

STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th March 2014 in the
Committee Room at the Community Centre, Eskdale Road**

PRESENT:

Cllrs: J Hunt (Chair), B Adams, R Butler, A Clark, B Ezra, M Rogers, D Starr, B Tyndall, P Wood

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District Councillor C Paternoster and County Councillor C Adams.

One member of public.

<p>14/37 APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies were received from Parish Councillors D Kennedy, M Palmer (work commitment) and S Watson (work commitment).</p>	
<p>14/38 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest made.</p> <p>No requests for dispensation had been received.</p>	
<p>14/39 OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS</p> <p>a) Land in Eskdale Road</p> <p>A member of public queried why the piece of land between the bungalows in Eskdale Road and the Playing field had been cleared. The Clerk said she had been in contact with AVDC Planning Department who advised no planning application had been received for this piece of land. The Clerk added that she had been approached by other members of the public about this site and was taking contact details in order to contact those interested should information become available.</p> <p>b) Tree Old Risborough Road</p> <p>Cllr Butler reported that the old tree on the corner of Old Risborough Road had been affected by the recent bad weather and requested that Bucks CC are asked to inspect and make safe.</p> <p>c) Mobile Vehicular Activated Sign (MVAS)</p> <p>County Cllr C. Adams reported that he had donated £2,400 from his allocation of the Community Leaders Fund to the Parish Council towards the cost of a Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS). The remainder of the funding for this item would be provided by Wendover LAF. The MVAS would be shared between Stoke Mandeville and Weston Turville Parish Councils, with Stoke Mandeville as owner on behalf of both parishes. The warranties and guarantees will be with the equipment's owner. The equipment and all matters associated with its use would be dealt with by the parishes (including the electricity supply and storage). The insurance and public liability insurance will need to be undertaken by the parishes and the parishes will be expected to share future maintenance costs (circa £70 each per annum after the first year).</p> <p>d) Chapel Lane</p> <p>County Cllr C Adams also reported that he had been approached by a resident of Chapel Lane. The road was unadopted and in poor repair. It was understood that some years ago the PC had been advised that BCC as the Highways Authority would not be prepared to adopt the road until it had been brought up to standard and this would need to be undertaken at the residents' expense. There was not universal support for this amongst the residents of this road.</p>	Clerk

<p>It was further AGREED that Stoke Mandeville Parish Council would appoint a Parliamentary Agent B to act on our behalf in petitioning the Bill.</p> <p>c) Petitioning to Select Committee House of Commons – the petitioning working group had met twice and continued to refine the points on which the Council could petition. A report would be provided to the April meeting in order to firm up petitioning points.</p> <p>Cllrs Hunt and Starr reported on the meeting which had taken place with a Wendover Parish Councillor and member of the Action Group who requested a discussion about the extension of Chiltern Tunnel. The Wendover representatives had undertaken to provide further information which had not been forthcoming.</p> <p>d) Old Church Site and Burial Ground – A meeting had taken place between Cllrs Hunt, Starr, the Clerk, Mr M Farley from Bucks Archaeology Society, Helen Glass (Archaeologist) and Kate Lawson from HS2 Ltd to discuss the old Church Site and HS2. The meeting had centred primarily to clarify the Parish Council’s position as to mitigation.</p> <p>e) Other meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllrs Hunt, Rogers and Starr had met with MP David Lidington where petitioning was discussed. • Cllrs Hunt and Rogers, along with the Clerk, had attended a workshop on the petitioning process organised by Bucks CC which had been very informative. 	
<p>14/43 CAR PARKING</p> <p>a) Stoke Mandeville Village</p> <p>Cllrs Ezra and Hunt and the Clerk had met with Lucy Garrad of Chiltern Rail to discuss the “three for free” car parking scheme. Designated spaces would be provided near to the car park entrance for people car pooling. A proof of the flyer to be handed out was shown to Councillors and it was AGREED that the Council’s logo be added to this. Chiltern Rail proposed to hand out the flyers to people walking into the station, they will also provide copies for the Parish Council to use. Lucy had also agreed to take back the request that Chiltern Rail provide some funding towards the cost of provision of yellow lines should this option be taken up.</p> <p>Cllr Rogers agreed to provide details to the Clerk of crowd funding which could be used to promote cycling to the station.</p> <p>b) Stoke Leys</p> <p>Cllr Tyndall circulated a report detailing the responses to the recent consultation by BCC on parking restriction measures. 95 responses had been received, 48% were in favour of the proposals, 43% were opposed and 8% did not express a preference.</p> <p>In his capacity as District Councillor, Cllr Tyndall said he with Cllr Roberts would be meeting with the hospital’s representative, Mr Clinton Green, to discuss the responses. The Chairman suggested that Cllr Rogers as the Parish Ward Councillor for Stoke Leys be included as the Parish Representative in this and any follow up meetings.</p> <p>Cllr Rogers suggested that a further public meeting be organised by Bucks CC in order to keep residents informed.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Tyndall for his continued work on this issue.</p> <p>Dropped kerbs – The Clerk had been contacted by neighbouring residents in Kynaston Avenue who wished to apply for a licence to extend their dropped kerb in order to improve access to their driveways which would also reduce the amount of on street parking. The initial query had been made to the Parish Council as owners of the street lighting as one of the houses had a street light central to the frontage which would require moving in order to widen the access. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries as to</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>MR</p> <p>Clerk</p>

