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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish
Council Wednesday 4th October 2023 at
7.30 pm at Studley Green Community
Centre**

ATTENDANCE: Cllr Nuthall (Chairman), Penny (Vice-Chair), Cllrs Baker, Burnham, Ghost, Jenkinson, Jennings, Preece, Ramsden, Thomas, Young

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLOR: Cllr Carington, D Hayday, O Hayday.

CLERK : Shelley Adnett

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 19

- 1) **Apologies for absence**
Apologies received from Cllr Adoh, Etholen, Burnham
- 2) **Declarations of any personal interests**
Cllr Jennings and Preece disclosed an interest within this month's bills payables.
- 3) **To Confirm the minutes of the 6th September 2023**
Council approved the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.
- 4) **Meeting closed by Chair and opened to the public**
The headmaster of Stokenchurch Primary School requested the assistance from the Parish Councillors and Bucks Councillors for making the surrounding areas of the school, safer for the children. He would like to introduce a 20mph zone around Pigeon Farm Road and George Road, to prevent any further accidents. He would also like assistance to make an official one way system between the hours of 8:15 and 9:15am and 3pm-4pm and add some signage. A meeting



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A 10 year old child that attends Stokenchurch Primary was recently hit by a car on the A40 crossing by Tesco.

The chairman of the Stokenchurch Junior football club requested some assistance regarding the parking at Longburrow Hall during their training time on a Saturday morning, especially when the hall is hired out. Cllr Baker reminded everyone that the car park and main priority is originally intended for the hall hirers only. She also suggested that we install a closed barrier that will be for hall hirers to a section of the car park and the remaining spaces will be for people using the park, gym facilities, cemetery and football field. When the caretaker position is filled this could alleviate some of the parking issues. Cllr Preece agreed with Cllr Baker ideas and supports the football club, however with the recent events the hall hirers were ladies of a certain age, unable to park due to the sheer number of footballers parked on a Saturday morning, and they were unable to park and carry heavy sewing machines into the hall which they had hired for £175 for the day. The Chairman of SJFC said he tries to encourage his players and families to walk, lift share etc, to football due to the lack of parking and happy to close some of the parking off for the hall hirers. A subcommittee will meet and discuss the possibilities of parking going forward. Cllr Preece stated he was very sad to hear that a long standing hirer no longer wanted to book the hall with us anymore, despite being with us for over 20 years due to recent car parking issues and an altercation with SJFC. It was unanimously agreed to give the hirers a 50% hire reduction for the next 12 months in order to retain them. Cllr Nuthall is to organise a subcommittee for the discussion of the future plans for the Longburrow Hall car park. Add to the October agenda.

A parishioner noted it was a long time that he had seen so many



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A parishioner wanted to make an objection to agenda item 20 b) **23/07106/ADV – Application for: Display 1 x Freestanding, internally illuminated totem sign for Audley Wycliffe development.** She believes that this isn't required, as they already have plenty of signage. These lights shine into her bedroom and they haven't received any planning notification from Bucks.

5)

Buckinghamshire Councillors

Mudds Bank – The enforcement agents have managed to clear the majority of illegal buildings from the site, and two days later a mobile caravan has appeared back on site, the officer has inspected and issued yet another notice for removal, this is in hand at with the enforcement team. The pond at Park Lane meets the criteria for some funding from the NWCB and this is being moved forward as an environmental project. An issue was raised with regards to a footpath on the way to M40, this is owned by Highways England and we have requested for this to be cut back from a security aspect. We have asked for Cllr Carrington to pursue this. Cllr O Hayday raised an issued with graffiti near Stokenchurch Dog Rescue, a parishioner attending the meeting offered to remove this for us.

6) **Finance**

- a) Bills Payable - Council Approved, Cllr Jennings and Preece abstained.
- b) Monthly Accounts – Council Approved
- c) Any Finance Updates – CCLA, we have received interest for the month of £192.38. There is a Finance committee meeting group to discuss budget on Wednesday 25th October at 7pm at Longburrow. The insurance renewal from the broker

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Chairman of the club to give a brief update on how the club is doing. They have spent a lot of money updating the building and facilities within the club, including new flooring in the toilets and bar area, new ice machine and maintenance throughout the building. Currently have 250 + paying members. 20% of members are In three times a week. The past 6-8 months have been a struggle but things are getting better now. Next big project is to paint the whole outside of the club. A new child's play area has been put in. Cllr Nuthall mentioned that the lease is due for renewal in March 2024, a meeting needs to be held to discuss potentially making some amendments to the lease, so the club should hold fire to making any changes until amendments have been discussed, so until this time the terms and conditions of the existing lease are to be adhered to until further notice. An inspection of the premises will be arranged prior to the lease renewal.

