

STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th January 2014 in the
Committee Room at the Community Centre, Eskdale Road**

PRESENT:

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

Clerk: Sarah Copley

District Councillor C Paternoster and County Councillor C Adams

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| 14/1 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Parish Councillors R Butler (unwell) and D Kennedy (work commitment). | |
| 14/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensation had been received. | |
| 14/3 OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS There were no matters raised under this item. | |
| 14/4 CASUAL VACANCY FOR STOKE LEYS WARD There had been no requests for an election and the vacancy had subsequently been advertised for co-option. There had been one application from Marcus Rogers who was a resident of Stoke Leys. The Chairman and Vice Chairman had interviewed Mr Rogers and recommended that the Council co-opt Mr Rogers. It was proposed by Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr Ezra and unanimously AGREED to co-opt Marcus Rogers as Councillor to Stoke Leys Ward. Cllr Rogers signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Council's Proper Officer and was welcomed to the table. | |
| 14/5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 th December 2013 had been previously circulated. It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman sign the minutes as a correct record, subject to a spelling correction of Cllr Tyndall's name. The table of actions was noted. | |
| 14/6 FINANCE a) Payment of Invoices – the list of payments tabled was AGREED . b) Bank reconciliation and finance report – the bank reconciliation and finance report were noted. c) Replacement Dog Waste Bin for Orchard Close – The Council had previously agreed to re-site a dog waste bin which was causing a nuisance with flies and smells during the summer months. A visit to the area had revealed that there was not an alternative suitable location which would not affect another resident in a similar manner. The Environment Committee had considered the issue and recommended that the bin was replaced with a "shute" bin to help contain smells and keep flies to a minimum. The cost to supply and install the replacement bin would be £308.21. It was proposed by Cllr Starr, seconded by Cllr Wood and unanimously AGREED to replace the dog waste bin. | Clerk |

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| <p>The drop in sessions organised by the Parish Council on 5th and 11th January had been well attended.</p> <p>b) Petitioning the Hybrid Bill</p> <p>AVDC would be holding a meeting on 16th January on petitioning, Bucks CC had a seminar planned for 30th January which would outline the petitioning process.</p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting a “think tank” had been set up between members of the Parish Council and SMAG to discuss ideas for petitioning. The initial meeting had taken place and would continue with a report being presented to Council as work progressed. .</p> <p>c) Old Church Site</p> <p>A letter had been received from Mike Farley from Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society, following his meeting with the Chairman, advising that the I Society, wished to pursue media publicity to the destruction of the Old Church Site should HS2 go ahead. He requested the e Parish Council consent to this action. It was AGREED to raise no objections to this proposal. The Chairman would advise Mr. Farley accordingly.</p> <p>d) SMAG Annual General Meeting</p> <p>It was noted that SMAG’s AGM would be on 16th January at 7.30pm which all Councillors were invited to attend.</p> | <p>JH</p> |
| <p>14/11 LEISURE COMMITTEE</p> <p>a) The minutes of the meeting held on 17th December were noted.</p> <p>b) It was agreed that members of the Leisure Committee would meet with Joe Houston of AVDC to progress discussion for a playground at Hawkslade.</p> <p>c) It was noted that Councillors had received many favourable comments on the recently installed new play equipment at Eskdale Road.</p> | <p>Clerk/ Leisure</p> |
| <p>14/12 PLANNING COMMITTEE</p> <p>a) The draft minutes of the meeting held on 13th January were noted.</p> <p>b) 13/03480/APP – Whitethorn Farm, Old Risborough Road, Stoke Mandeville – Removal of Condition 2 (restriction of practitioners) Condition 4 (hours of operation) and Condition 5 (use of staff accommodation) of planning permission 07/03177/APP – this application was discussed and it was AGREED (with 2 abstentions) that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in respect of Condition 2 the Council had NO OBJECTIONS. • in respect of Condition 4 the Council had NO OBJECTIONS. • in respect of Condition 5, the Council OPPOSED the removal of condition 5 considering that the accommodation is not acceptable as a separate dwelling unit and should continue to be used in connection with the approved use of the site as a Medical Centre. <p>c) Vale of Aylesbury Plan – Cllr Paternoster updated Councillors on the decision of the examiner not to recommend adoption of the plan due to a failure to comply with the Duty to Cooperate and the Inspector’s reservations on the housing numbers submitted being sufficient. Concerns were raised that this left the area vulnerable to developers submitting application for land in the area. It was noted that AVDC would discuss the next steps for the Vale of Aylesbury Plan at their meeting in February.</p> <p>It was considered that Stoke Mandeville needed a Neighbourhood Plan, this would be discussed at the next Planning Committee meeting.</p> | |
| <p>14/13 CLERK’S REPORT</p> <p>a) The fences between several properties on Eskdale Road and the QEII Field had blown over in the recent high winds. These had been reported to the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust as the fences are the house owners’ responsibility not the Parish Council.</p> | |

