

**STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015  
at the Community Centre, Eskdale Road, Stoke Mandeville**

**PRESENT:**

Cllrs: B Adams, R Butler, A Clark, B Ezra, J Hunt (Chairman), M Rogers, S Pluckwell, D Starr, R Swinney and P Wood

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<b>15/59 APOLOGIES</b> All Councillors were present.	
<b>15/60 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</b> There were no declarations of interest. No requests for dispensation had been received.	
<b>15/61 OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS</b> PCSO Megan Harriett from Wendover Police Station attended and updated on crime figures for the area. There had been one tractor theft in Risborough Road and a couple of domestic incidents. Due to funding cuts there were now only two PCSOs covering the Wendover area which included Aston Clinton, Buckland, Drayton Beauchamp, Wendover, Halton, Weston Turville and Stoke Mandeville Village.	
<b>15/62 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> <b>a)</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> March were unanimously <b>AGREED</b> as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. <b>b)</b> The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 26 <sup>th</sup> March were <b>AGREED</b> subject to the insertion of "Extraordinary" in the heading and a spelling correction. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman subject to the cited amendments. <b>c)</b> The actions list was reviewed: 14/178 – Cllr Rogers had secured Booker Park School for 23 <sup>rd</sup> April for the residents meeting to discuss the ETRO. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Council would fund the hire cost of the room. 14/190 – Cllr Rogers advised that the Additional Provisions material in respect of HS2 was due to be published after the election in July. 14/202 – the Clerk was asked to prioritise the action to apply to Land Registry with respect to registering the allotment land MVAS – The Council was advised of receipt of correspondence from WTPC about the delay in SM's use of the MVAS. Cllr Rogers responded that this had been due to adverse conditions and that he and Cllr Swinney would install the MVAS by the school later that week. The MVAS could be passed on to Weston Turville PC in 2 weeks time.	
<b>15/63 FINANCE</b> <b>a) Payment of Invoices</b> – the list of payments tabled were <b>AGREED</b> subject to correction of one error, the payment for salary should be £1,076.82. <b>b) Bank reconciliation and finance report</b> had been circulated and were noted. There were no questions for the Clerk. The accounts were being finalised ready to hand over to the internal auditor at the end of April. <b>c) Street light electricity</b> – EON had announced a 33% increase in the unit cost for the unmetered electricity supply for the streetlights. EON were offering a lower rate if the Council signed a one or two year contract for the supply. It was unanimously <b>AGREED</b> to enter into a one year contract with EON but that during that year to look at other suppliers to ensure the best rate for the Council.	Clerk

	<p>d) <b>Bench repair</b> – due to the Clerk’s annual leave a quotation had not been received for the repair of the bench at the junction of Risborough Road and Lower Road. The Council <b>AGREED</b> in the interests of safety that the repair be made up to a maximum of £300. The Clerk would arrange for a contractor to repair the bench.</p> <p>e) <b>Water for tennis courts cleaning</b> – the contractor cleaning the tennis courts had used the outside water tap at the Community Centre for this work. It was unanimously <b>AGREED</b> to make a goodwill payment without prejudice of £50 towards the water costs.</p> <p>f) <b>Raised bed on the village green</b> – it was unanimously <b>AGREED</b> that the raised bed continue to be maintained. The Clerk would ask Windowflowers for a quote to planting and maintenance through the summer months.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>15/64</b></p>	<p><b>DEVOLVED SERVICES</b></p> <p>Cllrs Hunt, Clark and Rogers attended meetings on 9<sup>th</sup> April with Bucks CC and an independent lawyer from HB Law who had been hired on behalf of parishes to resolve issues with the legal agreement for devolved services.</p> <p>The meetings had been productive and a number of amendments to the agreement were identified. BCC had stated that they would be willing to issue a third Legal Agreement incorporating issues which had been raised. Councils who had signed up to V2 would be able to transfer to V3. HB Law (Haringey and Barnett) would be drafting the suggested amendments. The consensus from other parishes was that if BCC agreed to all the amendments then they would be prepared to sign version 3 of the Legal Agreement.</p> <p>After discussion, on a proposal from Cllr Butler seconded by Cllr Wood, it was I unanimously <b>AGREED</b> to:</p> <p>1 – confirm to Bucks CC that it was minded to sign version 3 of the Legal Agreement provided the changes recommended by HB Law were agreed by Bucks CC</p> <p>2 – confirm that TFB should not carry out any grass cutting for Stoke Mandeville in April</p> <p>3 –request that Aylesbury Town Council commence grass cutting as soon as possible and that in the event of the Council not being satisfied with version 3 of the agreement, then Stoke Mandeville PC would pay Aylesbury Town Council for any work carried out from the contingency money budgeted for devolved services.</p> <p>The Clerk would write to Bucks CC and Aylesbury Town Council to confirm this decision.</p> <p>Cllr Clark gave credit to Cllr Rogers for his work on the project and representations made at the meeting with Bucks CC.</p>	
<p><b>15/65</b></p>	<p><b>SPEED LIMIT REVIEW</b></p> <p>The Council had submitted an application form to Bucks CC to reduce the speed limit on parts of Risborough Road and Lower Road to 30mph. BCC’s assessment report had been circulated to all Councillors and this was noted. The Police had supported the reduction to the speed limit. The next stage of the review would be the public consultation which BCC would manage.</p>	
<p><b>15/66</b></p>	<p><b>RESILIENCE PLAN</b></p> <p>Cllr Clark reported that the survey monkey had been created and was ready to launch. A flyer would be produced and distributed after the election in May. The working group would also meet again in May to identify specific people/business to approach.</p>	
<p><b>15/67</b></p>	<p><b>HS2</b></p> <p>a) <b>Additional Provisions</b> The correspondence from HS2 regarding additional provisions was noted.</p> <p>b) <b>Old Church Site</b></p>	

