

**STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in the  
Committee Room at the Community Centre, Eskdale Road**

**PRESENT:**

CLLrs: J Hunt (Chairman), B Adams, R Butler, A Clark, M Duncan, M Palmer, D Starr, S Watson

Clerk: Sarah Copley

District Councillors: D Thompson, P Yerby

<b>13/92</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Apologies were received from Parish Councillors B Ezra, B Tyndall, P Wood. Cllr D Kennedy was absent. Apologies were also received from District Councillors C Paternoster and S Kennell.	
<b>13/93</b>	<b>PRESENTATION BY MIKE FARLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY</b> Mike Farley gave an informative and interesting presentation on the history of the old church site and surrounding area including the former Saxon Village. He said that archaeological investigations are usually standard practice when ancient sites are to be destroyed. HS2 Ltd would need to make provision for human remains to be interred and suggested several mitigation measures the Council might wish to make. The Chairman thanked Mr. Farley for his illuminating discussion.	
<b>13/94</b>	<b>PRESENTATION FROM ROBERT STOREY, WALKER BEAK MASON</b> Robert Storey had been commissioned by the Parish Council to undertake a base line noise survey for comparative purposes when the line was operational and attended by invitation to present his report. He explained the results and said that comparisons between the evidence in the report and the noise maps provided by HS2 Ltd show that some areas of the parish would be subjected to an increase in the continuous average noise level of up to 10db. Cllr Watson said that measures put in by HS2 Ltd to mitigate the noise impact should meet pre determined outcomes. Mr. Storey answered a number of questions arising from his report.	
<b>13/95</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</b> Cllr Clark declared an interest in the agenda item to consider a request for a donation from Dial a Ride. No requests for dispensation had been received.	
<b>13/96</b>	<b>OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS</b> There were no matters raised under this item.	
<b>13/97</b>	<b>MINUTES</b> The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 <sup>th</sup> September 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.	
<b>13/98</b>	<b>FINANCE</b> <b>a) Payment of Invoices</b> – the list of payments tabled was <b>AGREED</b> . It was noted that the list of payments included the request for the annual grant of £4,000 for Hawkslade Community Centre had been received from AVDC. Payment had been included in the precept for the current financial year. The Finance & Governance committee were asked to consider this grant and make a recommendation for the future. <b>b) Bank reconciliation and finance report</b> – the bank reconciliation and finance report	

<p>were noted.</p> <p>c) <b>Precept setting</b> – it was noted that there would be a meeting of the Finance and Governance Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> November to which all councillors were urged to attend. The meeting would look at the budget for 2014-15 and make a recommendation on the precept level to be set.</p> <p>d) <b>Report from internal auditor</b> – the report from the internal auditor was noted and the Finance &amp; Governance committee would consider its recommendations at their next meeting.</p> <p>e) <b>Reshaping of trees Risborough Road and Marsh Lane/Lower Road</b> – a quote of £300 plus VAT had been received from G. O’Callaghan to lift the crown on three trees - two on the green opposite the school, planted to celebrate the Silver Jubilee and the other being at the junction of Risborough Road and Old Risborough Road presented to the Parish by the Stoke Mandeville Women’s Institute to commemorate the Millenium. It was unanimously <b>AGREED</b> to accept this quotation.</p> <p>f) <b>Request for Donation</b> – Dial-a-Ride had written to the Council to request a grant or donation towards the costs of running this local service used by many local residents. It was proposed by Cllr Palmer, seconded Cllr Starr and <b>AGREED</b> to donate £100. Cllr Clark abstained from the vote.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>13/99 DEVELOPMENT PLAN</b></p> <p>The development plan was updated with action taken to date. The plan would be reviewed in 6 months time.</p>	
<p><b>13/100 HS2</b></p> <p>a) <b>Community Forum Aylesbury &amp; Stoke Mandeville</b> – the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013 were noted. Cllr Hunt said that the Council would need to consider at a future meeting whether to petition or counter petition the Hybrid Bill.</p> <p>b) <b>Nash Lee Road</b> – Kate Lawson of HS2 Ltd had confirmed that the A4010 realignment would be included in the Hybrid Bill. However the bypass for Nash Lee Road [B.4009] had not been included as part of the planned road realignments for Stoke Mandeville as HS2 Ltd did not consider this within their scope. The construction traffic impact on the local road network would be assessed as part of the traffic assessment in the Environmental Statement.</p> <p>c) <b>Bucks County Council HS2 Mitigation Blueprint</b> – Cllrs Hunt, Adams, Starr and Palmer had attended the event on 26<sup>th</sup> September and comments fed back to Bucks County Council. Cllr Hunt had included the need for provision to be made for a vault for the remains removed from the old church site as part of mitigation.</p> <p>d) <b>Chiltern Tunnel</b> – The Chairman reported that Brian Thompson on behalf of the Wendover HS2 bi lateral group had written to MP David Lidington, copying in the Parish Council, giving further reasons as to why the extension to the Wendover tunnel and positioning of the portal further north was important for Wendover. After considerable discussion it was agreed to thank Mr. Thompson for his letter stating that the Council had considered the matter of the Chiltern Tunnel on three separate occasions, had reached the same conclusion each time and stood by its decision.</p> <p>e) <b>Chiltern Tunnel Portal</b> – David Lidington MP had written to say he had received a proposal from the Conserve the Chilterns and Countryside Group (CCC) to commission a survey from an independent noise expert in an attempt to find a solution everyone could support about the siting of the Tunnel Portal. After giving the matter consideration it was <b>AGREED</b> to respond to David Lidington stating that the Council welcomed this initiative which should be done after the Hybrid Bill had been deposited and providing it was understood that this was without prejudice to Stoke Mandeville Parish Council who reserved its position and would not be contributing to any costs.</p> <p>f) <b>Consultation on Compensation</b> – it was noted that the deadline for comments on</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>JH</p>

