

**Stoke Mandeville Parish Council**

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**Minutes of the meeting of the LEISURE COMMITTEE held in the Community Centre, Eskdale Road, Stoke Mandeville on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Cllr B Ezra (Chair), Cllr B Adams, Cllr J Hunt, Cllr D Starr, Cllr P Wood

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<b>L14/01</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Cllr Butler was absent.	
<b>L14/02</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> There were no declarations of interest made.	
<b>L14/03</b>	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2013 were unanimously agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
<b>L14/04</b>	<b>COMMUNITY CENTRE</b> a) The chimney at the Community Centre did not have a cap on it and birds were getting into the boiler room. J&A Stoves in Stoke Mandeville had quoted £120 to fit a cap. It was <b>AGREED</b> to accept this quote and get the cap fitted urgently. b) The new emergency door for the hall had been ordered and was expected to be installed in the second week of May. c) The refurbishment of the ladies toilets had been completed during the Easter school holidays and work on the gents toilets due to take place the first two weeks of the summer holidays. d) The date of the next joint meeting with SMVCA would be 5 <sup>th</sup> June, items for the agenda were discussed and the Clerk would liaise with SMVCA regarding the arrangements and agenda for the meeting. e) <b>Other Issues</b> – the glass in one of the windows in the Committee Room had blown. The Clerk was asked to get a quote to replace it.	Clerk          Clerk
<b>L14/05</b>	<b>PLAYGROUND</b> The Clerk reported that the seam near the end of the the aerial runway surface had come apart and that there was a dip in the ground to one side of the seam. The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote to repair this.	Clerk
<b>L14/06</b>	<b>QUEEN ELIZABETH II FIELD</b> a) The grass cutting contractors had sprayed weed killer around the fencing, benches and other fixtures on the field which had killed the grass. The contractor had apologised for this mistake and said that they would put down top soil and re-seed the areas. b) The field had been booked for a "Party in the Park" event on 6 <sup>th</sup> July. The organisers had requested that a joint inspection of the field is carried out before the event, Cllrs Ezra, Hunt and Wood agreed to do this on behalf of the Council. c) The Clerk reported that a hole/crater had appeared near the skate park. Cllr Hunt agreed to ask her husband to fill it in.	JH
<b>L14/07</b>	<b>TENNIS COURTS</b> There were no matters raised under this item. It was noted that the tennis courts were very popular and used often.	

L14/08	<p><b>ADULT EXERCISE EQUIPMENT</b></p> <p>After discussion about potential funding sources for this project, it was <b>AGREED</b> that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk would contact AVDC to enquire whether the project met the criteria for New Homes Bonus funding.</li> <li>• Cllr Hunt would contact Councillors from other parishes who had recently installed outdoor gyms.</li> <li>• The Clerk would enquire whether the s106 funds from Wiseman Close could be used for this project.</li> </ul>	Clerk / JH
L14/09	<p><b>S106 FUNDING FOR HAWKSLADE</b></p> <p>A meeting had taken place with Joe Houston of AVDC Leisure Services to discuss potential sites for a playground on Hawkslade. Joe had advised that there was provision for a playground as part of the s106 agreement for the development off Oats Close and therefore the s106 funds from Wiseman Close could be utilised for other leisure purposes.</p> <p>It was AGREED to invite residents of Hawkslade to submit suggestions for uses of this funding. Cllr Hunt agreed to include in the next parish magazine article. It was also agreed to put a poster up at Hawkslade Community Centre and to produce flyers to be given to the Preschool, Community Centre and Co-op Shop.</p> <p>The Clerk would enquire about holding one of the Parish Council meetings at the Hawkslade Community Centre later in the year.</p>	Clerk  Clerk
L14/10	<p><b>THEATRE IN THE VILLAGES</b></p> <p>AVDC had provided a schedule of performances available for 2014. After discussion it was agreed to recommend that the Parish Council book a performance under Scheme A which meant there would be no financial risk to Council. The Clerk would liaise with Theatre in the Villages and SMVCA to make the arrangements.</p>	Clerk
L14/11	<p><b>ANY OTHER ISSUES (FOR INFORMATION)</b></p> <p>Cllr Wood reported that she, Cllr Adams and the Clerk had met with Chris Ashton of AVDC Leisure services the previous day and had agreed to the locations of the three new benches. AVDC had confirmed that they would not require the Parish Council to enter into a licence agreement for the benches but that they wished to have a letter from the Parish Council confirming that the PC would be responsible for maintenance or reinstatement if the benches are taken out. The Clerk was progressing the order for the benches.</p>	
L14/12	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 7.30pm.</p>	

Signed .....

Dated: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014