

**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 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: M Rogers (Chair), J Hunt, S Pluckwell, D Starr, P Wood  
Mr J Reed (co opted)

**CLERK:** Sarah Copley

County Cllr Brian Roberts and two members of the public attended until the end of item E15/57.

<b>E15/54</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Apologies were received from Cllr Garrett.	
<b>E15/55</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> There were no declarations of interest.	
<b>E15/56</b>	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2015, previously circulated, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. The actions from the previous meeting were noted.	
<b>E15/57</b>	<b>EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER FOR STOKE LEYS</b> It was unanimously agreed to suspend Standing orders in order for Cllr Roberts to update the Committee on the ETRO for Stoke Leys and to allow members of the public to ask questions. Bucks CC had received feedback from local residents and were drawing up a formal consultation on changes to the locations of the double and single yellow lines. The consultation was due to be launched the following week and would run for three weeks. The Parish Council would be consulted. Hospital staff were still parking on residential streets despite the new car park being open. Security measures were being put in place in the car park following a spate of break ins. Residents said one of the biggest issues was that taxis park on the double yellow lines waiting for customers. This had been reported to AVDC licencing who were taking up with the taxi companies. Cllr Roberts offered to come to future meetings if wished. He would also contact ASDA to see if they were able to assist by providing a place for taxis to wait, Cllr Rogers offered to be involved with this discussion. The meeting was reconvened to continue with the agenda.	
<b>E15/58</b>	<b>CONSERVATION AREA FOR STOKE MANDEVILLE VILLAGE</b> Cllr Hunt had been asked by a resident who asked if the Council had considered getting parts of the village designated as a conservation area. After discussion it was agreed to recommend that the Planning Committee be asked to investigate the benefits and constraints of a conservation area and the process to apply.	
<b>E15/59</b>	<b>STREET LIGHTS</b> a) Sparkx had now finished installing the 10 new columns to replace those that were found to be unsafe. Three columns had required UKPN to reconnect the power to them as the existing cables were not long enough for the new columns, there would be an additional charge for this of £800 per light. b) LED upgrade – the working group would meet on 4 <sup>th</sup> November to progress the project to upgrade street lights to LEDs.	
<b>E15/60</b>	<b>DEVOLVED SERVICES</b> The Clerk updated the Committee on the calls received from parishioners relating to devolved services. There had been one call about weeds in Enborne Close and one about	

	<p>the grass being cut on the day the bins are emptied. Aylesbury TC were aware of the weeds and would attend to these when next in that area. Councillors noted the complaint about grass cutting taking place but accepted that due to scheduling this would inevitably happen on occasion. Aylesbury TC operators had been asked to move bins before cutting verges and replace them after.</p>	
<b>E15/61</b>	<p><b>ALLOTMENTS</b></p> <p>The leaking water trough had been repaired by Aylesbury Town Council.</p> <p>All tenants had been issued their new tenancy agreement which would come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016.</p> <p>There were currently some vacant plots which were being offered to those on the waiting list and any remaining plots advertised later in the year.</p>	
<b>E15/62</b>	<p><b>STREET FURNITURE</b></p> <p>a) Cllr Wood reported that the benches on Hawkslade were in need of varnishing, the Clerk would ask Roger Haines to do this.</p> <p>b) The roof of the bus shelter on Wendover Road had been re-felted that day.</p> <p>c) <b>Bus Shelter, Hawkslade</b> – AVDC had confirmed that New Homes Bonus funding could not be used for this purpose. Cllr Rogers had suggested applying to the LAF for funding for a bus shelter for Hawkslade and by the nursing home on Risborough Road at the Council meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>d) <b>Bus Stop Risborough Road.</b> The moss had been removed from the roof of the shelter opposite the Bull PH.</p>	
<b>E15/63</b>	<p><b>HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS</b></p> <p>a) <b>Speeding and Road Safety</b></p> <p>Correspondence had been received from a resident who was concerned about speeding traffic in Station Road. It was agreed that the MVAS would be sited in Station Road in order to collect data to establish the extent of the speeding issue.</p> <p>Another resident had contacted the council with concerns about road safety in Risborough Road following the installation of the new roundabout at the junction of Station Road, Risborough Road and Lower Road. He commented that traffic is moving a lot faster now that the roundabout was no longer raised which made it difficult for cars turning right from side roads. The Clerk was asked to make the resident aware of the application to reduce the speed limit along Lower Road and Risborough Road which should help ease this problem.</p> <p>Sue Brown at Transport for Bucks had advised that it was anticipated the revised speed limit would be signed off and implementation scheduled by the end of October.</p> <p>b) <b>MVAS</b></p> <p>A rota had been drawn up and circulated to the volunteers. MR would provide further training for those who wanted a refresher when the MVAS was moved on 5<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p>The data would be shared with the school to use for a combined maths and road safety exercise. The Committee agreed to recommend that the Parish Council fund a prize for a road safety poster competition.</p> <p>c) <b>Inspection of roads and footpaths</b></p> <p>County Councillors Chris Adams and Brian Adams had offered to inspect roads and pathways in their wards with Parish Councillors. Cllrs Starr and Hunt would contact them to arrange dates. Cllr Rogers would contact County Cllr Roberts to see if he would be willing to do the same exercise in Stoke Leys and Stoke Grange.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>DS / JH / MR</p>
<b>E15/64</b>	<p><b>BURIAL GROUND</b></p> <p>Cllr Hunt reported on investigations to establish the future requirements for burial provision. Over the last four years there had been 7 new plots used and there were 13-17 plots available in the current burial ground. There was a large mound of earth that would</p>	

	need clearing to maximise the space available. A meeting of the working group would be convened in order to consider potential sites for a new burial ground.	
<b>E15/65</b>	<p><b>TREES</b></p> <p>a) A meeting had been arranged for 6<sup>th</sup> October to identify and catalogue the Council's trees.</p> <p>b) A neighbouring resident had written to the Council requesting that a large ash tree in the border between the playing field and his garden was reduced in size. The tree had been crown lifted earlier in the year. The Clerk was asked to advise the resident of this and to let them know that it would be inspected during the visit the following week.</p>	Clerk
<b>E15/66</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER ISSUES (FOR INFORMATION)</b></p> <p>MR stated that at the recent meeting of the Planning Committee discussion had taken place with the Officer of AVDC concerning the S106 agreement for the housing development to take place at Oat Close which would be reported to the next meeting of the PC.</p>	
<b>E15/67</b>	<p><b>2016 MEETING DATES</b></p> <p>The meeting dates for 2016 were agreed as 26<sup>th</sup> January, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 27<sup>th</sup> September and 22<sup>nd</sup> November.</p>	
<b>E15/68</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The Environment Committee would next meet on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.30pm.</p>	

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

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016