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STOKENCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish
Council Wednesday 7th of September
2022 at 7.40 pm**

Attendees: Cllr Victoria Nuthall (Chair), Cllr Malcolm Penny, Cllr Andrew Preece, Cllr Camilla Baker, Cllr Robin Thomas, Cllr Tracy Ramsden, Cllr Val Jenkinson, Cllr Tracey Young, Cllr Matthew Jennings & Cllr Raquel Burnham

Buckinghamshire Councillors: Cllr Shade Adoh & Cllr Darren Hayday

Minutes: John Harding

Finance: Shelley Adnett

Members of the Public: 16

1. **Acceptance of apologies for absence**

Buckinghamshire Cllrs Robert Carington, Carl Etholen & Orsolya Hayday

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

Cllr Jennings Bills payable

3. **To confirm Minutes of 3rd of August 2022**

Draft minutes approved proposed
Cllr Jennings seconded Cllr Penny
unanimously agreed

Meeting closed by Chair and opened to the public

The junior football club attended they want to put more back into the community. They currently have under 7's and under 9's they want to have more teams would ask the council to publicise on the notice boards.

It is currently costing them £120 a week at Tippings Community Centre. They could move home games here to save on costs.



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Cllr Nuthall asked when they train, which is on a Saturday.

Cllr Baker said she would be happy to see the juniors return. Cllr Jenkinson was also keen on the idea Cllr Nuthall said they were welcome back.

Cllr Adoh said she supported the youth initiatives

Meeting re-opened 7.40 PM

4. **Buckinghamshire**

Councillors

Cllr Adoh said she noticed that the agenda included the car park to the Kings Hotel.

Cllr Hayday said the first stage of the boundary commission had gone through

The second stage is going through which would transfer the rural section he is standing for to Stokenchurch in Ridgeway West. This open for consultation and the Parish Council can make representations.

5. **Finance**

● **Bills Payable**

Three additional items had been added to the list i) Print shop (village view) ii) TM Contracting posts and gate iii) Jason Cashman window cleaning

Proposed Cllr Baker seconded Cllr Jenkinson unanimously approved (Cllr Jennings abstained)

● **Monthly Accounts**

Approved proposed Cllr Penny seconded Cllr Preece unanimously approved.

6. **Finance Meeting**

Approval of change to financial regulations – proposed to amend Section 4.1 of the Financial Regulations to bring them up to date.



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- The Clerk, for any item up to £500 (already agreed at AGM)
- Council for any items between £500 and £2,000 unless urgent circumstances in which case three members of Council, one of which must be either Chair or Vice Chair of the Council
- Council on presentation of at least three quotes from local suppliers where possible for items over £2,000 but below £25,000
- Council after a formal rendering process for items over £25,000

Proposed Cllr Thomas seconded Cllr Preece unanimously agreed
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7. **Stokenchurch****Memorial Hall****Social Club**

Cllr Nuthall had asked them to attend the meeting after a complaint on August Bank Holiday Monday. A parishioner who complained about the noise had been verbally abused. There had also been reports of non-members being served.

A Parishioner from the committee said a social media contract for members was being drawn up and that membership was being tightened up

Cllr Baker asked if all members were from the Parish and was informed yes, unless they were associate members as allowed by the constitution.

Cllr Nuthall said she had received five complaints, Cllr Jenkinson also reported that she had also received at least five complaints and could hear the music in her back garden.

A club committee member said that they had received one complaint and turned down the music after ten minutes. She explained that they were a new committee and were on a learning curve and would not be holding outdoor music again.



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Parish meetings regularly to update the Council

Cllr Jennings asked that they be mindful of their neighbours and offered to help advertising the hall

8. **Frequency of Parish Council meetings**

Cllr Penny said he could see no reason to change the frequency and Cllr Ramsden agreed.

Cllr Jenkinson did not want to go to two meetings. Cllr Nuthall said that due to work commitments she would stand down if it went to two meetings a month

Cllr Penny suggested that items were circulated in advance

Cllr Preece said he could see advantages in two meetings but was happy for it to be discussed.

