

**STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013 in the  
Committee Room at the Community Centre, Eskdale Road**

**PRESENT:**

Cllrs: J Hunt (Chairman), B Adams, A Clark, M Duncan, D Starr, B Tyndall, P Wood

Clerk: Sarah Copley

District Councillor C Paternoster

One member of public

<b>13/74 APOLOGIES</b> Apologies were received from: Parish Councillors R Butler, B Ezra, D Kennedy, M Palmer, S Watson Apologies were also received from District Councillor P Yerby	
<b>13/75 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</b> There were no declarations of interest made and no requests for dispensation had been received.	
<b>13/76 OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS</b> There were no matters raised under this item.	
<b>13/77 MINUTES</b> The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2013 had been previously circulated. It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman sign the minutes as a correct record. The table of actions was noted – 13/53 - Cllr Hunt recommended getting advice from a surveyor for the distances and heights of the posts at the allotment entrance. 13/67 – It was noted that a piece of land identified as a potential playground for Hawkslade was owned by AVDC.	
<b>13/78 FINANCE</b> <b>a) Payment of Invoices</b> – the list of payments tabled was <b>AGREED</b> . <b>b) Bank reconciliation and finance report</b> – the bank reconciliation and finance report were noted. <b>c) External Audit</b> – the report of the external auditors, Mazars, was noted. The Clerk reported that the annual return had been displayed on the Council's notice boards and website in accordance with the regulations. <b>d) Parish Council reserves</b> – it was unanimously <b>AGREED</b> that Guaranteed Investments Accounts would be opened with the Cooperative Bank (as per Council meeting minute 12/67). One account would hold the general reserves of £20,500 and a second would hold £12,500 of the contingency reserves. The remaining contingency reserves of £5,000 would remain the in the Lloyds TSB 30 day notice account. Cllrs Hunt and Starr would sign the necessary forms on behalf of the Council. <b>e) Litter Bins</b> – it was noted that the cost of the replacement litter bins to include the council's name would be £209 for each 180l bin and 146 for each 90l bin. The Council had delegated authority to approve these costs to the Chairman and Vice Chairman and the costs were <b>AGREED</b> .	Clerk/ JH/DS
<b>13/79 INSURANCE</b> The Council's insurance renewal had been received. The insurance premium of £8,626.88	



The Chairman submitted a report on meetings which had been held concerning a proposal from Conservation groups and others for the extension of the Chilterns Tunnel which had been attended by Cllrs Starr and Hunt and one of which had been facilitated by David Lidington. Also circulated had been a subsequent report from Wendover Action Groups and copy letter from Stoke Mandeville Action Group (SMAG) to David Lidington which were noted. After considerable discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Star, seconded by Cllr Wood and unanimously **AGREED** that:

*in order to protect the community of Stoke Mandeville the Parish Council did not support moving the tunnel portal closer to Stoke Mandeville and that it should remain at 55.050 as defined in the maps produced by HS2 in January 2012.*

It was proposed by Cllr Duncan, seconded by Cllr Adams and unanimously **AGREED** that:

*Stoke Mandeville Parish Council had no objection in principle to a bored tunnel through the Chilterns provided the tunnel portal remained at 55.050 and was not moved closer to Stoke Mandeville.*

The Chairman would advise David Lidington MP of the Council's decision.

#### **b) Community Forum**

Cllrs Hunt, Palmer and Starr attended the HS2 community forum on behalf of the Parish Council. It had been reported that the A4010 bypass would be included in the Environmental Statement extending from the existing Risborough Road on the west side of the line, continue north, broadly parallel with HS2, before turning east and crossing the railway on an overbridge to the south of the Princes Risborough railway line. It would then continue east passing to the north of Stoke Mandeville and tie into a new roundabout on Lower Road. An update was awaited on the proposal from the Parish Council for a bypass for Nash Lee Road (B4009) to the A413 to take account of the Maintenance Loop. Likely significant noise effects had been identified in the draft ES for Stoke Mandeville and eastern Aylesbury (Hawkslade) and HS2 Ltd had stated they were continuing to develop their noise model in this area which would comprise additional earthworks where the land is not in floodplain or additional noise barriers up to 5m high.

#### **c) Baseline Noise Assessment**

The report from Walker Beak Mason had been received and a copy circulated to all councillors. It was unanimously **AGREED** that the consultant would be invited to give a presentation on the results at a future meeting of the Parish Council and the cost of £250 for this was **AGREED**.

#### **d) Safeguarding Land**

The Clerk reported that HS2 had written to the Council confirming that two parcels of land owned by the Council fell within the safeguarding zone. These were the Old Church Site and part of allotment land in Marsh Lane (currently let to a tenant).

