

**AUTUMN 2016**

**STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **SPEEDING TRAFFIC**

Particular attention has been paid this year by the Parish Council to reduce the numbers of speeding vehicles throughout the parish by the purchase of the Motor Vehicle Activated Sign [MVAS]; in supplying 30mph stickers to householders to be attached to wheelie bins and reducing the speed limit along Risborough and Lower Roads, with additional 30mph roadside signs as well as roundels on the roads. We are grateful to those who are displaying 30mph stickers on their bins. These A4 reminders do make a difference on those roads when they are out for collection. If you do not have 30mph stickers for your bins and would like a supply please contact our Clerk.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> July 'Educational Speed Checks' took place by Transport for Bucks in partnership with Thames Valley Police on the A4010 Risborough Road due to the new speed limit from 40mph to 30mph. During two hours of the early morning rush hours, 35 vehicles were stopped for being in excess of the speed limit as they travelled through Stoke Mandeville Village towards Wycombe. This included cars, vans, lorries, motorcycles and a coach. Offenders were reminded of the new speed limit, postcodes were recorded and it was evident that **90% of drivers who were stopped for speeding lived locally**. No tickets were issued on this occasion by Thames Valley Police who will be enforcing the speed limit in the future. In parallel the traffic report from our own MVAS along the same stretch of road from the Wycombe area between 24<sup>th</sup> May and 28<sup>th</sup> June recorded the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed at 41.7mph on 233,755 counts with a maximum speed of 95mph on 30.5.16 at 1am. The average speed during this period of one month was 36mph.

### **JUNE PARISH EVENT**

After a spell of lovely weather and hard work by many we were disappointed to wake up to a deluge of rain on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June, our day of celebration for the Queen's Ninetieth Birthday. However, there were some dry and bright spells throughout the day. A great atmosphere existed with continuous music provided by Ellesborough Silver Band and the "Vibes" [it is hoped to organise a "Vibes" evening at the Centre at a future date - so look out your dancing shoes!]. The event was sponsored by a grant from the Stoke Mandeville & Other Parishes Charity which allowed it to go ahead without admission fees or cost. A number of craft and fundraising stalls for local organisations sold a variety of goods; Animal Antiks from Risborough Road brought along Alpacas, goats, sheep and ponies which were very much enjoyed by all and a delight to children; ferret racing was of interest to everyone as also were the number of classic cars on display by the tennis courts. Although we had to cancel the five-a-side football, the substitute 'Beat the Goalie' competition proved to be most popular. The dog show attracted an amazing number of entries and was capably run by Paul Tommey from Mossenwood Kennels with free 'doggy' gifts provided by the Metro Bank. Hearing Dogs for Deaf People brought along their Puppy Mobile with a number of puppies going through the "socialising" phase of their training. . This Charity is based at Wycombe Road, Saunderton and further details can be found at [www.hearingdogs.org.uk](http://www.hearingdogs.org.uk) including opportunities for volunteers. We are grateful to those who helped with the organisation of the event and also the volunteers who helped on the day. From the number of congratulatory emails received it turned out to be a successful and enjoyable occasion.

### **VALE OF AYLESBURY PLAN**

The draft plan from AVDC for future housing and economic growth in Aylesbury Vale was launched on 5<sup>th</sup> July for public consultation. The 33,300 homes to be built in the next seventeen years are focused on land around the southern boundary of Aylesbury town as well as new settlements in Haddenham

or Winslow. The District may also have to take populations from adjoining Districts where there is insufficient land to meet their housing needs due primarily to the constraints of the Green Belt and the ANOB. Aylesbury Vale itself needs 21,300 houses and 22 hectares of employment land but has no such constraints. Therefore, it possibly will have to provide an additional 12,000 houses for people from Milton Keynes, Wycombe, Chiltern and South Bucks bringing the total number of houses to be provided in the Vale to 33,300. Insofar as Stoke Mandeville is concerned land around the southern boundary of Aylesbury, Hawkslade and also along the Wendover Road, Risborough Road, Lower Road and Marsh Lane is marked as being partially suitable for development which would amount to a further 2000 homes as there is insufficient capacity in Aylesbury to meet those needs. Seemingly the protection of villages by avoiding coalescence no longer exists. Comments on the Draft Vale of Aylesbury Plan are required to be received by Aylesbury Vale District Council by 5<sup>th</sup> September either by e mail [Localplanconsulot@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk](mailto:Localplanconsulot@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk) or by post or hand delivery, to Forward Plans, AVDC The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury HP19 8FF. Further information can be found at [www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/localplan).

Please keep in touch via our website [www.stokemandevilleparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.stokemandevilleparishcouncil.org.uk). The Parish Council is to hold a Public Meeting in the Community Centre about the Vale of Aylesbury Plan on 16<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm but it is unlikely that you will receive news item in time. However leaflets will be delivered by Councillors to residents in affected areas and posters and web publicity will be distributed.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

It is pleasing to report that three more people from the community of Stoke Mandeville have joined the Steering Group working towards producing a Neighbourhood Plan. We are at a stage whereby we are engaging with local groups and organisations to ascertain their views about the future growth of Stoke Mandeville and many visited the stand at the Celebration Event on 12<sup>th</sup> June. We are also discussing the formation of policies from the ideas and comments received at these consultation events in order to prepare a questionnaire to be circulated to all householders leading to the Referendum. In the meantime developers can and will continue to submit plans for development and we have learned within the last few days that both applications for the development of up to 199 houses on a site near BCC Sports Field Lower Road and also for 117 dwellings opposite the Bell PH and beyond have been approved by Aylesbury Vale District Council. The site for the 117 dwellings was not identified in the Vale of Aylesbury Plan for development but to our great disappointment was approved. The Parish Council was represented at the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> July when these applications were considered and given five minutes to speak to our objections to both applications. However, despite growing cynicism towards the Neighbourhood Planning process, the Parish Council will continue to work very hard to find the best way forward for the future of Stoke Mandeville.