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| <p>b) Several complaints had been received regarding vehicles being driven across the grass on Eskdale Road churning up the ground. This had also been reported to VAHT who own the land.</p> <p>c) A lamp post in Marsh Lane had been reported as being on continually due to overgrown ivy obscuring part of the lamp. The lamp is sited on a telegraph pole which is positioned behind the hedge in the school playing field. The Clerk would liaise with the school to get the ivy cut back.</p> <p>d) There would be a BALC Parish Liaison meeting between Bucks County Council and Parish Councillors across the county, on 22nd January. Councillors wishing to attend should contact the Clerk. Topics to be discussed included updates on Transport for Bucks, HS2 and the financial situation of Bucks County Council for the forthcoming financial year.</p> <p>e) The Local Government Boundary Commission had published their recommendations for ward boundaries in Aylesbury Vale that morning. Stoke Mandeville village had been placed with Wendover in a new ward "Stoke Mandeville and Wendover". The Clerk would email a copy of the report to all Councillors. Further comments on the recommendations of the LGBC were required by 8th April.</p> | |
| <p>14/14 CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>The list of correspondence was noted and discussed.</p> <p>It was AGREED to nominate the Chairman for ballot to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party.</p> | |
| <p>14/15 POINTS OF INFORMATION</p> <p>a] Wendover Local Area Forum</p> <p>The Chairman reported on the meeting of the Forum she had attended on 9th January when the Forum had heard about changes in the structure of Local Highways Area Technicians Teams. Issues around commuter car parking were discussed and information given on the tool kit for car parking which could be obtained from BCC via local County Councillors. Presentations were also made on the Changing Role of Public Health with statistic data on health and well being in the Wendover area;, a new charitable project being established by a Charity on the Wendover Nursery allotments site for people with special needs; Thames Valley Police had presented statistics on local crime which was reducing and also from AVDC when it was noted that the grant to PCs was "going". Anne James from Transport for Bucks informed on the new ways of working by BCC in which digital champions would be sought from Parish Councils. Ian Barnham advised of arrangements and events in Aylesbury during Marchas part of the Bucks Olympic Legacy Programme.</p> <p>Cllr Clark commented on a meeting he had recently attended of Buck Legacy Group and said that a request would be made for the Parish Council to consider twinning with a town in Sweden where the first paralympic games were held. This would be discussed once such a request had been formally received.</p> | |
| <p>14/16 DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>The next Parish Council meeting would be Tuesday 11th February at 7.30pm.</p> | |

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Date: 11th February 2014

Appendix 1

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| 13/38 | Audit of street furniture | All | Still outstanding – Stoke Leys Stoke Mandeville village |
| 13/83 | Speedwatch exercise for Station Road | Clerk / trained councillors | To be arranged for late March |
| 13/111 | Investigate alternative investment account for reserves | DS/Clerk | |
| 13/126 | Public notice to go in the Bucks Herald | Clerk / JH | |
| 13/127 | Policy for Councillors Allowances | Clerk / F&G committee | ✓ |
| 13/132 | Contact Chiltern Rail regarding funding for traffic regulation orders | Clerk/JH | ✓ |
| 14/6 | Place order for replacement dog waste bin for Orchard Close | Clerk | ✓ |
| 14/7 | Request copy of maintenance plan from SMVCA | Clerk | ✓ |
| 14/7 | Submit precept request to AVDC | Clerk | ✓ |
| 14/9 | Produce response to DfT Parking Consultation on behalf of PC by 14/2 | JH/Clerk | ✓ |
| 14/10 | Produce response to the HS2 Environmental Statement consultation | JH/DS | |
| 14/10 | Respond to Mike Farley re publicity for old church site | JH | ✓ |
| 14/11 | Arrange meeting with Joe Houston to progress playground for Hawkslade | Clerk | ✓ |
| 14/12 | Submit PC's response to planning application | Clerk | ✓ |
| 14/13 | Email copy of the boundary review to Councillors | Clerk | ✓ |