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STOKENCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish
Council Wednesday 5th of October
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 Tracey Young, Cllr Matthew Jennings & Cllr Raquel Burnham

Buckinghamshire Councillors: Cllr Robert Carington

Minutes: John Harding

Finance: Shelley Adnett

Members of the Public: 21

1. **Acceptance of apologies for absence**

Cllrs Val Jenkinson & Richard Ghost, Buckinghamshire Cllrs Carl Etholen, Shade Adoh, Orsolya Hayday & Darren Hayday

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

Cllr Jennings & Preece Bills payable

Planning **22/07149/OUT** Cllr Burnham

Planning **22/07288/FUL** Cllr Nuthall

3. **To confirm Minutes of 7th of September 2022**

Draft minutes approved proposed Cllr Ramsden seconded Cllr Thomas unanimously approved

Meeting closed by Chair and opened to the public

Christmas market and Mill Road planning to be covered when reached on the agenda.

A Parishioner circulated information for the Christmas market

Meeting re-opened 7.34 PM

4. **Buckinghamshire Councillors**



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hours opening times.
He said that boundary revision changes consultation extended to the 5th of December
He also commented that enforcement action on the Park Lane development was being looked into.

5. **Finance**

- **Bills Payable**

Proposed Cllr Baker, seconded Cllr Thomas majority approved (Cllrs Jennings & Preece abstained)

- **Monthly Accounts**

Cllr Preece asked if the council was still on budget the RFO confirmed that the council was on budget. Approved proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Preece unanimously approved.

6. **Budget 23/24**

The RFO said that there had been little response to proposals that had been sent out.

The ideas for the budget had been out onto the community website and many of the suggestions had already been committed to.
November meeting to finalise budget

7. **Christmas market parking**

A Parishioner explained that there was only enough car parking at Longburrow for stall holders and the external stalls.

As the Parish/Kings car park was still unavailable they wanted to use part of the fair common for car parking. The community bus would be shuttling people in, and the picture trail should assist families going to Longburrow.

A Parishioner said the parking area of the fair common would be fenced/cordoned off and the car parking supervised.

Cllr Baker commented that the common could be damaged. Cllr Ramsden whilst agreeing with Cllr



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the summer fete.

It was proposed by Ramsden seconded Cllr Penny and unanimously agreed to allow the parking request

8. **Christmas**

Cllr Jenkinson not present deferred to the November meeting

9. **Kings Hotel and car parking**

Cllr Nuthall said Cllr Penny would update the website. Cllr Nuthall said the situation was frustrating, but the Parish Council did not own the Kings Hotel.

An independent structural engineer has visited on behalf of the Parish Council and has reported that the car park should not be reopened. Cllr Jennings commented that the area to front of the chemist should be investigated for reopening Cllr Preece agreed and asked the engineer to come back to look at this area.

Cllr Ramsden said that Parishioners had approached her about the rear of the building. Cllr Nuthall said that they would have to take this up with the owners of the hotel.

10. **Halloween**

Scavenger Hunt

Cllr Burnham apologised for the lateness of her request. The educational charity were unable to assist as the approach was too late. She has received £300 from the Sawmill Trust and has applied to NWC CB for funding.

Cllr Jennings asked if this was a Council event Cllr Burnham replied that the Council had supported this previously and needed to arrange £600 funding and that £200 had already been spent. All money raised was given to charity, Judo club this year.

Cllr Carington said this should be possible with the NWC CB as less than £1,000



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unsuccessful.

Counter proposal by Cllr Baker that 50/50 split be carried out by the Parish Council and Sawmill Trust if money not granted by the NWC CB seconded Cllr Young unanimously approved.

11. **Remembrance**

Sunday

Clerk reported that he and Cllr Penny had met with the Church Warden and Jim Casper of the scouts to run through the arrangements including the road closure. The police will be attending. Cllr Preece offered to raise/ lower the flag

12. **Rose Corner**

Cllr Jennings asked where the boundary line is. Advised that works to the track not to be carried out any further as building work and demolition is going to be carried out.