### **HS2**

We are now in the sixth year of involvement with HS2. Having been through the process of Petitioning to the House of Commons Select Committee we are now taking on the House of Lords and a group of five from the PC and SMAG will be appearing before the Committee during late September/October. No recognisable improvement emerged as a result of the Petition to the House of Commons and we are hoping for a better outcome at the House of Lords. Our issues on which we will be presenting are

- a) Extending the cutting at Hawkslade northwards and visual mitigation
- b) Sound mitigation and raising the heights of sound barriers in the village
- c) Maintenance Loop, Risborough Road – mitigation on noise from points
- d) Re alignment of bypass Lower Road
- e) Opposition to the Chiltern Tunnel which brings the portal nearer to the village
- f) Compensation wanted for tenant businesses
- g) Action Plan and undertakings from HS2 Ltd on removal of burials from old church site
- h) Transport impacts and rail

## **LINK ROAD BETWEEN A413 WENDOVER ROAD AND B4443 LOWER ROAD**

The Parish Council heard at its July meeting that Bucks County Council is to seek compulsory powers to acquire land for a road between the B4443 Lower Road and the A413 Wendover Road for a new road to meet the proposed A.4010 bypass should it not be possible to purchase the land by any other means. HS2 Ltd are to fund the bridge crossing the Chiltern Line.

## **HEDGES**

We are receiving reports of overgrown hedges, bushes and trees hanging over pavements and the roadsides due to the recent wet spring. Hedges along roads and pavements are the responsibility of the landowner on the property they border and to save us having to send you a reminder we would be grateful if you could check that your trees and bushes are not encroaching on public areas. If they are please trim back so that those passing do not have to step into the road and they do not block visibility for vehicle drivers

## **ALLOTMENTS**

This is the best time for allotment holders when all the hard work pays off with the daily harvesting of supplies of fresh vegetables and soft fruits from their allotments. Plots are now available for cultivation so please contact the Clerk on 613888 or [smparishcouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:smparishcouncil@btconnect.com) for further details. Get digging for next year!

## **OUTDOOR GYM**

Nine pieces of outdoor gym exercise equipment are to be installed at the Playing field during the first two weeks of September aimed at adults and older teenagers, including those with a disability. A new footpath is planned to link this new facility with the table tennis, skate park, basketball and tennis courts where there is to be a new entrance. Funding for the gym equipment has been provided by AVDC and Aylesbury Vale Housing Trust's Community Chest to whom we are most grateful. Funding for the link footpath is still being sought.

## **E NEWSHEET**

The Parish Magazine is kindly provided and funded by the Stoke Mandeville & Other Parishes Charity on a quarterly basis. However, occasionally we wish to contact residents sooner than this at times when we have more urgent business such in the case of the Vale of Aylesbury Plan. The activities of the Parish Council are proceeding at a faster pace and our aim is to reach out and keep you involved. One way of doing this is to have an e-newsheet which could be distributed by email. This would not make any difference to the Parish Magazine you now receive. Is this something which you would welcome, say on a monthly basis. If so please drop a line to our Clerk on [smparishcouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:smparishcouncil@btconnect.com) so that we can register your e mail details.

## **PLANNING**

The following Planning Applications were determined by AVDC as the local planning authority:

- Single storey rear extension 19 Bradenham Walk – Certificate Issued
- First floor side extension and garage conversion 18 Kingsland Road, Aylesbury
- APPROVED
- Single storey side extension 48 Station Road, Stoke Mandeville – APPROVED
- External lift enclosure and formation of front parking space 267 Wendover Road
- APPROVED
- Change of use of part of site to car wash facility Fountain Business Centre 115 Lower Road - REFUSED
- First floor front/side extension 14 Evans Close, Aylesbury – APPROVED

- Two storey side and single storey front and rear extension 1 Lowbrook Close Aylesbury APPROVED
- Single storey side link extension and conversion of car port into living accommodation Swallow Cottage, 11 Swallow Lane – APPROVED and Listed Building consent

#### **WENDOVER POLICE STATION**

Thames Valley Police which covers Stoke Mandeville Village has opened the new Neighbourhood Engagement Point at Wendover Library. The Point is open in the library on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 10am – 12pm and is staffed by volunteers alongside Police Officers and PCSOs when duties allow. The service provides access to information such as crime prevention advice and will be reviewed after an initial 6 month period.

#### **TRANSPORT FOR BUCKS ON FACEBOOK**

Transport for Bucks which deals with highways matters of BCC is now using Facebook on which you can stay up to date with transport news by liking Transport for Buckinghamshire on Facebook or following @TFBalerts on Twitter. Please remember to use the website to report road defects, from pot holes to broken streetlights, to TfB at [www.buckscc.gov.uk/transport/tell-tfb/](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/transport/tell-tfb/). If you cannot find the solution you are looking for online then send a message on Twitter, @Tfbalerts, or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/transportforbucks](http://www.facebook.com/transportforbucks). In an emergency please call their contact centre on 01296 383416 or 01296 486630 [out of hours]. In case you do not have use of the internet for all enquiries re transport for Bucks or highways matters ring 0845 2302882 or 012966 382416.

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