Cllr Baker said that it had initially gone to two meetings a month to accommodate planning issues

It was proposed to keep to one meeting a month by Cllr Ramsden seconded Cllr Penny after a short discussion unanimously agreed and that the situation could be re-visited in six months

Cllr Baker commented that things should be going through the chair and the clerk

Cllr Preece said he had not commented by email to the debate regarding the bushes outside the chemist

9. **Kings Hotel and car parking**

Cllr Nuthall has emailed owners as advised by building control

Cllr Burnham asked that a statement she read out be recorded verbatim

“I would like to raise my concern regarding the level of support which has been provided to the owner of the King’s Hotel by SPC, which I feel is inadequate.

I do not know the owner (Mr Sood) personally but given the “landmark



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was as professional as it should have been coming from a PC. I encourage fellow councillors to look back at some of the more recent communications (some of the recent emails), which I feel will clearly illustrate my point. We had an opportunity to professionally engage with the owner, but I feel that the tone set by the PC and the lack of patience was not conducive to establishing a strong working relationship. Had this been handled differently, the owner would likely have been more forthcoming, and we would have a more solid foundation on which to support the King's Hotel, on behalf of the parishioners of our community."

Cllr Nuthall said that the owner was not responding to the council or others

Cllr Jennings stated that the owner of the building that the owner of the building was so unconcerned that that the council had to fence off the car park, even after part of the building had collapsed.

Cllr Nuthall said we had not been forceful enough.

Cllr Jennings said he was here for the parishioners who were inconvenienced

Cllr Preece brought a copied email to the council's attention, which quoted building control. He asked that an independent structural engineer be appointed.

Cllr Ramsden said that the fence line had been raised previously. Cllr Jennings said he had previously asked that the fencing bill be forwarded to the owners.

Cllr Jenkinson said she was worried about the building collapsing

Cllr Thomas supported Cllr Preece
Cllr Baker asked if the car park lease would be an issue.

Cllr Burnham wanted to speak to the owners again, Cllr Nuthall said



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seconded Cllr Ramsden majority approved

10. Thames Water

Cllr Burnham said that Mill Road was without water for four days during the hottest period, there had also been problems with the sewage system.

Thames Water had distributed bottled water.

Cllr Nuthall said that face book complaints only would not get an adequate response from Thames Water

11. Bushes outside the chemist

Removal of bushes proposed Cllr Penny seconded Cllr Jenkinson unanimously approved. Cllr Nuthall asked about re-instatement of posts Cllr Jenkinson to advise where required

12. Co-option of Parish Councillor Vacancy (Studley Green)

Richard Ghost a resident of Beacons Bottom who had moved there in 2015 put himself forward. He has an interest in community issues. He has previous military and police experience He wants to give back to the community

Proposed Cllr

Preece seconded

Cllr Thomas unanimously

agreed

Richard Ghost joined the meeting, but with no vote.

13. Timber Trail & junior playground

Planning permission (revised) has been submitted

Existing play provision at the cricket ground Cllr Nuthall said that the inspection report was not good with remedial work being highlighted. It was suggested that the Clare foundation be approached for funding.

**14. Village Warmbank****well-being
support /cost of
living crisis**

ClIr Jennings asked if the need arose could the hall be used. ClIr Nuthall advised that Chinnor Parish Council were looking to use their hall. ClIr Jenkinson said there were electric blankets that only cost 20 pence a day to run.

ClIr Baker asked if the Day Centre could assist and that the biggest issue was to get people out.

ClIr Penny commented that there used to be a 'drop-in' centre at the Methodist Church

ClIr Adoh said that churches in High Wycombe had done similar and Clare foundation had assisted.

