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STOKENCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 3 February 2021 over Zoom at 7.30 pm

Attendees: Cllr Ian Chadwick (Chairman), Cllr Robin Thomas (Vice Chairman), Cllr Camilla Baker, Cllr Racquel Burnham, Cllr Dan Davis, Cllr Sally Drinkwater, Cllr Matthew Jennings, Cllr Chris Parkinson, Cllr Jen Powis, Cllr Neil Watson

Buckinghamshire Councillors: Cllr Carl Etholen, Cllr Saeed Saddique

Minutes: Mrs Heather Presland, Clerk, from recorded Zoom meeting

Members of the Public: 3

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

Cllr Darren Hayday, Cllr Shade Adoh

2. Declarations of interest (agenda items)

None.

3. To confirm Minutes of 20 January 2021

These were agreed. Proposed: Cllr Thomas; seconded: Cllr Baker.

4. Matters Arising (information only)

Cllr Powis asked for an update on the repairing of the potholes. Cllr Watson said he was aware the Parish Warden had been progressing this but there was an issue with sourcing the materials.

5. Reports/Actions

Cllr Davis reported that he had been unable to contact Cllr Jennings about the Car Park Committee but had managed to speak with Cllr Drinkwater. They had decided to consider the Kings Hotel car park initially and felt a notice should be displayed to say that overnight parking for

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suggested that perhaps changing the byelaws may be a solution. Cllr Baker said that any change to the byelaws would need Home Office approval and it was a long process. Cllr Watson said some DVLA notices had arrived in the Parish office which would mean vehicle ownership could be requested. Cllr Etholen said if Council was to ban some overnight parking, there would be a need for the hotel to ensure customers had registered their number plates. He also said the introduction of any Parking Orders would require consultation and said the Parish should get advice about this. He would progress this and come back to Council with advice about the way forward.

6. Notification of Parish Matters (information only)

Cllr Thomas – Stockfields Place;
Cllr Parkinson – Elections and The Coppice; Cllr Baker – potholes; Cllr Davis – the cemetery.

7. **Planning:** (1) **21/05130** – Householder application for construction of a single storey rear extension with internal alterations – Glaslyn, Wycombe Road, Stokenchurch, HP14 3RS – Mr & Mrs Hamilton – No objection. Proposed: Cllr Powis; seconded: Cllr Parkinson. (2) **21/05131** – Householder application for construction of front porch and single storey rear extension – 14 Eastwood Road, Stokenchurch, HP14 3SW – Mr Michael Mullins – No objection. Proposed: Cllr Thomas; seconded: Cllr Powis. (3) **21/05108** – Householder application for construction of front and pedestrian access gates – Casa Ann, Old Studley Arms, Water End Road, Studley Green, HP14 3XN – Mr A Hills – Resolved to object on the grounds the gate was out of

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Cllr Watson over Mudds Bank, which continued to be a problem in the Parish. Rubbish had again accumulated in the area. Cllr Thomas said this was particularly in the ditches which may require a grab lorry to clean them up. Cllr Etholen suggested a litter pick could be organised. Cllr Watson felt a representative from both Waste and TfB should be present at any meeting. Cllr Etholen agreed to progress this and would liaise directly with Cllr Watson. Cllr Thomas requested to be included in this. There was also discussion about the caravan in the field, which had been raised with the Enforcement Team although nothing had been done about it. Cllr Etholen said if it was a touring caravan and on private land, permission was not required. Cllr Watson said there were now two touring caravans on the land which did not appear to have anyone living in them. Cllr Etholen said he would also make some enquiries about this. Cllr Watson raised the building works in The Coppice. Cllr Etholen said these had been resolved earlier in the evening and there was now pedestrian access. Cllr Chadwick raised the Cemgate permit that had been requested about which Council was concerned and requested Cllr Etholen's support in taking this forward. Council had also contacted Rob Butler, MP, and was hoping to have a meeting with him. He was also hoping to have a meeting with the Senior Environmental Protection Officer, to whom he had recently spoken. Planning Enforcement had been contacted and was involved as it was not believed the right plans were in place. Cllr Etholen noted all comments had to be received by 5 March and there was a

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- **SSE quotation – Replacement**

- LED lantern, outside 14**

- Coopers Court Rd Cllr**

- Watson said this was a standard quotation for £361 + VAT. Agreed.

- Proposed: Cllr Watson;

- seconded: Cllr Baker.

