

STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th June 2014
at the Community Centre, Eskdale Road, Stoke Mandeville**

PRESENT:

Cllrs: J Hunt (Chair), B Adams, M Rogers and P Wood

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14/92 APOLOGIES Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors R Butler, A Clark, B Ezra, D Starr, B Tyndall and S Watson. Cllr D Kennedy was absent.	
14/93 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION There were no declarations of interest made. No requests for dispensation had been received.	
14/94 OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS There were no members of public present and no matters raised under this item.	
14/95 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the meeting held on 13 th May 2014 had been previously circulated. It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman sign the minutes as a correct record. The table of actions was noted. The speedwatch exercise scheduled for 24 th May had been cancelled due to the bad weather and would be rearranged. The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 20 th May 2014 had been previously circulated. It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman sign the minutes as a correct record.	
14/96 CASUAL VACANCY FOR STOKE LEYS WARD Councillor Palmer had resigned shortly after the May meeting, thus creating a casual vacancy for Stoke Leys ward. The vacancy had been advertised in accordance with the legislation, the deadline for electors to request an election was 10 th June. If no election was requested then the Council would be able to co-opt at its next meeting in July. The co-option would be advertised on Parish Noticeboards and included in the Bucks Herald column for Stoke Mandeville.	Clerk
14/97 FINANCE a) Payment of Invoices – the list of payments tabled was approved. b) Bank reconciliation and finance report – the bank reconciliation and finance report were noted. c) Internal Auditor's report – A copy of the report of the internal auditor addressed to the Chairman, had been circulated and was noted. The Finance and Governance Committee to consider the recommendations within the Report at its next meeting on 15 th July and report back to the Council. d) Skate Park repair – Bendcrete had provided a quotation to repair the safety railings on the Skate Park. It was AGREED to accept their quotation of £200 and instruct them to carry out the work urgently. e) SLCC Conference – It was AGREED to fund the Chairman's attendance at the	F&G Committee Clerk

<p>conference taking place on 2nd July at a cost of £59.</p>	
<p>14/98 CAR PARKING – STOKE LEYS</p> <p>The Parish Council had written to Bucks CC expressing concerns about the delay in implementing the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO). BCC had replied to say that the plans were being finalised and that residents would receive a copy with a covering letter. Anticipated time scale was August 2014.</p> <p>Cllr Rogers said that he, District Ward Councillor Cllr Tyndall and County Councillor Brian Roberts would be attending a meeting with the Buckinghamshire Hospital Trust late June and he would report back at the next Parish Council meeting. He and Cllr Hunt would also raise the matter at the next GALAF on 30th June.</p>	
<p>14/99 HIGH SPEED RAIL 2</p> <p>a) Petitioning the Hybrid Bill</p> <p>It was noted that the Council’s Petition had been submitted to the House of Commons on Thursday 22nd May and that HS2 may wish to meet with the Parish Council with a view to negotiating some of the issues raised within the petition.</p> <p>b) Other Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HS2 had written to the Parish Council to notify that further land would be required to reconfigure the junction of Risborough Road and the new bypass and that further details would be sent in due course. Cllr Rogers undertook to ascertain where in Risborough Road this action was intended or whether it was in Lower Road. • It was noted that a report from Peter Brett Associates promoting a fully bored tunnel through the Chilterns had been included in the Petitions of Bucks County Council, Aylesbury Vale District Council, Chilterns District Councils and Conservation Groups, who had commissioned the report. Although the new proposal moved the line slightly further away from the village, the Parish Council had not been able to form a view in light of the scant information received. The report did not contain details about where the northern portal of the tunnel would be sited or the size and location of the accompanying construction site. However, within the Council’s Petition to the Hybrid Bill, the Parish Council reserved the Right to raise matters of concern relating to the substance of the HS2 Hybrid Bill that may arise from continuing discussions which impact upon residents of the Parish such as the extended bored tunnel proposal of others. Considerable debate took place during which it was stated that AVDC and BCC needed to understand their programme of further work and ensure that contact is maintained with Parish and Town Councils as it progresses. It was AGREED that the Council write as such to Martin Tett, Leader of Bucks County Council a Neil Blake Leader of AVDC, copied to Carole Paternoster AVDC, Alex Day and Jackie Copcutt [BCC] , Tracey Aldworth, AVDC and Chris Adams and Brian Roberts County Councillors for the Parish. • It was noted that if there was a major change advocated then a further Environmental Statement would be required for public consultation. 	<p>JH/Clerk/MR</p>
<p>14/100 DEVOLVED SERVICES</p> <p>A report from the Chairman had been previously circulated on the Bucks CC conference held on 27th May 2014 on devolved services which had been attended by the Chairman and Cllr Starr. The conference had centred on services currently provided by Transport for Bucks including grass cutting, hedge trimming, rights of way clearance and sign cleaning.</p> <p>BCC were advocating that parish and town councils who took on this role should work in clusters. BCC would not be determining clusters or how services should be delivered and this would be left for parishes themselves. Initial agreements would be</p>	