8) **The Kings Hotel**

Cllr Nuthall requested that Cllr Carington chase building control up to enable SPC to open additional parking up at the Kings Hotel.

9) **Cemetery**

The bench that has been approved in the last Parish Council meeting has been ordered and will be fitted within the next two weeks. M Sole that carries out the garden maintenance at The Kings Hotel has been approached by the Clerk to do a trial run of the Cemetery so both parties know what is involved.

10) **Longburrow Hall roof quotations**

A template was sent out to three shortlisted companies, a company has submitted a quotation to complete the two leaking box gutters, re-tiling the gable end of the roof, replace missing tiles around the main building roof. Council voted and approved for R C Caine to



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12) **Longburrow Hall Terms and Conditions**

Defer until next month as Cllr Burnham is absent from meeting.

13) **Grass cutting contract/ weed killing**

CF Agriculture had tendered for the three year grass cutting contract to commence March 2024, council voted unanimously that he should be awarded the contract and requested for it to be minuted that Charlie has done an amazing job around the village, and we thank him for him for this. Weed killing will be carried out alongside the next grass cut in October. CF Agriculture have quoted £200 which the Clerk has already authorised. The Hedge at the cemetery, backing onto Longburrow Hall will be cut in the coming weeks.

14) **Staffing updates/ vacancies**

John Harding has left our employment. As a result we now have two live vacancies until Wednesday 11th October 2023 the first is for a Assistant Clerk for 16 hours a week and the second is for a live in caretaker at Longburrow Hall. We would like to thank John Harding for his contribution to the Parish Council over the years as a councillor and an employee and thank him for his hard work and recognise his efforts over the years.

15) **Gigaclear Full Fibre**

Councillors were concerned regarding the digging and disruption of the village for the sake of 19 houses. There was a concern that the number of cabinet boxes that would appear on Rose Corner. Council didn't believe the amount of money the company are offering isn't sufficient. Council have asked for the company to come in, and



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warden duties to be covered (Flags, Gate opening etc)

We have a gentleman opening up the gates and building at 7:30am Monday – Sunday. Cllr Preece has volunteered to change the flags. Cllr Jenkinson has offered to empty all the bins at Longburrow Hall.

17) SGCC

Cllr Thomas attended a meeting at Studley Green on the 11th September, SGCC would like to install two new EV Charging points, and request permission to do so. The Cllr Nuthall and the Clerk shall liaise with Sue Wilkins with this. Wiring fencing has been damaged alongside the building, it has been requested that the height of this be increased, when people come to play football and is hitting the building. Cllr Preece noted that if higher fence would be required then planning permission would have be applied for as it is in AONB. A new EPC certificate has been requested. The Clerk to chase field In trust to see who has registered the playing fields.

18) Community litter pick

Defer until next month as Cllr Burnham is absent from meeting

19) Community Speed Watch update

Defer until next month as Cllr Burnham is absent from meeting

20) Planning

- a. **23/07169/CTREE – Application for:** Remove 1 x Ash (T3) and reduce overhanging branches by 3-4 metres x 1 Ash (T5) Ivy Lodge, Cricket Ground, Stokenchurch, Bucks, HP14 3TY – Mr

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wycombe house, Horsley Green, Bucks – Audley Group - Objection. This signage is 8 foot tall by 3 foot wide made in stainless steel with translucent purple acrylic and lit up with 30 triple LED lights. This is not in keeping with the rural hamlet location which is in Green belt and AONB.

An abomination

- c. **23/07232/ADV – Application for:** Display of new fascia with illuminated lettering with trough light and vinyl graphics to windows/doors – Convenience Stores and Post Office, London House, Oxford Road, Stokenchurch, Bucks, HP14 3SX – Mr Khaneja – No Objection
- d. **23/07245/FUL – Application for:** Erection of additional kennels – Greendale Farm Kennels, Bigmore Lane, Horsley Green, Bucks, HP14 3UP – Greendale Farm Kennels and Cattery -No Objection
- e. **23/07231/FUL – Application for:** Change of use from office (part) to convenience store and associated external alterations - Convenience Stores and Post Office, London House, Oxford Road, Stokenchurch, Bucks, HP14 3SX – Mr Khaneja – No Objection

- 21) Any other business (report only)
 Cllr Preece noted that a street light is down in George Road, due to a parent speeding and knocking the street light down. This is currently with the insurers and is being dealt with. Cllr Preece has offered to check the street lights around the village.
 Cllr Baker requested a go slow sign down Park Lane as is



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Meeting Closed at 9:15pm