park area completely seconded Cllr Preece unanimously agreed

### **16 The Pitch, Beacons Bottom**

Cllr Hodder has contacted the street naming department and is consulting with addresses concerned.

### **17 Halloween Scavenger Hunt**

Cllr Burnham not present deferred

### **18 Trees**

Cllr Nuthall advised 20 had been applied for on NWCC grant

### **19 Defibrillators**

Following the request from the primary school it was suggested that a defibrillator be gifted to the school. Proposed Cllr Ramsden seconded Cllr Jenkinson unanimously agreed. It was reported that a public access defibrillator had been installed to the Memorial Hall and one was being installed in St Hugh's Close. Cllr Etholen said grants available for defibrillators; this will be taken to next Health and Safety committee meeting.

### **20 Dog Waste Bin**



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providers charge £5.50 per bin. A new company Shield have come in at £2.00 Proposed Cllr Ramsden seconded Cllr Hodder unanimously agreed to proceed. **22 Fire Alarm Servicing**

**Quotes**

Hazlemere Fire (who service the fire extinguishers) have quoted £ 175 per visit to service fire panel and emergency lights. Current provider is £180 per visit excluding emergency lights. Proposed Cllr Jennings Seconded Cllr Penny: unanimously agreed to proceed with Hazlemere Fire.

**23 Neighbourhood Plan**

Committee to meet in January

**24 Firefighters charity presentation**

Event being held after 4PM on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> of December at coffee shop and around the tree with presentation & band.

**25 Christmas Tree band etc.**

See above

**26 Planning****21/08429/FUL APPLICATION**

FOR: Householder application for construction of first floor rear extension: Dashwood Hill House Old Dashwood Hill Studley Green Buckinghamshire HP14 3XD, BY: Mr Malcolm Bolton No Objection Proposed Cllr Preece Seconded Cllr Penny unanimously agreed

**27 NWCC grants**

Jackie Binning coming to the parish office

**28 Open Spaces**

No comments

**29 WiFi**

This is ongoing. Cllr Jennings thanked for the saving on package and work put in. **30**

**Street lights**

Quote received on the two light columns rear of George Road to be replaced @ £3,296.76 to rear of George Road proceed Proposed Cllr Preece seconded Cllr Jennings unanimously agreed **31 Sewage**

**pump**

Cllr Preece thanked clerk for work on quote @ £632 + VAT



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be paid. Proposed Cllr Jennings  
Seconded Cllr Hodder  
unanimously agreed

### **33 Fair**

Approval had been sought for the  
Annual Fair to be on the Common  
from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

Unanimously approved. Cllr Penny  
asserted that the fair was not a  
charter fair. Deposit only for use  
of common - no rent to be paid in  
2022.

### **34 Hedge**

Cllr Jenkinson asked that quotes be  
obtained for cutting hedges to the  
church

Meeting closed 9.30 pm

Next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022