

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 26th November 2013**

PRESENT: Committee Members - Cllrs D Starr (Chairman), S Watson, J Hunt (ex officio)
Parish Councillors: B Adams, R Butler, B Ezra, P Wood
Clerk: Sarah Copley

F13/32	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllrs A Clark (unwell), M Duncan (business), D Kennedy (business), B Tyndall (business), M Palmer (business)	
F13/33	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.	
F13/34	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the meeting on 17 th October 2013 were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.	
F13/35	PRECEPT 2013-24 The meeting discussed budget proposals for 2014-15. The Clerk reported that AVDC had recalculated the tax base and grant due to the Parish Council following the changes to the Localised Council Tax Discount. For 2014-15, the tax base had increased to 2282.45 and the grant which may be paid to the Parish Council reduced to £502 (subject to AVDC full council approval). A draft budget for 2014-15 had been provided to Councillors. It was noted that in addition to this budget, the Council faced additional expenditure due to the need to replace 31 street lights and potential petitioning for HS2 mitigation. After discussion, it was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that in order to support the budget and make provision for replacing street lights and HS2 petitioning, a precept demand of £90,443 be submitted to AVDC for 2014-15. This would equate to a 1.5% increase per Band D equivalent household. The Clerk was asked to produce a revised budget based on discussions for the December meeting of the Parish Council. It was agreed that the subject of Councillor Allowances would be discussed at the December meeting.	Clerk
F13/36	WEBSITE A mock up of the home page for the new website had been circulated to all Councillors. The Clerk was asked to progress the revamp of the website based on that design.	Clerk
F13/39	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The meeting dates for 2014 would be 21 January, 22 April, 15 July, 7 October and 25 November.	

Signed: _____

Date: 21 January 2014