<p>this consultation was 4<sup>th</sup> December. The Council's response would be discussed at the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013.</p>	
<p><b>13/101 PLANNING COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>a) <b>Planning meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> September</b></p> <p>The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September were noted and the recommendations therein considered.</p> <p>An approach had been received from the Chairman of Hampden Fields Action Group (HFAG) requesting a financial donation to the costs of the appeal process which was taking far longer, more involved and therefore more costly than envisaged. It was unanimously <b>AGREED</b> to accept the Planning Committee's recommendation that the Council write to HFAG to say that in supporting HFAG invoking Rule 6, it had done so on the basis that no financial contribution would be required from the Council on reasons given at that time.</p> <p><b>b) Application 13/02231/AAD - Display of Illuminated and Non Illuminated Signs, ASDA Foodstore, Stoke Mandeville Hospital Site. Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust.</b></p> <p>The application was considered when it was mentioned that the plans submitted were inadequate to identify the siting of the signs. After considerable discussion, it was <b>AGREED TO OPPOSE</b> the application for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The glare from the illuminated signs will subject local residents and hospital patients to light pollution.</li> <li>2. The framework for the sign is sited so close to Lower Road that there is no room for adequate screening to be put in to protect local residents from the light pollution.</li> <li>3. All signs should be below eaves level in order to protect local residents and hospital patients from light pollution.</li> </ol>	<p>JH</p>
<p><b>13/102 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October were noted and the recommendations therein discussed.</p> <p>It was <b>AGREED</b> in retrospect that Cllr Hunt should purchase new plants and bulbs for the flower bed on Lower Road.</p> <p>Cllr Duncan reported that he had attended a site visit at Kynaston Avenue and Winterton Drive with Cllr Hunt; Steve Kenton, Bucks County Council Car Parking Officer; the Deputy Cabinet Lead for Transport; Bucks County Councillor for the Ward, Brian Roberts and District Councillor Brian Tyndall, to discuss possible solutions to the parking problems in the area. Four options had been agreed for consideration :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Double yellow lines be placed 6m from each road junction but no other restrictions put in place - this could push the problem back to adjoining roads.</li> <li>ii) Combination of single yellow lines with restrictive parking for one hour per day. Residents car parking permits would have to be issued at a cost of £52 pp per annum.</li> <li>iii) Combination of traffic parking machines with ongoing revenue stream being ploughed back to highway improvements. There would be a cost for residents for parking permits.</li> <li>iv) No action be taken.</li> </ol> <p>At the conclusion of the visit, it had been agreed that BCC would hold a public meeting at Booker Park School during November. All residents to be advised of the options and asked to vote for their preferred option.</p>	
<p><b>13/103 CLERK'S REPORT</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that the damage to the grass on the roundabout in Eskdale Road had now been repaired by Transport for Buckinghamshire. They had also filled in the pot holes around the roundabout.</p>	



## 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
13/83	Speedwatch exercise for Station Road	Clerk / trained councillors	
13/87	Quotes for signs	Clerk	✓
13/88	Book training courses for Clls Hunt and Starr	Clerk	
13/98	Place order with O'Callaghans to reshape the three trees	Clerk	✓
13/98	Donation for Dial-a-Ride	Clerk	✓
13/100	Respond to Brian Thompson's letter	JH	✓
13/100	Reply to David Lidington regarding CCC's proposal to commission noise assessment	JH	✓
13/101	Reply to Cllr Yerby regarding HFAG request for donation	JH	✓
13/101	Submit council's response to planning application for ASDA lighting	Clerk/JH	✓
13/105	Contact E Sharps regarding LED bulbs for street lights	Clerk	✓