



STOKENCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 17 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

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

Members of the Public: 13

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

Cllr Darren Hayday, Cllr Shade Adoh and Cllr Saddique Saeed

2. Declarations of interest (agenda items)

Cllr Powis – Bills Payable; Cllr Burnham – Planning application no 21/05269.

3. To confirm Minutes of 3 February 2021

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

4. Matters Arising (information only)

(1) Cllr Chadwick stated the DVLA had now sent forms through to enquire about any vehicles if there was a need. (2) Cllr Watson said the bench by the bus stop had been repaired and the Parish Warden would be painting the replacement slats. He also said the tap at Longburrow Hall had been replaced which now meant the problems with water in the car park could be investigated.

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with some Councillors to decide on actions. (2) Cllr Watson reported on the arrival of portacabins at Mudds Bank, stating this was now in the hands of the Enforcement Team.

6. Notification of Parish Matters (information only)

Cllr Parkinson – trees.

7. **Planning:** (1) **21/05140** – Householder application for creation of block pave driveway, drainage and dropped kerb – 61 Slade Road, Stokenchurch, HP14 3QQ – Mr Mark Britton – No objection. Proposed: Cllr Parkinson; seconded: Cllr Powis. (2) **21/05272** - Application to fell to ground level because at risk of windthrow x 1 beech (T1) and reduce height by 2.5m and reduce upper laterals by up to 1.5m to balance and maintain a natural crown profile x 1 lime (T2) – Walnut Lodge, 55 New Road, Stokenchurch, HP14 3SQ – Mrs Brewer – Decision to be left to the Trees Officer. Proposed: Cllr Parkinson; seconded: Cllr Watson. (3) **21/05269** – Householder application for construction of single storey pool building with mezzanine and subterranean rooms – Mallards Court, Park Lane, Stokenchurch, HP14 3TQ – Mr & Mrs E Hunt – It was believed this was a renewal of an application in 2014. Resolved no objection. Proposed: Cllr Baker; seconded: Cllr Jennings.

8. Buckinghamshire Councillors

Cllr Etholen updated Council on his research into byelaws relating to parking at the Kings Hotel. Advice was that Parking Orders needed to be put in place as well as some kind of enforcement, which could be costly. He had identified a contact (Tony Middleton) in relation to the electrical vehicle charging points and stated there

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breach over the fence height over which action was to be taken. He had also been involved in the arrival of the portacabins at Mudds Bank and had again been in contact with the Enforcement Team. They were trying to establish whether there was a breach in planning control and would feedback to him. There was discussion about the Scholars Rise dog waste bin and he was trying to establish who owned it. Cllr Chadwick said the bin was not the responsibility of the Parish Council.

9. Finance:

▪ Bills Payable

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

▪ Monthly Reports for January 2021

These were agreed.
Proposed: Cllr Watson;
seconded: Cllr Thomas. ▪

Recommendations from the Finance Committee

Cllr Watson said a further quote was being requested for block paving for the area outside the chip shop and all quotes would be considered at a future Finance Committee meeting. Cllr Watson then read through a prepared statement from the Parish Council over the awarding of the grass/hedge cutting contract for 2021/22. This covered the tendering process for 2020/21 and the recent tendering process for 2021/22, plus reasons for the awarding of the contract and how this was undertaken.

10. Correspondence

(1) Run The Rock 2021 – A parishioner talked through the plans for this. Concern was

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discussed and permission should be sought from Council.

11. The Commons

Cllr Jennings said he would be progressing the installation of ten posts for Bowling Green.

12. Other Parish Matters

(1) Cllr Parkinson said he was pleased to see Council had been allocated some more trees.

However, saplings needed a great deal of watering and his concern was over how the Parish Warden might be able to do this. Cllr Chadwick said there was a tap at the bottom of the cemetery which could be used.

(2) A parishioner said they were present to talk about the awarding of the grass cutting contract for 2021/22. Villagers were angry and could not understand why this went out for tender during a global pandemic. Cllr Chadwick said he believed the correct process had been followed by Council. Further discussion took place and Cllr Chadwick confirmed that all issues raised were currently with the Monitoring Officer for a decision over any next steps.

(3) Another parishioner asked whether there was any further background information about what was going on at Mudds Bank. Cllr Chadwick said it was in the hands of the Enforcement Team.

(4) A parishioner said the concrete bin in George Road had disappeared and it meant there was an accumulation of litter. Cllr Etholen said he would progress this and see if he could find out what had happened. (5) A parishioner raised their concern over the Parish Council charging for the hire of Longburrow Hall as a vaccination centre during a pandemic and felt it should have been offered without charge. Cllr Chadwick explained the background and said the hall



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any utilities was covered.

13. Items for Next Agenda

None.

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