<p>Cllrs Hunt, Starr and Rogers had met with HS2 to discuss possible sites for the internment of the remains excavated from the old church site of which HS2 Ltd had estimated there would be some 10,000. HS2 had stressed that the process would be carried out in a respectful manner. Three sites were suggested by Councillors which would now be considered by HS2 Ltd as mitigation.</p> <p>c) <b>Chiltern Tunnel</b></p> <p>There had been much publicity for the Chiltern Tunnel in the local press. Marcus Rogers, as Parliamentary Role B Agent for Parishes within CF11, had distributed a press release highlighting concerns on the potential extended Chiltern Tunnel. He had also written to every member of the Cabinet prior to this issue being debated on 6<sup>th</sup> April. The Chairman added that she, in consultation with Cllr Starr and P.Walter of SMAG, had previously briefed District Councillor Carole Paternoster at her request. It was noted that the District Council was due to meet the following day to vote on whether to support the Peter Brett Associates report. Marcus Rogers said that as Parliamentary Agent for CF11 he had once again written to all district councillors to highlight the importance of the issue.</p> <p>The Chairman reminded Parish Councillors that they had agreed to await publication of the Additional Provisions before making formal comment on the PBA report. The Chiltern Long Tunnel remained a petitioning point at this stage and yet to be considered by the Select Committee. If taken forward it would be the subject of an Additional Provision and new Environmental Statement.</p>	
<p><b>15/68 PLANNING COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>a) The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March were noted.</p> <p>b) Pre-application notice of potential Development off Lower Road – the information provided by developers and had been circulated to residents near the site, was noted and it was <b>AGREED</b> to invite them to a future meeting.</p> <p>c) A response from AVDC to the Council’s letter regarding a meeting to discuss the ‘call for sites’ had been received. It was noted that the District Council would carry out a capacity study of a technical nature on which a report would be published during the spring/summer with a Forum inviting all Parish and Town Councils. Not all deliverable sites shown in the Housing and Land Assessment would be allocated to the Draft Vale of Aylesbury Plan anticipated for early spring/summer 2017. Alternatively a private meeting could be held with the Parish Council around the same time.</p>	
<p><b>ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>a) The minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> March were noted and the recommendations therein considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. It was unanimously <b>AGREED</b> to adopt the new burial ground regulations. It was <b>AGREED</b> that Cllrs Hunt, Starr, Butler and Wood would form a working group to look at future provision of a burial ground for the parish.</li> <li>ii. It was unanimously <b>AGREED</b> to accept the quotation of £1,050 from Sparkx to install 3 LED street lights in Carters Ride.</li> <li>iii. It was unanimously <b>AGREED</b> to accept the quotation of £1,640.25 from Sparkx for structural testing of street light columns.</li> </ul> <p>b) Street light for bus stop outside the residential home on Risborough Road – Bucks CC had responded the Council’s query regarding provision of street lighting to say there were no plans to install street lighting in this area. The Clerk was asked to take up with AVDC regarding use of s106 funds from this development.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

**15/70 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) The Clerk advised that Vale Countryside Volunteers had asked if they should schedule in two maintenance visits for the old church site for 2015 at a cost of £140 per visit. This was **AGREED**.
- b) The list of correspondence was noted:

Sender	Description
AVDC	Draft Licensing Policy
BALC	VE Day celebrations information
Tennis court user	Thank you email from regular users of the tennis courts
ROSPA	Notification that the annual playground inspection will take place in May
Mazars	Notice of external audit
EON Energy	Notice of increase to electricity charges for street lighting

**15/71 POINTS OF INFORMATION**

The ARLA visit scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> April had been cancelled by the Parish Council and the Clerk would rearrange.

**15/72 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and would be held on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.30pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015

## Appendix 1 – Actions

	<b>Action</b>	<b>By whom</b>	<b>Update/Complete</b>
14/178	Feedback from residents group on ETRO	MR	✓
14/194	When received, advertise HS2 bill materials available for viewing by the public	Clerk	Likely to be published in July
14/202	Apply to Land Registry with respect to allotments and Marsh Lane land	Clerk/JH	
15/39	Take photos of verges, sidings etc and send to the Clerk (prior to commencement of devolved services)	All Cllrs	
15/63	Sign 12 month contract with EON for unmetered electricity supply for streetlights	Clerk	✓
15/63	Arrange repair of bench	Clerk	✓
15/63	Raise cheque for £50 for SMVCA towards water costs	Clerk	✓
15/63	Get quote for summer planting and maintenance of flower bed	Clerk	✓
15/64	Advise BCC and ATC of Council's decision regarding devolved services	Clerk	✓
15/69	Publish new burial ground regulations and forms	Clerk	✓
15/69	Instruct Sparkx to install 3 LEDs to Carters Ride	Clerk	✓
15/69	Instruct Sparkx to undertake structural testing of street lights	Clerk	✓
15/69	Contact AVDC regarding street light for Residential home on Risborough Road	Clerk	✓