

STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 26th March 2015
at 10.30am at the Community Centre, Eskdale Road, Stoke Mandeville**

PRESENT:

Cllrs: B Adams, A Clark, B Ezra, J Hunt (Chairman), M Rogers, S Pluckwell, D Starr and R Swinney

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15/53 APOLOGIES Apologies were accepted from Cllrs R Butler and P Wood.	
15/54 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION There were no declarations of interest. No requests for dispensation had been received.	
15/55 OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS There were no parishioners present.	
15/56 DEVOLVED SERVICES <p>The legal agreement from Bucks CC and subsequent legal advice obtained from NALC on the agreement were considered. The legal forum held for parishes and advice from NALC had highlighted a number of issues with the contract which BCC were proposing to resolve by issuing a variation to the agreement - this had not yet been received.</p> <p>BCC had confirmed that if the Council did not sign and return the agreement that day, then Stoke Mandeville would be included in the April work schedule for Transport for Bucks and money deducted from the funding for devolved services; if no work was carried out in April due to poor weather conditions then the funding would not be reduced. BCC also confirmed that should the agreement not be signed today, it must be signed by 17th April in order to begin devolved services from 1st May.</p> <p>A number of issues within the contract were highlighted by Councillors which were required to be amended or removed. This included a clause stating that no devolution activities were to be carried out on roads with a speed limit of 40mph or above. BCC had confirmed that this clause would be removed when the new agreement or variation was issued.</p> <p>After considerable discussion, Cllr Starr proposed that the Council did not sign the agreement in its current form but awaited the promised new agreement or the variation to the agreement from BCC which would be put to the full Council. This was seconded by Cllr Clark and unanimously AGREED.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to write to Bucks CC advising of the Council's decision and also to request an extension to the deadline of 17th April due to the Council's timetable and Easter break. It was felt that this timescale was too short to allow for a meeting of parishes with Bucks Law Plus and subsequent issue of a revised agreement for the Council to consider properly.</p> <p>Cllr Rogers suggested that a meeting of parishes who had yet to sign the agreement be convened and that representatives of Bucks CC be invited to attend.</p> <p>It was noted that the a draft SLA between Aylesbury Town Council and Stoke Mandeville Parish Council had been provided, but agreed the Council could not to take any action on this until the issues with the BCC had been resolved.</p>	Clerk

15/57	COMMUNITY CENTRE HEATING UPGRADE	Clerk
<p>Cllr Ezra advised that the work had been scheduled to start on 3rd August at a cost of £17,551.80 plus VAT.</p> <p>Cllr Starr updated Councillors on the expected financial position at year end for the Council.</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed to ask SMVCA to apply to other organisations for funding towards the cost of the upgrade before the Council made a final decision on the level of contribution. The Clerk would advise SMVCA Chairman of this decision.</p>		
15/58	MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SYSTEM (MVAS)	Clerk
<p>The GALAF were providing funding for four additional groundscrews in Stoke Mandeville parish for the MVAS at a cost of £768. A letter had been received from GALAF confirming this funding and requesting that the order is placed by the Parish Council, funding would be passed to the Parish Council on receipt of an invoice.</p> <p>It was unanimously AGREED to place the order for the ground screws, the Council would then pay the invoice when it was received and reclaim the money from the GALAF.</p>		

Signed _____

Date: 14th April 2015

Appendix 1 – Actions

	Action	By whom	Update/Complete
15/56	Write to BCC with Council's decision not to sign the agreement in its current form	Clerk	✓
15/57	Update SMVCA Chairman with Council's decision regarding contribution towards the upgrade to the heating	Clerk	✓
15/58	Place order for ground screws	Clerk	✓