

**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 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: D Kennedy, J Hunt, M Rogers and D Starr  
Mr J Reed and Mr R Jones (co opted)

**CLERK:** Sarah Copley

<b>E14/14</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Apologies were accepted from Cllr Wood.	
<b>E14/15</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> Mr Jones declared that he is an allotment tenant.	
<b>E1416</b>	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> The Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2014, previously circulated, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.	
<b>E14/17</b>	<b>STREET LIGHTS</b> a) Mr Jones advised that he had done some research on the provision of LED streetlights on which there was no consensus of opinion. Cllrs Starr and Wood had not yet been to look at LED lights which have been installed in Aylesbury. The benefit of LED street lights in the longer term was recognised and it was agreed that further work be done before making any recommendation to Council. The Clerk was asked to formally seek information from BCC as to whether the Parish Council could take advantage of that scheme for installation and costs. b) The upgrade of the older street light stock was discussed and the clerk was asked to obtain clear costings for the supply and ongoing maintenance of both LEDs and alternative lighting in order for the Council to make an informed decision on the type of lights to purchase. c) The Clerk had obtained quotes from Sharps Electrical and Aylesbury Mains for electrical testing of the street lights. After discussion, it was <b>AGREED to recommend</b> to the Council to accept the quotation from Aylesbury Mains to test, inspect and clean all streetlights belonging to the Council at a cost of £4,855.20. It was further <b>AGREED</b> to review future maintenance of the streetlights in order to ensure the council is achieving value for money. d) No other issues were raised regarding street lighting.	
<b>E14/18</b>	<b>MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (MVAS)</b> For the benefit of those who had not been at the previous Council meeting, Cllrs Starr and Hunt explained the background to the funding being given to provide Stoke Mandeville and Weston Turville Parish Councils with a MVAS. It was noted that the contribution towards Stoke Mandeville Parish had been granted by County Councillors Chris Adams from his Community Leaders monies and that for Weston Turville from the Wendover Local Area Forum. Issues needed to be resolved before the meeting took place with Weston Turville Parish Council on 17 <sup>th</sup> April to be attended by the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk. It was <b>Agreed</b> that anchor points should be located in Risborough Road, Lower Road and Wendover Road.	
<b>E14/19</b>	<b>FLOODING</b> The information regarding responsibility of land owners towards ditches on their land was noted. It was <b>AGREED</b> to forward a copy of the letter to the landowners in the parish and	Clerk /

	display the attached poster to the Notice Boards	JH
<b>E14/20</b>	<p><b>BENCHES</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that Mr Haines was cleaning and staining benches which were in need of treatment.</p> <p>The details of the benches to be purchased and proposed locations on Hawkslade had been sent to Aylesbury Vale District Council for approval. The Clerk and Cllrs Wood and Hunt had visited the site, spoken with residents with regard to siting which was agreed. Further details were awaited from AVDC before the order could be placed.</p>	
<b>E14/21</b>	<p><b>LITTER / DOG BINS</b></p> <p>Cllr Starr reported that in another parish he had seen roadside signs saying "Do not throw litter on verges" and suggested similar signs might help reduce roadside littering. The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote from SignWizzard.</p>	Clerk
<b>E14/22</b>	<p><b>NOTICE BOARDS</b></p> <p>The new notice board would be installed at Dalesford Road on Thursday.</p> <p>It was <b>AGREED</b> to recommend to the Council that the notice board at Kynaston Avenue be replaced as it was in poor condition, having deteriorated over the wet winter.</p>	
<b>E14/23</b>	<p><b>BUS SHELTERS</b></p> <p>Attention was drawn to the wooden bus shelter on Wendover Road which was in need of maintenance as parts of the wooden structure were starting to rot. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for the maintenance and also for a replacement shelter in order for the Council to decide on the appropriate course of action.</p> <p>Cllr Hunt reported that there was a bus stop on Lower Road on the bend in the road by Hall End Farm, for which there was no hard standing. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries with Transport for Bucks regarding improvements to this bus stop.</p>	Clerk  Clerk
<b>E14/24</b>	<p><b>FOOTPATHS</b></p> <p>Further details of the Parish Clearance Scheme for Parish Paths had been provided by BCC, including the Legal Agreement which would need to be signed. The Clerk would meet with Mr Haines to ensure that, as our contractor, he would be able to meet the conditions of the Agreement, and would report back to the Council in order for the decision to be made whether or not to enter into the agreement for 2014-15.</p>	Clerk
<b>E14/25</b>	<p><b>ROADS</b></p> <p>Details of Bucks County Council's Road Treatment Programme for 2014/15 had been circulated. Cllr Hunt had written to County Councillors for the Parish to ascertain which roads in Stoke Mandeville were included.</p>	
<b>E14/26</b>	<p><b>BURIAL GROUND, SWALLOW LANE</b></p> <p>There were not matters raised under this item.</p>	
<b>E14/27</b>	<p><b>ALLOTMENTS</b></p> <p>a) The Clerk confirmed that plot 4 would be rotovated the following day and would then be available to act as a growing area for the bush saplings provided by the Woodland Trust in 2012 to be transferred for growing on.</p> <p>b) Plot 32B remained uncultivated despite reminders to the tenant. The Clerk was asked to send an eviction letter to the tenant.</p> <p>c) The tenant of plot 32A had written to advise they wished to give up the plot in order to share with another tenant. The Clerk would arrange for the plot to be re-let and a new agreement drawn up for the shared plot.</p>	Clerk  Clerk
<b>E14/28</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The Environment Committee would next meet on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014.</p>	

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014