10. Correspondence

(1) Swilley's Pond – request from Stokenchurch Estates Ltd – Cllr Chadwick said a request had been received asking to buy the lease. Discussion took place and the request was declined.

(2) CPRE – request for an increased donation – Cllr Baker suggested the donation be increased from £36 to £50 a year. Agreed. Proposed: Cllr Davis; seconded: Cllr Powis. (3)

Electric Vehicle Charging Points – Cllr Chadwick said Buckinghamshire Council had been contacted to find out whether they had any plans to buy these so the Parish Council could also bid and perhaps get a discount. A response was awaited. Cllr Thomas said it seemed logical to link this work to the Car Parking Committee, which was agreed. He would forward all relevant information to the Committee to progress. Cllr Etholen said if Council were considering buying some charging points, they might want to consider a bid to the Community Board who would match fund. (4) Cemgate Ltd – Request for an Environmental Permit – Cllr Chadwick requested some volunteers to be part of a Zoom meeting with him and the Senior Environmental Protection Officer. Volunteers were Cllrs Thomas, Baker, Burnham and Powis. Cllr Thomas spoke about his investigations into the Operator's Licence and gave some details. (5) Lease for Car Park – Fleur de Lys – Cllr Chadwick stated that to date no

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in the Bucks Free Press and the Fleur was looking for new landlords. Cllr Drinkwater gave an update, saying this had been the case for some time. She would make contact with the Fleur to find out more and report back before further action was considered.

11. The Commons

Nothing to report.

12. Other Parish Matters

(1) Cllr Parkinson referred to documents recently circulated about the forthcoming elections and queried how Councillors could get nominations in the current climate. Cllr

Etholen suggested approaching individuals on a socially distanced basis and asking them to sign them. However, he was hoping lockdown would have eased by the time nominations were being sought in April. He stated all canvassing had to be done electronically if individuals were wishing to promote themselves as candidates. There was general discussion about a postponement of the elections, with the possibility of them taking place in September as it would be safer. The voting process was also discussed and Cllr Etholen said more postal voting was being encouraged. Cllr Watson said this might be an item to discuss with Rob Butler, MP, when the meeting took place with him. (2) Cllr Parkinson raised the access problems in The Coppice. Cllr Etholen said these had been resolved earlier in the evening. (3) Cllr Davis said he had spoken to the Parish Warden during the week who was concerned about a vase that had broken during the recent freezing weather. This was a health and safety hazard and should be removed if seen as it was dangerous. Agreed. (4) Cllr

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about the Medical Centre and wondered what views were on having a Zoom meeting with the solicitor to discuss further. Cllrs Baker, Chadwick, Drinkwater and Davis agreed to attend the meeting. (6) The grass/hedge cutting contract for 2021/22 had been signed and returned to the Parish Council and the other two contractors had been informed they had not won the tender. All have been told this was a financial decision and the cheapest option had been chosen. (7) Cllr Chadwick talked through community bids. After discussion, it was agreed to bid for the Youth & Community Centre, the Royal Oak, the Fleur de Lys and the Methodist church. Cllr Thomas offered to collate all information and circulate it. Cllr Chadwick said they were all community assets and needed to be kept and not sold for development. (8) Cllr Chadwick said he would be arranging a meeting about Cemgate with those who had volunteered, a meeting to discuss the Medical Centre, a meeting with Rob Butler, MP, and reminded the Finance Committee there was a meeting the following week. (9) Cllr Drinkwater stated she had found the name of the Regional Manager of Enterprise Inns and would progress this with the Fleur. Cllr Watson asked that she pass the Manager's name to the RFO.

13. Items for Next Agenda

(1) Cllr Thomas said he had been having some discussions about the responsibility for the hedges around Stockfields Place with the management company, Neil Douglas. It had been agreed which hedges were the responsibility of the management company and which were the responsibility of the residents. The Parish Council



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had noticed there was a consultation under S106 about a raised zebra crossing in Marlow Road. Cllr Watson stated Council had been made aware. Cllr Etholen said comments were required by 19 February. (3) Cllr Davis asked what would happen to the current speed indicator by the Medical Centre when the new sign was installed. It was agreed this would be re-located elsewhere in the Parish. Cllr Watson said the speed indicator on Ibstone Road had stopped functioning and rather than have a call out to repair it, his plan was to take it to Solagen in Bristol himself when he visited. All the manuals for the speed indicator had now been received. (4) Cllr Chadwick said the next meeting would take place on 17 February.

Meeting concluded at 2045