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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish
Council Wednesday 1st May 2024 at 7.30
pm at Longburrow Hall, Stokenchurch**

ATTENDANCE: Cllr Nuthall (Chairman), Cllrs Baker, Ghost, Jenkinson, Preece, Ramsden, Thomas, Young

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLOR: None

CLERK : Shelley Adnett

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 6

- 1) **Apologies for absence**
Apologies received from Cllr Adoh, Carington, Etholen, D Hayday, O Hayday, Burnham.
- 2) **Declarations of any personal interests**
Cllr Young disclosed an interest with the regards to item 17c 24/05762/FUL

Cllr Nuthall announced to the council that Cllr Jennings has made the decision to stand down as a councillor on Tuesday 30th March 2024 with immediate effect. Cllr Preece proposed that council doesn't accept Cllr Jennings' resignation and give him a four week cooling off period, in the hope that he has a change of heart. Council took advise from the chair voted to accept his resignation. Cllr Preece wished it to be minuted that he voted against accepted Cllr Jennings resignation.

- 3) **Election of Chairman**
Cllr Preece nominated Cllr Nuthall to remain as chair for another twelve months. Council unanimously agreed.
- 4) **Election of Vice Chair**
Cllr Ramsden nominated Cllr Preece, she believes he has the best knowledge for the position. Council unanimously agreed.



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6) **Meeting closed by Chair and opened to the public**

A parishioner asked if the Council would be doing any community litter picks. Cllr Burnham and Thomas have arranged 3 litter picks which will be held at Longburrow Hall on the Saturday 18th May, Saturday 1st June, Wednesday 10th July. If there are any parishioners that wish to litter pick and these times are not convenient please contact the clerk as litter picks, high visibility vests and bags can be provided (within the 30mph speed limit of the village). The best kept village judges will be visiting anytime between 1st June – 14th July 2024.

A parishioner wanted to raise road issues, especially the condition of the A40 with the Buckinghamshire Councillors, however none were present to answer his questions. The A40 through the white gates is due for plain, patch and resurfacing, planned for 20th May weather permitting. This will be carried out in two parts, Wycombe Road and the Oxford Road. Mr Tunnard is aware of the deterioration of the roads surface on the A40 by the George turning. There are currently no plans to resurface the B482.

A parishioner raised a concern regarding Cricket Ground, and the potholes and whether the council would consider tarmacking the remainder of the road. This will be covered in item 16. They are also concerned about dogs being off lead on the Cricket Ground. Over the past 6/7 years they have been bitten and jumped on, and children are now petrified of dogs. The council agreed it would be very difficult to enforce, as it is village green and governed by bylaws. The Council would like to put some signage up asking for dogs to be kept on leads. The Clerk to speak to the Cricket Club to work together with them.

7) **Council Appointments**

Please see attached paperwork for



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County Council
attended the
meeting this
month.

9) Finance

- a. Bills Payable - April 2024 bills payable were unanimously approved. One additional invoice was presented to council for CF Agriculture for the monthly grass cutting that came in after the cut off for a value of £2,500.00 + VAT This was also approved. Charlie Fox was praised for his cutting around the village.
- b. Monthly Accounts – April 2024 accounts approved and signed off in council. Cllr Preece asked about the £47,000 that is currently invested in the CCLA Account, if the interest could be added to the investment each month rather than being paid to us directly each month. The Clerk to speak to CCLA and find out if this is possible. Council voted to add the interest to the investment each month.
- c. Any finance updates – Xylem have been to service the sewerage pump and have sent a quotation for the replacement of a cast iron, submersible electric pump and the cost of labour for two men. At a cost of £5,551.39. Cllr Nuthall has been in contact with an alternative company SPH to see if they can provide a quotation for the work required. This work could potentially be covered by CIL monies. Two quotes have been obtained for painting the white gates. One of the gates needs replacing which we believe we may have a spare at Longburrow Hall. The quote for £440 has been approved by council and can proceed and replace the broken gate. After the five year electrical inspection it was advised that we should bring the consumer units up to date to meet with the current regulations and to change the heating system in the upstairs flat from storage economy heating to oil filled heaters which are more economical to run would be a cost of £4,281.68. If the large and small hall heating were to be



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internal audit commences Thursday 9th May 2024. Agar now commences, hoping we will be in a position to be ratified in full council next month. VAT refund has been filed and the sum of £1,528. CCLA interest for March was £208.93.

10) Clerks' Report

Please see attached report
CCTV Quotation has been received and we need to have been informed we need to purchase two additional cameras for £790.00 + VAT as the existing cameras are too old to connect to the new system. Council voted anonymously to proceed.