<p>for a four year period.</p> <p>Grass cutting within devolved services would only be funded for 30mph zones which would exclude most of the village ward and uncertainty remained as to the responsibility for grass cutting in the remaining three wards which had not been shown on the maps produced for Stoke Mandeville PC. Aylesbury Vale Housing Trust would continue to be responsible for grass cutting in areas of which they had ownership and there was uncertainty as to the way forward for those areas within the Parish where grass cutting was currently undertaken by AVDC.</p> <p>Concerns were raised that several roads in the parish were 40mph and as such did not fall within the current offer. After discussion It was AGREED that further information was required before any decision could be made, which was likely to be at the Council meeting in early September.</p> <p>Cllr Hunt would request that devolved services were included on the agenda for the GALAF on 30th June.</p>	<p>JH</p>
<p>14/101 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE</p> <p>a) The draft minutes of the meeting held on 29th April were noted and the recommendations therein discussed.</p> <p>b) It was unanimously AGREED to adopt the revised Terms of Reference for the Committee.</p> <p>c) It was unanimously AGREED to purchase 50 “No littering” stickers from SignWizzard.</p> <p>d) It was unanimously AGREED to accept the quotation of £583.10 plus VAT to repair the bus shelter on Wendover Road from Amersham Town Council.</p> <p>e) Cllr Wood reported that there was an over grown walkway on Hawkslade, she would forward details of its location to the Clerk in order to ascertain who is responsible for this path.</p> <p>f) Cllr Hunt said that some advertising “A” boards had been put out in the village. The Clerk would seek advice on the legal position about removing the boards.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>PW</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>14/102 PLANNING COMMITTEE</p> <p>a) The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June were noted.</p> <p>b) Cllr Hunt reported that since the meeting it had been noted from AVDC planning website that the applicant had provided further details concerning ownership of land in respect of application 14/01112/APP in light of the recommendation from Highways that the application be refused. . The Parish Council’s response to this application had been based on the original plans and documents and the new documents would be considered should the District Council consult further but otherwise the current objections remain.</p> <p>c) There would be a meeting of the Planning Committee and other interested Councillors to learn more about Neighbourhood Planning on Monday 14th July. All Councillors were invited to attend.</p> <p>d) 14/01511/APP – 11 Elizabeth Close – First Floor Side extension. The Council considered this application and agreed to raise NO OBJECTIONS.</p> <p>e) The Chairman reported that application 14/00790/APP Com Dev Europe, Triangle Business Park had been permitted.</p>	
<p>14/103 CLERKS REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk had attended an SLCC course on Allotment Management which had been very interesting and informative. • BALC were running training courses on the new Financial Regulations and Induction for new Councillors (22nd July). The Clerk would be attending the Financial Regulations course. Anyone wishing to attend the councillor training 	

