

STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th July 2013 in the
Committee Room at the Community Centre, Eskdale Road**

PRESENT:

Cllrs: J Hunt (Chairman), B Adams, B Ezra, D Starr, B Tyndall, P Wood

County Councillor Chris Adams

Clerk: Sarah Copley

13/60 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from: Parish Councillors R Butler, A Clark, M Duncan, D Kennedy, M Palmer, S Watson Apologies were also received from Cllrs. Paternoster and Kennell [AVDC]	
13/61 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION There were no declarations of interest made and no requests for dispensation had been received.	
13/62 OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS County Councillor Chris Adams advised that he had written to AVDC regarding complaints to him about noise from the Bull Public House.	
13/63 MINUTES The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 th June 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 Councillors were reminded to return their report on street furniture to the Clerk if they had not already done so. The Clerk would include a review of the Council's development plan on the agenda for the September meeting.	Clerk
13/64 FINANCE a) Payment of Invoices – the list of payments tabled was AGREED . It was noted there was an additional cost of £65 for the installation of the benches due to vandals shearing off the bolts securing the bench to the concrete base and the bench having to be re-fitted. b) Bank reconciliation and finance report – the bank reconciliation and finance report were noted. Hawkslade councillors agreed to meet with AVDC regarding the annual contribution to Hawkslade Community Centre. c) Replacement Litter Bins – after discussion it was AGREED to purchase litter bins from Broxap to replace the old concrete bins within the parish. Six 90 litre bins at a cost of £125 would be ordered for the Queen Elizabeth II Field and two 180 litre bins at a cost of £195 for the laybys on Risborough Road. It was AGREED that the Clerk would obtain costs for adding "Stoke Mandeville Parish Council" lettering to the bins. Cllrs Hunt and Starr were delegated responsibility to approve the cost of the lettering in order for the Clerk to place the order. d) Pruning of trees – quotations had been received to raise the crown of two trees on the village green and to cut back overhanging trees from the aerial runway in the playground. The Clerk was requested to obtain a further quote for the trees near aerial runway before the Council proceeded with this work. e) "Local Council Administration" by Charles Arnold Baker – it was AGREED that the	BA / DS / PW Clerk / JH / DS Clerk

<p>Council would purchase the new edition of this publication via B&MKALC at the discounted price of £60.</p> <p>f) Old Church Site – the report from Vale Countryside Volunteers of their visit on 26th June was noted. It was unanimously AGREED to fund two visits from Vale Countryside Volunteers from 2014 onwards.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>13/65 HS2</p> <p>a) Consultation on the Draft Environmental Statement – the Council’s draft responses had been previously circulated and were considered. The Draft Response in respect Area 11 Aylesbury and Stoke Mandeville was AGREED subject to an additional comment that the noise maps do not take into account the topology of the area or prevailing wind. The response to Area 11 Central Chilterns objecting to the Chiltern Tunnel being extended from Wendover to Nash Lee Road was AGREED by reason that this would bring the portal towards Stoke Mandeville village creating additional noise, pollution and disturbance.</p> <p>b) Cllr Starr updated the Council on the recent meeting with MP David Lidington held on May 19th.</p> <p>c) It was noted that the safeguarding maps had been published that day on HS2’s website.</p> <p>d) Chiltern Tunnel – The Wendover HS2 Group had requested a meeting with Councillors to discuss the proposal to extend the Chiltern Tunnel further towards Stoke Mandeville. David Lidington had agreed to facilitate any such meeting which would include up to a total of four representatives from the PC and SMAG. After discussion it was AGREED that representatives from the Parish Council would attend and that arrangements be made.</p> <p>e) Cllr Starr reported that the baseline noise assessment had been carried out by the contractor over a period of seven days at a cost of £1250 in respect of which a written report would follow.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>13/66 SPEEDING</p> <p>a) Risborough Road – Cllr Hunt had attended the recent GALAF meeting where speeding and speed limits were discussed. It was noted that Risborough Road meets the criteria for a 30mph speed limit from Old Risborough Road up to the roundabout at Station Road/Lower Road but for this to be altered the Parish Council would be responsible for costs. JH said that the representative from Transport for Bucks attending the meeting [Simon Dudley] had agreed to investigate to ascertain whether the PC would be responsible for costs for any investigation and/or remedial works. The Council AGREED that the preferred limit for Risborough Road would be 30mph and Cllr Hunt would liaise with Simon Dudley at Transport for Bucks to see if there would be any cost to the Parish Council should an application to lower the speed limit be made.</p> <p>b) Speedwatch – It was AGREED that further speed watch exercises would be carried out in Wendover Road, Anton Way and Station Road. County Councillor Chris Adams offered to provide equipment for speed monitoring on Anton Way. The Clerk would collate availability of trained Councillors and arrange for the equipment to be collected from Wendover Police Station in respect of Wendover Road and Station Road..</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>13/67 LEISURE COMMITTEE</p> <p>a) The minutes of the meeting held on 25th June were noted and the recommendations therein discussed.</p> <p>b) It was unanimously AGREED to accept the quotation of £586 from Safe and Sound Playgrounds to extend the metal fence around the playground up to the conifer trees.</p>	