13. **Timber Trail & junior playground**

Planning application has been validated for timber trail

14. **Studley Green community centre funding**

The community centre has asked for assistance with funding for new doors and an alarm system. They have already approached the Stokenchurch Educational Charity and Bucks Community Fund. Contribution of £200 proposed Cllr Baker seconded Cllr Thomas majority approved with one abstention

15. **Planning**

22/07149/OUT | Outline application with all matters reserved for up to 65 dwellings and associated works | OS Parcel 5500 Mill Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire | BY: Land & Partners Limited

Cllr Burnham had been granted a dispensation to speak. Cllr



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there were drainage problems already. Cllr Penny agreed with the objections given. If planning was granted the junction would be improved and he would suggest a chicane was put in. Thames Water have already been contacted by the applicant about the sewerage problems. Wanted called into committee by Buckinghamshire Council. Cllr Preece said it was on the local plan and likely to happen, as scheme was there.

A Parishioner commented that a previous application on Mill Road had been refused because of the road junction.

Cllr Jennings said he did not know if the land to be used to improve the road junction belonged to Wormsley and was concerned that the road improvements might not happen. He was also concerned about the water supply. Cllr Thomas agreed that the infrastructure was not there water, sewerage, road, health centre etc. Cllr Preece said that infrastructure was not a planning issue (health centre etc)

A Parishioner said that the end of Mill Lane had been dug up as the sewage system is inadequate. She also said that Wormsley were not prepared to let their land be used to improve the road junction. A Parishioner commented that when Scholars Rise was built sewage system upgrades did not materialise.

Cllr Preece suggested that the residents engage a town planner.

Cllr Nuthall asked if Cllr Carington if he could get the application called into committee. Cllr Preece endorsed this, but commented



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suggested that local residents pursue the issue of their statutory obligation to provide facilities fit for purpose.

Cllr Preece proposed that the application be brought back to Council in November, and that we formally ask for an extension to comment then. Asked that Cllr Carington call into committee if extension not given.

22/07044/FUL | Householder application for creation of 2 x off-road parking spaces to front of dwelling following removal of front boundary wall | Water Tower Cottage, Church Street, Stokenchurch, Buckinghamshire HP14 3TH | BY: Irwin Homes Ltd
Objection The materials used are not in keeping with the conservation area. Return to a cottage garden. Proposed Cllr Preece Seconded Cllr Baker unanimously agreed

22/07296/FUL | Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension | 8 Scholars Rise, Stokenchurch, Buckinghamshire HP14 3FL | BY: Mr & Mrs Chutherman
No objection Proposed Cllr Penny seconded Cllr Preece unanimously agreed

22/07288/FUL | Two-storey extension to create 4 x en-suite shower rooms and other external/fenestration alterations to Wallace Hill Farmhouse for ancillary accommodation, including office, overnight stays and storage uses in connection with the performing arts hub. | Wallace Hill Farm, Wellground, Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire HP14 3YFBY | c/o Agent
No objection proposed Cllr Baker seconded Cllr Preece unanimously agreed



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Cllr Preece had spoken to local residents who would like the site to be tidied up if permission granted

No objection but if minded to approve as the area is in the AONB to keep site clean and tidy

Proposed Cllr Preece seconded Cllr Thomas majority approved two abstentions

16. Circus

Cllr Ramsden went and was impressed. Comment to them about the car parking, but the Council wants them to return.

17. Comedy night

Cllrs are happy that people can bring their own alcohol. Just another booking. They do their own marketing.

18. Posts

T M Contracting have been contacted to install 10 posts

19. Commemorative bench

To celebrate and reflect on the hard work and determination of our National Health Trust (NHS) staff and Care Workers during the Covid19 pandemic, the North West Chilterns Community Board are looking to install new benches in the local area. Proposed Cllr Jennings seconded Cllr Preece to install at the Medical Centre.

20. Commemorative tree

Proposal to plant an oak tree in memory of Queen Elizabeth II. It was proposed by Cllr Penny seconded Cllr Preece unanimously agreed that this was to be placed on the common outside the Fleur de Lis

21. Website

No comments



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23. Any other business (report only)

Cllr Baker reported that a resident of Old School Close had reported berries dropping off a Laurel tree into the Close from the Marlow Road cemetery.

Cllr Thomas spoke about transport for the disabled, he will circulate details

Cllr Thomas will investigate the possibility of holding a horticultural show

24. Items for next agenda

Mill Road, budget

The Council then went into committee after a short break