<p>guidelines for how close dropped kerbs could be to lamp posts.</p>	
<p>14/44 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING</p> <p>The Clerk reported that representatives of East West Rail would attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 8th April. Notices would be put up around the parish to advertise the meeting and the Clerk was asked to invite Kimble Parish Council to attend.</p>	
<p>14/45 PARISH COUNCIL LOGO</p> <p>Designs of logos were circulated and it was AGREED to adopt the logo, subject to changing the font style to Garamond.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>14/46 ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>a) The request from a resident for the relocation of a street light in Kynaston Avenue in order to enable off street parking had been discussed under minute 14/43.</p> <p>b) Flooding in Stoke Mandeville Village – the Local Area Technician had advised that work had been undertaken to repair a damaged pipe in Lower Road. Further work would be carried out to excavate another section of the pipe and construct a new catch pit at this point. Transport for Bucks had also launched a campaign to encourage landowners to clear ditches on their land.</p> <p>c) It had been brought to the Council’s attention that the ‘lollypop lady’ would be celebrating her 25th anniversary in the role in April. It was AGREED that the Parish Council would write to her congratulating her on this milestone and thanking her for her work with a floral appreciation of thanks. It was further agreed to seek information on the Honours List.</p> <p>d) Reference was made to the earlier presentation of an MVAS by Cllr C Adams and it was unanimously AGREED to accept with gratitude the contribution of an MVAS to be shared with Weston Turville Parish Council. Members of the Environment Committee would agree sites within the village for the anchor points and would also meet with WTPC to progress this.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>Environ- ment</p>
<p>14/47 PLANNING</p> <p>a) 14/00354/APP 12 Hughenden Green Stoke Mandeville – it was AGREED to defer the decision on this planning application to the next meeting of the Planning Committee in order to fully consider this large extension.</p> <p>b) 13/03480/APP Whitethorn Farm – the Council had received notification that this application would be discussed at AVDC’s Development Control Committee on 13th March. The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that the Planning Officer’s recommendation was that the application be agreed but Councillors considered that their original objection to the lifting of condition 5 should stand. Cllr Rogers agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.</p>	
<p>14/48 CLERK’S REPORT</p> <p>a) A number of residents had contacted the Parish Council regarding the land alongside the playground which had been cleared. The Clerk would keep a note of contact numbers and notify residents should further information be forthcoming.</p> <p>b) AVDC were undertaking a survey of thatched roofs, it was agreed to request a copy of the results.</p> <p>c) It had become apparent that the RSPCA Chilterns branch had no knowledge of the recycling bin located at Eskdale Road. They were taking steps to either change the locks in order for the charity to benefit or arrange for the bin to be removed if this was not possible.</p>	
<p>14/49 CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>a) The list of correspondence circulated was noted.</p> <p>b) The Parish Council had been invited to attend an open day of Men in Sheds at their</p>	

<p>new premises, anyone wishing to attend should contact the Clerk.</p> <p>c) An invitation to the Scouts St Georges Day parade on 27th April had been received.</p>	
<p>14/50 POINTS OF INFORMATION</p> <p>Cllr Rogers had attended the training course on Understanding communities through Participatory Appraisal.</p> <p>It was agreed that Councillors would provide a brief written report on any events or meetings they had attended for circulation with the agenda.</p>	
<p>14/51 DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting would be on Tuesday 8th April, immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting.</p>	
<p>Due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, it was agreed to close the meeting to press and public in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960.</p>	

Signed Jenny Hunt

Date: 8th April 2014

Appendix 1

	Action	By whom	Update/Complete
13/38	Audit of street furniture	All	Wards outstanding – Stoke Leys Village
13/83	Speedwatch exercise for Station Road	Clerk / trained councillors	
13/111	Investigate alternative investment account for reserves	DS/Clerk	
14/21	Progress litter bin for footpath by hospital car park	Clerk / JH / DS	
14/22	Review and revise standing orders	F&G Committee	
14/39	Contact TfB regarding dead tree at Old Risborough Road	Clerk	✓
14/40	Progress Parish Clearance fund with BCC	Clerk	
14/41	Write thank you letter to SM&OP Charity	Clerk	✓
14/41	Place order for new fire exit door	Clerk	✓
14/41	Place entry for Best Kept Village competition	Clerk	✓
14/43	Provide copy of logo to Chiltern Rail	Clerk	✓
14/43	Forward details of crowd funding to clerk	MR	✓
14/43	Obtain advice regarding proximity of dropped kerbs to lamp posts	Clerk	✓
14/45	Update logo with Garamond font style	Clerk	✓
14/46	Letter to lollypop lady re 25 year anniversary	JH	
14/46	Identify sites for MVAS anchors	Environment Committee	✓