11) The Kings Hotel

No update this month

12) Cemetery

Cemetery committee met to discuss various issues and appointed Cllr Baker as the new Cemetery Chairman. One of the points raised was the lack of cemetery space and the possibility of compulsory purchasing some land to extend the existing cemetery. Cllr Jenkinson requested that a stand to be sourced at the furthest tap in the cemetery to make it easier for parishioners to fill their watering cans. Thanks were given to the Assistant Clerk for typing up the minutes. Cllr Ramsden raised an issue with regards to the cremation plots and the cutting around the stones. It was decided to speak to the contractor and then speak to St Peter and St Pauls Church regarding the cremation plots. It was decided to defer the vote of the CPO that we take some legal advice from Geoffrey Leaver and then return to council next meeting.

Marlow road cemetery has been a topic of conversation on local social media. Lists of loved ones are available in the council office. Head stones in the cemetery were removed in the 1970's due to health and safety issues. The cemetery was closed in 1969 Cllr Preece suggested adding information to the new website. Cllr Ramsden suggested a QR

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Due to the passing of Cllr Penny and resignation of Cllr Jennings two notices of vacancy have been advertised on both Facebook and Parish notice boards. Please contact the Clerk for further information should you wish to apply to become a councillor.

14) Lane End Church community food hub

Logs from parish council land has been sold and the money donated to a local food bank who were extremely grateful for the donation. Thanks has been given to Cllr Jennings.

15) CCTV

The new CCTV system has been installed in the Parish Council office. However two new cameras are now needed to be installed at a cost of £790 + VAT Councillors agreed to purchase and have these new cameras installed – anonymously agreed. Cllr Jennings suggested that anyone wanting to have access to the CCTV will have to sign a GDPR agreement prior to access. It was agreed that Cllr Jenkinson will have access to this.

16) Cricket Ground Lane/ Rose Corner

A revised quotation has been received from John Lee construction. The original quote was received in 2019 for £12,340 + VAT. This does not include the French drains that will be required due to properties having cellars. The revised quotation is £16,200 + VAT. This would cover from the Cricket club to the end of the road. However to patch the pot holes it would cost £2,350 + VAT. Cllr Preece suggested we get this section of Cricket Ground patched and see how it fairs, as we do not have the funds to tarmac the whole road. Council voted to proceed.

Rose Corner – It was decided to contact Geoffrey Leaver to ask their opinion on having the road surface changed from its existing material to having a tarmac road. Council agreed this is the way forward.

17) Planning

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Householder application for demolition of existing rear lean-to and construction of single storey side/rear – 47 Eastwood Road, Stokenchurch, Buckinghamshire, HP14 3SN – Mr & Mrs Taylor – No Objection

- b. 24/05619/FUL – Application for: Householder application for proposed single storey front, rear and side extensions as well as a two storey front extension, raising of the roof to the rear of the property and the installation of a dormer on the rear roof slope and rooflights on the front roof slope (Amended Plans) - Lowes Close, Stokenchurch, Buckinghamshire, HP14 3TN – Mrs Stevens – Refer to original concerns last months and be mindful of the neighbours objections of loss of light.
- c. 24/05762/FUL – Application for: Householder application for proposed construction of first floor rear/side extension to the existing house – 62 Marlow Road, Stokenchurch, Buckinghamshire, HP14 3QJ – Phillip Moore & Jo Roberts – No objection, Cllr Young declared an interest.
- d. 24/05862/FUL – Application for: Householder application for construction of single storey pool building with mezzanine and subterranean rooms – Mallards Court, Park Lane, Stokenchurch, Buckinghamshire, HP14 3TQ – No objection

18) Any other business (report

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Parishioner of the Year Award this year at the APM on Wednesday 8th May 2024. Two parishioners were nominated for the award. Bob Rendle who maintains the War Memorial in the village and Joe Patrick who tirelessly litter picks and maintains areas in Studley Green. Both will be notified and invited to the APM next week.

Cllr Jenkinson requested that the caretakers have access to the CCTV cameras. Just to remind parishioners that the gates at Longburrow Hall are locked at 9pm.

Cllr Baker asked about the water leak down Park Lane on the entrance way to Longburrow Hall and was concerned regarding the condition of the access road, she has requested that the Clerk to contact Nick at Wilbur homes to make him aware of the leak and about making good the road. Cllr Baker also raised concern over the Amazon locker at the Shell garage and the fact that no planning permission has been granted for this to be installed especially as this is in a conservation area and is a permanent structure. This has already been reported to planning enforcement. Multiple complaints have been received regarding Rats and the chickens on the Bowling Green. Environmental Health were contacted and came out to see the site and checked the chicken coup and said that the area was very clean, there are rat bait boxes installed and they have closed the case.

19) Item/s for next agenda

Meeting was closed at 9:32pm