

STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held at the Community Centre,
Eskdale Road, Stoke Mandeville on Tuesday 22nd January 2013**

PRESENT: Cllrs: Duncan, Hunt, Starr and Wood
Mr J Reed (co opted) and Mr R Jones (co opted)
Clerk: Mrs S Copley

E12/44	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr Kennedy (work commitment).	
E12/45	CHAIRMAN In Cllr Kennedy's absence, Cllr Wood was unanimously appointed as Chairman for the meeting.	
E12/46	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST NOT REGISTERED Mr Jones declared that he is an allotment tenant.	
E12/47	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the meeting held on 6 th November were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
E12/48	CAR PARKING IN THE VILLAGE The Clerk provided a list of actions which the Council had agreed at its last meeting and committee members agreed to undertake these during the next month (see table at end of minutes).	
E12/49	HS2 Cllr Hunt reported on a proposal from Chiltern Ridges Action Group (CRAG) to extend the bored tunnel through the Chilterns beyond Nash Lee Road. CRAG were seeking support from the Council for this project and a meeting was due to take place on 25 th January between Parish Councillors, SMAG and the proposers' agents. An initial view from the Committee was requested. The committee discussed the proposals at some length when concerns were expressed at the potential impact as the train emerged from the tunnel which would be a disbenefit to the village population.. The issue would be further discussed at the meeting of the Council on 12 th February.	
E12/50	ROADS AND PAVEMENTS The Clerk reported that the Milestone Society had requested a photograph of the repainted milestones for their database. It was agreed to send this.	Clerk
E12/51	STREET FURNITURE – NOTICE BOARDS The Clerk reported that the Headmaster of the Combined School had emailed to advise that he would be ordering the new notice board for the school and would invoice the Council for fifty per cent of the cost in due course as agreed. The Clerk further reported that the notice board on Wendover Road is letting in water and notices are quickly becoming damaged, the back board is also water damaged. The Clerk was asked to seek advice on repairs and report back.	Clerk
E12/52	STREET FURNITURE – STREET LIGHTS Cllr Starr reported two faulty lights on Risborough Road which the Clerk would arrange to	

	be repaired.	Clerk
E12/53	<p>TREES</p> <p>a) In view of a recent report of a death caused by a fallen branch in another parish, it was AGREED to recommend that the Council undertake a survey of trees in the Parish in order to identify those that are the responsibility of the Council. This would enable the Council to implement an inspection routine to ensure the trees are in good condition.</p> <p>b) The Council had recently been given an Oak tree to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee which had been planted at Eskdale Road playing field. Cllr Hunt suggested that the Council obtain a plaque for this tree, the oak donated by Much Wenlock to celebrate the 2012 Olympics and the tree on Risborough Road planted to commemorate the millennium. The Clerk would investigate the options and report back.</p>	Clerk
E12/54	<p>FOOTPATHS</p> <p>Cllr Duncan reported that the stile leading to the field from Stoke Mandeville hospital had been repaired. Rubbish had been dumped on the footpath and this had been cleared upon reporting it to Bucks CC Rights of Way team, although it was starting to accumulate again.</p>	
E12/55	<p>SWALLOW LANE BURIAL GROUND</p> <p>Applications relating to burial ground:</p> <p>a) A written request had been received for a memorial stone to be placed in the burial ground. This was AGREED.</p> <p>b) A lady who had recently moved into the village had requested her late husband's ashes were interred at the burial ground, the deceased had not lived in the village. As the Parish Council had no specific area set aside for the burial of ashes, it was AGREED to refer the enquirer to St Mary's Parish Church to see if they were now accepting burials of ashes.</p> <p>c) An application for an additional inscription to be added to a headstone was approved.</p> <p>Condition of burial ground</p> <p>It was recognised that the burial ground was in need to maintenance due to over grown hedges and brambles. Cllr Starr and Mr Jones agreed to inspect the burial ground and establish what work is needed. The Clerk and Cllr Hunt had during the summer catalogued named graves and plots.</p> <p>Future provision of burial ground</p> <p>Cllr Hunt had previously reported from previous Minutes of the Council that several years earlier the Council had investigated possible sites for a new burial ground and had concluded that such action was not required as the Aylesbury Cemetery was available for burials. It had since been ascertained that this was not the case and there was no responsibility on Aylesbury Town Council to accept burials for Stoke Mandeville residents. It was therefore agreed that Stoke Mandeville PC should consider options for future provision within the parish. A working group had been established for this by the Parish Council consisting of Cllrs Hunt, Butler and Wood.</p>	DS/RJ
E12/56	<p>ALLOTMENTS</p> <p>The wet weather has caused the allotment access from Lower Road to become very muddy. It was agreed to write to allotment holders stating that cars should not be parked in front of the allotment access until further notice and car users should park in the school layby.</p>	Clerk

Signed: _____

Date: 19th March 2013

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 22ND JANUARY 2013

CAR PARKING IN THE VILLAGE ACTION LIST

ACTION IDENTIFIED BY PC	WHO	WHEN	UPDATE/COMMENTS
Survey number of empty spaces in the station car park on week days and contact Chiltern Rail to see if there was any possibility of reducing car parking charges.	JH – Monday PW – Tuesday JR - Wednesday-	By next PC meeting (12 th February)	
Establish extent of the problem in these areas by regular visits in order to collect evidence	DS – Arnold Cl JH – Hampden Rd	By next PC meeting (12 th February)	
Approach Chiltern Rail as to the possibility or displaying a joint notice board with the Parish Council to deter commuters from parking on residential roads	MD / Clerk	Jan 2013	
Arrange a meeting with Bucks CC as the local highway authority, Bill Chapple local County Councillor, Chiltern Rail and residents. to discuss parking issues	Clerk		
Display signs in affected areas reminding drivers to give consideration to residents if parking their cars on the roadside.	Clerk	Jan 2013	Notices put in notice boards around the village and at the station
Parking in the village would be discussed at the Wendover LAF on 10 th January because the village came within the Wendover Police area, Cllr Hunt would attend.	Cllr Hunt	10 th January	
Chairman to speak to next meeting of the Greater Aylesbury Local Area Forum on which she represented the Council to request a review of roadside car parking in the village be addressed	Cllr Hunt	18 th March	