	<p>c) Quotations had been received to replace the worn bearings in the Spica. It was agreed not to go ahead at present but to consider a replacement for this equipment.</p> <p>d) Following the recent “Party in the Park” event held at the Queen Elizabeth II field, it was agreed that the field letting policy would be reviewed by the Leisure Committee.</p> <p>e) Hawkslade Councillors had identified potential sites for a playground. It was noted that a project plan would be needed with the first matter to establish who owned the land identified.</p>	Clerk
13/68	<p>FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</p> <p>The draft Risk Management Policy had been circulated and advice sought from the Council’s insurer. It was unanimously AGREED to adopt the policy.</p>	
13/69	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE</p> <p>a) The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July were noted.</p> <p>b) The Chairman reported that AVDC had granted retrospective planning permission for a gym building at 67 Lower Road, Stoke Mandeville. The Parish Council had objected to the proposals.</p> <p>c) Application 13/01722/APP115 Wendover Road, Single storey and first floor rear extension – this application was considered and NO OBJECTIONS raised.</p> <p>d) New Homes Bonus – it was AGREED to accept the Planning Committee’s recommendation and put forward expressions of interest for three projects as a result of additional dwellings being built on land surrounding Stoke Mandeville Hospital which had led to increased traffic on Lower Road and Station Road. Additional planning consents are Rowan Close and to the rear of Oats Close and Isis Close where there were no play or leisure facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leisure/Play facilities on Hawkslade • Railings over the bridge on Station Road to protect pedestrians • Widening of the Marsh Lane / Lower Road junction to enable easier and safer egress from Marsh Lane to Lower Road. <p>e) Consultation on the Draft Householder Extensions Local Development order – it was AGREED to respond to this consultation as recommended by the Planning Committee, to the effect that parish and town councils should be notified of all applications within their parish in order to be aware of development taking place locally.</p>	<p>Clerk / JH</p> <p>Clerk / JH</p>
13/70	<p>CLERK’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that the Clerk would attend the BALC training on Standards being held on 24th July. • The new benches were put in place on Monday 1st July and overnight someone had sheared off the bolts of one of the benches and moved the bench near to the skate park. The Council’s contractor, Paul Merrison, had purchased larger bolts and re-cemented the bench into place. • Bee activity had been noted in an area of the boundary hedge, the Clerk had obtained advice from a contractor sourced from the AVDC website who had advised to leave unless it was in an area that people may disturb the bees. The contractor would come out and give further advice if required at a cost of £10. The Clerk would monitor the area. • A resident had approached the Parish Council to enquire whether the Council could assist with the provision of a disabled parking space outside the school. The headmaster, Mr Ashmead, had also approached the council requesting their support. The Clerk had contacted the Local Area Technician for advice on the process to request this facility. It was unanimously AGREED that the Council support this initiative. 	
13/71	<p>POINTS OF INFORMATION</p>	

<p>The Chairman reported that the Local Area Technician had arranged the repair of eleven pot holes in the roadway in front of the school.</p> <p>It was noted that the white cross hatching on Risborough Road has also been carried out, for which there was no cost to the Parish Council.</p> <p>The Chairman gave a report of the GALAF meeting which she attended on 1st July when, key points had been :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower Road - resurfacing. This had been removed from the maintenance programme for the current year. • Better Biker (motorcyclist) courses are taking place until October with assessment days. Details available from the Clerk. • Grass Cutting – Verges. Transport for Bucks had reported that many complaints had been received from across the county re unsatisfactory state of grass cutting. BCC has outsourced this work for the year on the understanding it will be taken back in house next year. The contractors had been called to account and it was anticipated that the second round of cuts will be improved. • Weeds on Roadside – Complaints received about the non clearance of weeds along kerbs not being sprayed. This appears to be a fault within the contract which BCC hopes to rectify. • Youth Club Stoke Mandeville – Aylesbury Church for Christ, which has taken on some of the youth clubs closed by BCC, is looking to provide a Youth Club in Stoke Mandeville as a result of it being raised by JH last year. 	
<p>13/72 DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>There would be no meeting of the Council in August, the next Parish Council meeting would be Tuesday 10th September 2013 at 7.30pm.</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>	
<p>13/73 LAND AT MARSH LANE</p> <p>The Clerk gave an update on the work undertaken by the Solicitor at Bucks County Council legal department who is acting for the Parish Council in this matter. The tenancy would expire in June 2014.</p>	

Appendix 1

	Action	By whom	Update/Complete
12/173	Research long term deposit account for Council reserves	CLlr Starr / Clerk	✓
13/31	Order slate commemorative plaque for the oak tree and arrange installation	Clerk	
13/32	Invite Anne Eden to a future meeting of the Parish Council	CLlr Hunt	✓
13/38	Audit of street furniture	All	Hawkslade and Stoke Grange - complete Still outstanding – Stoke Leys Stoke Mandeville village
13/53	Quotation for posts at the allotment entrance	Clerk	
13/53	Approach the Bell re use of car park by allotment holders	JH	✓
13/53	Arrange meeting with Janet Blake, Carole Paternoster and Chiltern Rail	JH	✓
13/57	Contact the three pubs regarding listing pubs as community assets	Clerk	
13/63	Add review of development plan to the agenda for September	Clerk	✓
13/64	Arrange meeting with AVDC and Hawkslade Parish Councillors re the Community Centre at Hawkslade	Clerk	
13/64	Order new bins for the field and Risborough Road (6 x 90 litre bins for the field and 2 x 180 litre bins for Risborough Road)	Clerk	✓
13/64	Get further quotes for tree pruning at Eskdale Road	Clerk	
13/64	Order copy of Local Council Administration	Clerk	✓
13/64	Notify Vale Countryside Volunteers that the Council approved 2 visits from 2014	Clerk	✓
13/65	Submit Council's response to HS2 draft Environmental statement	Clerk	✓
13/66	Arrange dates for speed watch exercises on Wendover Road, Anton Way and Station Road	Clerk / trained Councillors	Wendover Road completed
13/67	Identify land owner of open space on Hawkslade	Clerk	✓
13/67	Playing field rental policy to be reviewed by Leisure committee for lettings to commercial events	Leisure	✓
13/69	Submit expression of interest to New Homes Bonus panel	Clerk/JH	✓
13/69	Submit response to AVDC consultation on local development order	Clerk/JH	✓