

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 1st October 2013**

PRESENT: Cllrs: Hunt, Starr and Wood
Mr J Reed (co opted) and Mr R Jones (co opted)

E13/32	CHAIRMAN In the absence of Cllr Kennedy, Cllr Wood was unanimously elected to chair the meeting.	
E13/33	APOLOGIES Apologies were accepted from Cllr M Duncan, Cllr Kennedy was absent.	
E13/34	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST NOT REGISTERED Mr Jones declared that he was an allotment holder.	
E13/35	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 rd July 2013, previously circulated, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. E13/21 Cllr Hunt advised that queues of traffic in Station Road were due to delivery vehicles parking on the road outside the shop. The situation would be monitored.	
E13/36	CAR PARKING a) Stoke Mandeville Village Cllr Hunt reported that a meeting was to be arranged between Chiltern Rail, Village Ward parish councillors, District Councillor Carole Paternoster [SM Village Ward] and a representative from Buckinghamshire County Council. Potential dates had been sent to Chiltern Rail and a response was awaited. Mr Jones reported that a car is regularly parked on the junction of Swallow Lane and Irvine Drive which is causing problems for local residents. The matter had been drawn to the attention of the Police and the driver advised not to park on the junction but the car is still being parked there regularly. Mr Jones would provide details of the vehicle and the Clerk would take up with Wendover Police. b) Stoke Leys Cllr Hunt reported that a meeting was to be arranged between parish council, district council, county council and residents to discuss concerns about the proposed scheme to put in parking restrictions.	RJ/Clerk
E13/37	HALTON TRAINING FLIGHTS OVER STOKE MANDEVILLE A resident of Brudenell Drive had written to the Parish Council regarding an increase in the number of flights by light aircraft flying from Halton across fields at the rear of Brudenell Drive. The resident was recording the frequency and days of the flight but had asked the Parish Council whether other residents had made any reports. To the recollection of councillors, the issue had not been reported to the Parish Council before. The Clerk was asked to write back to the resident to that effect and Cllr Hunt would raise at the Wendover LAF when a representative of the RAF would be present.	Clerk / JH
E13/38	STREET FURNITURE – AUDIT The results of the street furniture audit to date were noted, the audit of the village ward	JH/BE/

	<p>was still to take place.</p> <p>The Hawkslade review recommended that a bench located on Anton Way was revarnished. It was AGREED to get a quote for this work.</p>	DK
E13/39	<p>STREET FURNITURE – DOG BIN</p> <p>A resident of Orchard Close had contacted the Council to request that a dog bin near to their house was moved as their kitchen window overlooked this and they had problems with flies from the bin. The Committee was sympathetic to this request and the Clerk was asked to look at alternative locations in the area and to get a quote for the bin to be moved.</p>	Clerk
E13/40	<p>STREET FURNITURE – NOTICE BOARDS</p> <p>Cllr Wood and the Clerk had looked for alternative locations for a notice board on Stoke Grange. After discussion it was AGREED to recommend to the Council that a replacement board is purchased and installed at the same place on Dalesford Road. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain quotes for an oak board to be mounted on metal posts which would be cemented into the ground.</p>	Clerk
E13/41	<p>FOOTPATHS</p> <p>The report from the Ramblers Association was noted.</p> <p>Cllr Starr reported that the stile on footpath 9 had still not been repaired, the Clerk would contact the Rights of Way Team at Bucks CC.</p> <p>Cllr Wood reported that there was no identification of footpath 4 as the entire field had been ploughed and the footpath not reinstated. The Clerk would report to Rights of Way.</p> <p>A resident in Carters Ride had contacted the Council regarding vehicles being driven on the bridleway that exits on Carters Ride. The gate at the exit had become unsafe and had been removed by the landowner but not replaced. The Clerk had reported to Rights of Way who had inspected the site and reported back that the gap was not wide enough for them to install a bollard in as they have to keep a 3m gap for horse riders. Rights of Way will monitor the level of complaints. They also suggested that residents contact the police on 101 if motorbikes are seen on the bridleway.</p>	Clerk Clerk
E13/42	<p>BURIAL GROUND</p> <p>Cllr Starr and Mr Jones had inspected the burial ground and documented their recommendations for maintenance required, which was discussed. It was AGREED to get three quotes for the maintenance work required. Cllr Starr and the Clerk would draw up a specification for the work for contractors to tender for.</p>	DS/Clerk
E13/43	<p>ALLOTMENTS</p> <p>The Clerk reported that requests for rents had been sent out in September, most had now paid, there were 7 outstanding which the Clerk would issue reminders for.</p> <p>Three plots had been given up over the summer and these had been allocated to people on the waiting list. There are currently 5 people on the waiting list for a plot.</p> <p>A tenant had offered to cut back the brambles on the unused corner plot (4). The committee accepted this kind offer with thanks. The Clerk would contact the tenant.</p>	Clerk
E13/44	<p>BEST KEPT VILLAGE RESULTS</p> <p>Feedback had been received from the judges, the village had scored 89/100 and achieved a certificate of merit.</p> <p>Cllr Hunt reported that the flower bed needed replanting with bulbs and plants in readiness for spring flowering. It was agreed that Cllr Hunt would purchase bulbs up to £150 on behalf of the Council.</p>	

	Cllr Starr thanked Cllr Hunt on behalf of the committee for her hard work maintaining the flower bed which all agreed had looked particularly striking this summer.	
E13/45	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The date of the next meeting would be 19 th November 2013 at 7.30pm.	

Signed: _____

Date: 19th November 2013