

**STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Governance Committee held at the Community Centre,  
Eskdale Road, Stoke Mandeville on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**PRESENT:** Committee Members - Cllrs D Starr (Chairman), A Clark, S Watson, J Hunt  
Parish Councillors: R Butler, B Ezra, M Rogers, P Wood  
Clerk: Sarah Copley

<b>F14/28</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Adams, Swinney and Duncan.	
<b>F14/29</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> There were no declarations of interest.	
<b>F14/30</b>	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> The Minutes of the meeting on 28 <sup>th</sup> October were agreed and signed.	
<b>F14/31</b>	<b>PRECEPT 2015/16</b> The meeting discussed budgeting proposals for 2015/16. The deadline for the precept demand to be submitted to Aylesbury Vale District Council was 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2015. A draft budget for 2015-16 had been provided to Councillors. It was noted that in addition to this budget, the Council faced additional expenditure should devolved services be accepted. Quotations were being sought in order to determine the amount needed but until firm quotes were received it was agreed to add £9,500 to the precept demand to fund these costs. The Clerk was asked to source prices for a projector and colour photocopier in order to meet the Council's future needs, particularly in relation to planning applications and public meetings. The grant of £7,303 for SMVCA would be included in the budget with a recommendation that the Parish Council approve this for 2015/16. After discussion, it was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that the precept be increased by 2% to cover increased running costs and a further £9,500 increase to cover the additional costs of devolved services. The Clerk was asked to produce a revised budget based on discussions for the December meeting of the Parish Council. The level of reserves was discussed and Cllr Starr and the Clerk would consider the allocation of the non earmarked reserves for the next Parish Council meeting.	

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

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014