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## STOKENCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 at 7.40 pm

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

**Buckinghamshire Councillors:** Cllr Carl Etholen

**Minutes:** John Harding

**Members of the Public:** 8

#### 1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

Cllr Burnham

Buckinghamshire Cllrs Robert Carington, Shade Adoh, Orsolya & Darren Hayday

Cllr Preece asked that congratulations be offered to the Queen on her Platinum Jubilee

Cllrs also congratulated Cllr Burnham on the birth of her baby boy Harry

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

Cllr Jennings Bills payable

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

A parishioner spoke about the Christmas market and explained that the Marquee fund was running low. It was suggested that the event be held at Longburrow. They would supply a Christmas tree for the hall and marquee. The scouts would look after the marquee overnight.

A parishioner proposed a Christmas trail to Longburrow with Christmas trail prizes. Including a prize for the best "dressed" property which the council would fund.



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Minutes to amended to confirm 2 payments of £290 for the Parish magazine. Subject to this amendment minutes approved Proposed Cllr Jennings, Seconded Cllr Baker unanimously approved with Cllr Preece abstaining as not present at the meeting.

The chair said she had been in contact with the NWCC and wanted an action sheet against the minutes

#### 4. **Buckinghamshire Councillors**

Cllr Etholen reported that Gemma Davies of planning enforcement had said that the track at Mudds Bank should only be formed of crushed limestone. There is also an issue of non-compliance at Berry farm as the land is being used for storage. Also an S215 notice is to be issued on Berry Farm to require the land to be cleared of everything not used for agriculture.

Cllr Preece said that Gemma Davies was moving forward within the confines of the law and that Berry Farm was now committing a criminal offence.

A new Buckinghamshire Councillor Gary Hall has now taken on an overview of enforcement.

Speeding on New Road mentioned.

The annual Community Board event will be at 9AM to 2PM at Princes Risborough on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June. The possibility of a stall at the village fete on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June was discussed, and tree planting for the jubilee at 11AM on the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup> of June on Church Square.

The local MP Rob Butler may be attending the fete

Cllr Nuthall reported that the B482 speed limit study had been carried out and that that the results were being reported to the Thames Valley Police road safety unit on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June.



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with the year end close, which does not affect funds.

The chair read through the completed AGAR form to the Councillors, Councillors agreed to the list read out.

Acceptance proposed Cllr Preece seconded Cllr Ramsden unanimously approved

Cllr Preece asked that it be minuted that Shelley is doing outstanding work

- Bills Payable

Proposed Cllr Baker seconded Cllr Young unanimously approved with exception of Cllr Jennings who abstained.

- Monthly Accounts

Proposed Cllr Preece seconded Cllr Jenkinson

Cllr Preece asked that it be minuted that the monthly accounts are monitored.

### 6. **Medical Centre**

The clerk read out the rent review paperwork. Cllr Baker commented that this was the first time we had received all the rent information. The rent review acceptance was proposed Cllr Jennings seconded Cllr Thomas unanimously approved

### 7. **Cemetery working party**

Grass cutting Cllr Ramsden wanted to know the specification for the grass cutting

Plot A52 had requested ashes be interned, as there was no charge set for this it was proposed by Cllr Penny that a fee of £50 be charged as an administration fee. Cllr Preece made a counter proposal of £25 with no charge for those under 18 seconded by Cllr Thomas agreed with 7 votes in favour. Cllr Jenkinson abstained

The proposal to approach Mr Holmes about more land to cemetery is to be followed up.

### 8. **Church drain**

The Church warden has changed, and notification given that they are



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### 11. **Litter pick**

Cllr Jenkinson reported that 20 people had attended and 30+ bags of rubbish collected. Cllr Jenkinson thanked by the council.