<p>should contact the Clerk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident of Hawkslade had reported that the litter bins near the shop were overflowing with household waste. The resident had also queried why litter was not picked up on the green spaces and whether another dog waste bin could be provided on the grassed area near Sheridan Close. The overflowing bins had been reported to AVDC Waste Department who would investigate this fly tipping. They had also confirmed that they litter pick the green spaces monthly. Cllr Wood had been to look at the area and reported back that there was very little litter there and that the three dog waste bins along the grassed space appeared to be sufficient as they were not full or overflowing. It was therefore agreed not to install a further bin at this time. • Residents of Carters Ride had reported that the grass cutters had missed their road when they did the first cut in May. This had been reported to Transport for Bucks, the next cut was due week commencing 16th June. • The Clerk reminded Councillors that the next AVDC Open Session for Parishes would be on 25th June. 	
<p>14/104 CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>The list of correspondence circulated was noted. The Community Governance Review was discussed but as it did not affect Stoke Mandeville Parish the Council agreed not to comment.</p>	
<p>14/105 POINTS OF INFORMATION</p> <p>PCSO Paul Evans arrived at this point and updated Councillors on parking enforcement carried out in Hampden Road and Orchard Close. The police were visiting regularly and had placed warning notices on cars parked illegally/inconsiderately. Repeat offenders had been issued with tickets. They were also working with residents to ensure they parked safely. Paul agreed to provide a copy of the warning notice. The Chairman thanked PCSO Evans for attending and for his input to the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Rogers said that a free seminar to update on the Community Infrastructure Levy was being held in London. Cllr Rogers would attend and report back to the Planning Committee.</p>	
<p>14/106 BOUNDARY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II FIELD</p> <p>The Council had written to the owner of the land adjacent to the playground regarding the trees that had been felled and their response was noted.</p> <p>The Council resolved as per the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as amended by s.100 LGA 1972) that the remainder of this item would be taken under Confidential Items due to the legal sensitive nature of the item for discussion.</p>	
<p>14/107 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS</p> <p>Members of the public were asked to leave the meeting.</p> <p>Boundary of Queen Elizabeth II Field</p> <p>An application to alter the register for the field had been made to the Land Registry and the Council were invited to consent or appeal the application. The application was to add a copy of the conveyance to the title, the conveyance included a number of covenants. The Chairman had sought advice from Bucks CC Legal Department which had recommended that the Council consent to this application. The solicitor had further suggested that the Council could now apply for a full Title to the land which was currently registered as a Possessory Title.</p> <p>After discussion it was unanimously AGREED to accept the solicitor's advice to consent</p>	

to the application and to investigate the possibility of applying for a full Title.	
14/108 DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the Parish Council would take place on Tuesday 8 th July at 7.30pm.	

Signed _____

Date: 8th July 2014

Appendix 1 – Actions

	Action	By whom	Update/Complete
14/56	Debit / prepaid card for bank account	Clerk/JH/DS	
14/77	Write to Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust regarding parking issues in Hampden Road, Orchard Close and Eskdale Road	Clerk	✓
14/79	Submit response to Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan consultation	Clerk	✓
14/82	Contact the Local Area Technician regarding a pedestrian crossing for Wendover Road	Clerk	
14/95	Speedwatch exercise for Station Road	Clerk / trained councillors	
14/96	Advertise the Vacancy by co-option for Stoke Leys Ward	Clerk	✓
14/97	Review internal auditor report and recommendations	F&G Committee	
14/97	Instruct Bendcrete to carry out skatepark repair	Clerk	✓
14/99	Write to BCC and AVDC regarding the Chilterns Tunnell	JH/MR/Clerk	✓
14/100	Request devolved services to be placed on the agenda for the GALAF	JH	✓
14/101	Place order for no littering stickers	Clerk	✓
14/101	Instruct Amersham TC to carry out the repair to the bus shelter	Clerk	✓