#### **e) Hybrid Bill**

It was noted that HS2 would be depositing copies of the Hybrid Bill with the Parish Council to enable public viewing. Some would be in paper format and the rest provided in an electronic format. HS2 would be providing the necessary hardware.

#### **f) HS2 Consultation on Property Compensation**

Councillors were provided a copy of the summary documentation for this consultation and details of the online link. The final date for comments was 4<sup>th</sup> December. Dates and times of HS2 roadshows were also circulated.

JH

DS

#### **13/83 SPEED WATCH**

Cllrs Duncan, Palmer and Watson had carried out a speed watch exercise on Wendover Road, the results had been passed to Wendover Police Station who would be writing to those exceeding the limit.



<b>AGREED</b> the Councils would respond that it believes the policies meet the criteria.		
<b>13/87</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE</b>  a) The minutes of the meeting held on 23 <sup>rd</sup> July were noted and the recommendations therein discussed. b) The terms of reference for the committee were <b>AGREED</b> . c) It was <b>AGREED</b> that a new bin would be provided in Lodden Close at a cost of £48.83 plus VAT. d) The Clerk had begun to research a replacement notice board for Stoke Grange as the one in Dalesford Road had been removed for safety reasons. Cllr Wood and the Clerk would investigate alternative sites for a notice board for Stoke Grange and report back to the Environment Committee. e) The revised burial ground policy and regulations as recommended by the Committee had been circulated and were unanimously <b>AGREED</b> . The clerk would put these on the Council's website. f) Quotes had been received for new signs for the Old Church site and the bus stop opposite Hampden Hall. The clerk was asked to get another quote for different sizes.	Clerk  PW/Clerk  Clerk  Clerk
<b>13/88</b>	<b>CLERK'S REPORT</b>  The list of training courses from BALC were discussed and it was <b>AGREED</b> that Cllr Hunt would attend the course on "Workings of Parliament" and Cllr Starr would attend "Local Councils as Good Employers". [I no longer wish to go to this as have been invited free to the on on the Localism Agenda the week before ]	Clerk
<b>13/89</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>  The list of correspondence was noted.  Cllr Clark agreed to attend the Aylesbury Vale Local Strategic Partnership 'Growing Together' conference on 25 <sup>th</sup> November on behalf of the Council.	
<b>13/90</b>	<b>POINTS OF INFORMATION</b>  Brian Adams was unable to attend the September meeting of the Arla liaison group but will attend the next one.  Cllr Clark updated the Council on plans for the "Stoke Mandeville Way" which will now be signposted as far as the school on Lower Road.	
<b>13/91</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>  The next Parish Council meeting would be Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 7.30pm.	

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013

## Appendix 1

	Action	By whom	Update/Complete
13/32	Invite Anne Eden to a future meeting of the Parish Council	Cllr Hunt	
13/38	Audit of street furniture	All	Still outstanding – Stoke Leys Stoke Mandeville village
13/53	Quotation for posts at the allotment entrance	Clerk	
13/57	Contact the three pubs regarding listing pubs as community assets	Clerk	
13/64	Arrange meeting with AVDC and Hawkslade Parish Councillors re the Community Centre at Hawkslade	Clerk	On hold
13/78	Open investment accounts for PC reserves	Clerk	✓
13/79	Renew insurance long term agreement	Clerk	✓
13/80	Email to District Councillors re the Council's response to the boundary commission consultation	Clerk	✓
13/81	Arrange meeting with Chiltern Railway	Clerk/MD/JH	
13/81	Write to BCC regarding proposal to put yellow lines in roads near the hospital	JH	✓
13/81	BT to get further details of the proposals for yellow lines in residential streets around the hospital	BT	
13/82	Write to D Lidington regarding PC decision about the tunnel through the Chilterns	JH	✓
13/82	Invite Walker Beak Mason to future meeting of the PC	DS	✓
13/83	Speedwatch exercise for Station Road	Clerk / trained councillors	
13/84	Place orders for maintenance of playground items	Clerk	✓
13/84	Send enquirer details of the new field policy and fees	Clerk	✓
13/85	Progress order to revamp the website	Clerk	
13/86	Submit response to VAP consultation	Clerk	✓
13/87	New bin to be ordered for Lodden Close	Clerk	✓
13/87	Investigate new site for a noticeboard on Stoke Grange	Clerk / PW	✓
13/87	Put revised burial ground regulations on website	Clerk	✓
13/87	Quotes for signs	Clerk	
13/88	Book training courses for Clls Hunt and Starr	Clerk	