15. Planning

22/07215/CTREE | Crown
Reduce by no more than 4m x 1
Eucalyptus (T1) | The Old Post
Oxford Road Stokenchurch
Buckinghamshire HP14
3SX22/07215/CTREE | BY: Mr
Gary Murton

Refer to tree officer proposed
ClIr Penny seconded ClIr Preece
unanimously agreed

22/07193/TPO | Remove
horizontal limbs back to source
due to squirrel damage x 1
Sycamore (G1) and remove
cracked limb to northeast back
to source to remove likelihood
of failure x 1 Sycamore (G1.8) |
The Vicarage Wycombe Road
Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire
HP14 3RGBY: | BY: Karen Drew

Refer to tree officer proposed
ClIr Penny seconded ClIr Preece
unanimously agreed

22/07016/FUL | Householder
application for construction of
single storey rear extension
following demolition of existing
rear extension | 7 Mill Road
Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire
HP14 3TP | BY: Mr & Mrs Barlow



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application for construction of roof extension in connection with conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation ancillary to the main dwelling, one rear dormer and raised decking area in addition to front porch and alterations to fenestrations - to allow opening of dormer window | Avalon, Water End Road Beacons Bottom Buckinghamshire HP14 3XE|BY: Ms Sue Tobin

Cllr Preece said there had been neighbour objections and that there had been issues at this property for the last 20 years. He said that planning department should be urged to reject the proposal and an alternative be found.

Objection proposed Cllr Preece seconded Cllr Jenkinson unanimously agreed

22/07087/FUL | Demolition of existing building and construction of replacement commercial building for use as a workshop/storage along with bin storage fencing 2 access gates and landscaping | Unit 2 The Common Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3UH|BY: Mr John Lee

No objection subject to no access across the common Proposed Cllr Baker seconded Cllr Penny unanimously agreed

16. Alcoholics

Anonymous

Cllr Jennings asked if meetings could be held on a Sunday evening at Longburrow Hall. Proposed six months trial proposed Cllr Baker seconded Cllr Preece unanimously agreed.

17. Village Magazine

Catherine Hutt explained it took a lot of work to put together the magazine. She requested more Parish Council input. The target to



a standing start the magazine had done well.

18. Mudds Bank (Kebab burger van)

A licence had been applied for a new kebab van to trade at Mudds Bank

Cllr Jenkinson commented that there is vermin problem at Mudds Bank already. Cllr Baker commented that we already had a kebab van Cllr Preece proposed that the council object to the new van for the following reasons under the guidance notes for street traders Prohibited Streets 3c) The A40 from the west of Holtspur to past Stokenchurch, so far as this road lies within the boundaries of this district :- The proposed siting is immediately beside the A40 Applications 6a) That the service provided is needed :- There is no established need village is served by two takeaways, kebab van and café. There are also two establishments serving Indian/Nepalese food.

c) That the aesthetics of the trade would not be detrimental to the location:- The site is adjoining green belt ANOB with an article 4 direction on it

d) That litter could be adequately controlled:- The area is beside the green belt and AONB and has suffered from litter problems and vermin

f) That the trader would not be unfair competition to existing traders in the area:- The kebab van already established in the village has been there for 27 years and there is adequate provision of food outlets

Objection as above proposed Cllr Preece seconded Cllr Penny unanimously approved except for one abstention

The owner the existing kebab van spoke after the vote. He said he loved the village and had been here for many years



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Our insurance says we need to get good legal advice

20. Cricket Ground**gate**

The conservation officer believed that planning permission would be required.

Cllr Jennings had asked people using the cricket ground if they were in favour of a gate, and they were. Cllr Ramsden had also gone back to the original parishioner who was still in favour of this.

Proposed install gate Cllr Jennings seconded Cllr Ramsden. Seven votes against motion not carried

21. Marlow Road Cemetery gate

Unanimously agreed to proceed with gate as TM Contracting quotation of £600

22. Any other business**(report only)**

Cllr Ramsden dog bin to be ordered
Cllr Baker said that the Parish website councillor register of interests needed attention as her did not open and Cllr Penny's was not there.

Cllr Young asked if another storey was being added to the old Axis 40 building, there is permission for another storey

Cllr Burnham to provide address of parishioner to be written regarding parking on the cricket ground.

Posts around the commons

Cllr Jennings said to get any updates for the website through to Annabel

23. Items for next agenda

Budget 23/24, Halloween & Posts

A parishioner and former councillor reminded the council about provision of a outdoor table tennis table at Studley Green. He also said that the AA group there had not caused any problems.

He then commented that Memorial Hall and Studley Green Community Centre meetings used to have a Parish Councillor in attendance



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