### 12. **Internet cabinet on fair common**

An application had been received for a wayleave for electrical supply to a telecommunications cabinet on the fair common at £2 per annum or £40 one off payment. Proposed £40 payment Cllr Jennings seconded Cllr Preece unanimously approved

### 13. **Energy feasibility project proposal (agree £680 expenditure)**

Proposed acceptance Cllr Thomas Seconded Cllr Ramsden agreed with 7 votes in favour Cllr Preece abstained

### 14. **Mill Road and Wood Farm consultation**

Not to be discussed until planning applications received

### 15. **Planning**

**22/06118/TPO** | Crown reduce height and spread by up to 2 metres, crown lift to remove all branches below 3 metres to main union and lift branches to give 2 metres clearance over roof and garages to Sycamore (T1) for tree maintenance | Curzon Gate Court George Road Stokenchurch Buckinghamshire BY: South Bucks Tree Surgeons Limited

The Parish Council resolved no objection to this application, but note the applicant also has a nearby tree that is obstructing the pavement which is a potential hazard for parents and children attending the school directly opposite. We would welcome an application for that tree to be attended to as well.

Proposed Cllr Preece Seconded Cllr Baker unanimously agreed



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: Mrs Michelle Browne

The Parish Council resolved to object to this application. This property benefits from a significant sized curtilage which extends beyond the flank elevation of the house and to the boundary of the adjacent highway. A 6ft fence would appear dominant and obtrusive in the wider street scene and detract from the spacious semi rural features of the estate. This 'enclosure' would be detrimental to the open plan street scene. The council believe it would also set an unwelcome precedent for further gardens to be enclosed. The council believe this application would be contrary to policies DM35 ad DM36 of the WDC Local Area Plan 2019. Proposed Cllr Preece Seconded Cllr Young unanimously agreed **22/06143/FUL** | Householder application for installation of 1 x front and rear gable dormers, 1 x side box dormer and 4 x roof lights to side in connection with loft conversion | Westwood Wycombe Road Studley Green Buckinghamshire HP14 3UY | By Gordon Ross

No objection Proposed Cllr Penny Seconded Cllr Preece unanimously agreed

### 16. The Kings Hotel

Cllr Preece said we should get Richard Beel to site. Chair to email and Richard Scott. See if our insurers to speak to the Kings Hotel insurers

### 17. Health and Safety manual

Cllr Burnham not present. Manual to brought back to the office Health and Safety committee now Cllrs Preece and Jennings.

### 18. Mudds Bank

Covered earlier

### 19. Website



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Jennings will obtain a quotation for this.

### **20. New Road**

Issues that have been brought up are speeding, vision splays and parked cars. Cllr Penny who lives on New Road said he did not believe that speeding was a real issue and that the parked cars slowed the traffic. Cllrs to advise addresses that need to be written to about the vision splays, overgrown hedges, first letter does not have to be the statutory one.

### **21. New Road bus stop**

On the left hand side as you drive up New Road parishioner has tripped on the uneven surface. Councillor Etholen will investigate what is happening.

### **22. WDALC**

Has been mothballed, cheque refunding membership received

### **23. Neighbourhood plan**

It was suggested it might be an idea to get an expert in. Cllr Thomas offered to speak to Neil Homer who has held courses about this in the past. Cllr Etholen said Bledlow-cum-Saunderton had completed a neighbourhood plan. Clerk to contact them.

Cllr Preece said scope for further development in the parish was limited

### **24. Community funding/village centre flower planters etc**

Chair stated that there was scope for further funding from the community board and ideas should be forwarded to the office

### **25. La Casa Puente, Cricket Ground Lane**

Deed of Grant presented to council for signing. Acceptance proposed by Cllr Preece, seconded Cllr Thomas unanimously agreed. Signed and witnessed

### **26. Grass cutting and verges**

It was noted that there was no contingency for an additional cut. Cllr Baker asked if the first cuts



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### **28. AOB**

Cllr Jenkinson reported that she was waiting for Red Kite for action on the community orchard  
Cllr Young to join the cemetery committee

### **29. Items for next agenda**

None

The meeting closed at 9:05PM