

STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th January 2013 in the
Committee Room at the Community Centre, Eskdale Road**

PRESENT:

Cllrs: J Hunt (Chairman), B Adams, R Butler, A Clark, M Duncan, B Ezra, D Kennedy, M Palmer, D Starr, S Watson,
P Wood

Clerk: Sarah Copley

District Councillor Carole Paternoster

12/150 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr Tyndall who was attending a District Council meeting. Apologies received from District Councillors: D Thompson, S Kennell, P Yerby, S Chapple, B Roberts and County Councillor B Chapple	
12/151 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Watson declared that he is employed by Bucks County Council in relation to the agenda item on HS2 and roads realignment.	
12/152 DISPENSATIONS No requests for dispensation had been received.	
12/153 OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS There were no parishioners present and no items raised under this item.	
12/154 MINUTES The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously agreed as an accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.	
12/155 CAR PARKING IN STOKE MANDEVILLE VILLAGE Further correspondence received from a resident of Arnold Close was noted and it was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approach Chiltern Rail as to the possibility of displaying a joint notice board with the Parish Council to deter commuters from parking on residential roads• Display signs in affected areas reminding drivers to give consideration to residents if parking their cars on the roadside.• Parking in the village would be discussed at the Wendover LAF on 10th January because the village came within the Wendover Police area, Cllr Hunt would attend. Correspondence had also been received from a resident of Ligo Avenue about the yellow lines in place there. The Clerk was asked to reply outlining the reasons behind their installation.	
12/156 CAR PARKING AROUND STOKE MANDEVILLE HOSPITAL Cllr Tyndall had given apologies for the meeting but it was noted that he had met with Ian Garlington from Buckinghamshire Hospitals Trust in December and was awaiting written confirmation of the Trust's plans from Anne Eden Trust Chief Executive. A consultation of residents was being carried out regarding parking. Cllr Duncan said he had not yet received it and the Clerk was asked to establish when it had been launched and who was being consulted.	

<p>12/157 PARKING IN BRUDENELL DRIVE</p> <p>A resident of Brudenell Drive had requested permission to display signs from MK and Buckinghamshire Fire Authority on street lights in Brudenell Drive belonging to the PC, The proposed posters asked drivers to park considerately and not block access of emergency vehicles. The Council AGREED to grant permission for the signs to be in place for 3 months.</p>	
<p>12/158 FINANCE</p> <p>a) Payment of Invoices The list of payments for the month as circulated was approved.</p> <p>b) Bank reconciliation and Finance report The bank reconciliation and finance report for the month were noted.</p> <p>c) Emptying of Dog Bins AVDC had written to confirm the costs of the service for 2013-14 which would be £1634, a 50% saving on the previous year. It was AGREED to accept this quotation.</p> <p>d) Grass Cutting The Clerk reported on three quotations which had been received for cutting the grass at Eskdale Road Playing Field. AVDC had quoted for 32 weekly cuts throughout the year with the other two contractors quoting for 26 weekly cuts. The Clerk was asked to obtain a revised quote from AVDC for 26 weekly cuts and a decision would be made at the February meeting.</p>	
<p>12/159 PRECEPT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2013-14</p> <p>Further information had been received from AVDC relating to the changes in the tax base due to the Localisation of Council Tax Benefit from which Parish Council were not to be exempt. The District Council had agreed to make a grant to parishes for 2013-14 in order to enable band D to be at the same level as the previous year, although this was guaranteed for one year only. After discussion the following proposals were made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Ezra proposed and Cllr Wood seconded an increase in the precept of 17% giving a total of £82,222. 2. Cllr Butler proposed and Cllr Starr seconded an increase in the precept of 21% giving a total of £85,033. 3. Cllr Clark proposed an increase in the precept of 11%, but as there was no seconder the proposal fell. <p>A vote was taken on the remaining two proposals, the outcome of which was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 in favour of a 17% increase • 4 in favour of a 21% increase • Two abstentions <p>It was therefore AGREED to submit a precept demand for 2013-14 of £82,222, an increase of 17% on the previous year. In addition the Council would receive a final grant from AVDC of £6,645.61. The Band D council tax would increase from £30.06 pa to £39.04 pa.</p> <p>SM&OP Charity bid</p> <p>A bid of £15,193 would be submitted to the Charity for non precept items to include a contribution to the contract for the groundsman, emptying of dog bins, maintaining the old church site and improvement of the Council's website</p> <p>SMVCA Grant</p> <p>It was agreed to provide a grant to SMVCA of £7,303 for 2013-14 towards the costs of the caretaker salary.</p> <p>The Council noted correspondence from SMVCA Chairman regarding the provision of a</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

business plan and it was agreed that Cllr Starr will contact SMVCA to progress.	
<p>12/160 HS2</p> <p>a) Community Engagement on Mitigation</p> <p>The Chairman reported on proposals for the realignment of the A4010 and the closure of Marsh Lane as mitigation proposals against HS2. She said that items had been placed in the last two issues of the Parish Magazine outlining the mitigation options. Few responses had been received which had been supportive. A meeting had been called by BCC for 9th January to discuss options which Cllrs Starr, Palmer and she would be attending.</p> <p>b) Public Engagement</p> <p>Cllrs Starr and Palmer had met and produced action packs for undertaking consultation with the public with the public but in view of the need to engagement with HS2 as soon as possible he queried whether timing would allow. He suggested that the Council approach HS2 to see if the mitigation proposed for the village was possible before gathering further community support. After further discussion, Cllr Clark proposed, seconded by Cllr Ezra that the Parish Council supports the proposals for road realignment and engage with HS2 Ltd and advises BCC accordingly. On a vote the proposal was unanimously agreed with one abstention.</p> <p>a) Bilateral Meeting with HS2</p> <p>The date of the bilateral meeting with HS2 would be 22nd January at 2.30pm, requests for agenda items should be sent to the Chairman. Marcus Rogers, Senior Manager at BCC Place Services, had asked to attend and this was agreed.</p> <p>b) Compensation Consultation</p> <p>The Chairman tabled the Council’s draft response to the consultation which was agreed. In addition, Councillors were encouraged to submit individual responses. Attention was drawn by Cllr Clark to question 7 of the consultation questionnaire which dealt with compensation for social housing. Whilst he agreed with the response within the draft he offered to approach Aylesbury Vale Housing Trust for their views.</p> <p>c) SMAG event on the Consultation</p> <p>The meeting was advised that SMAG were to hold an information event on 19th January at the Kings Head in Aylesbury and all Councillors were encouraged to attend to lend support. The National Trust would also be in attendance. Postcards to encourage people to respond to the consultation had been funded by the Council, supplies would be provided to all councillors and a copy had been circulated for information.</p> <p>d) Bore Tunnel through the Chilterns</p> <p>The Chairman reported that Cavendish had agreed to provide dates and were willing to come to Stoke Mandeville for the meeting.</p>	
<p>12/161 SPEED LIMIT REVIEW</p> <p>The update received from Transport for Buckinghamshire was noted and it was agreed to include this on the agenda for the next meeting in order for Councillors to fully consider the information.</p> <p>Cllr Duncan recommended the TfB website and app for mobile phones for reporting problems such as pot holes. The Chairman also reminded that the Clerk retained a “Gang Sheet” in order to collect and report areas which required attention by the Highways Authority.</p>	
<p>12/162 PLANNING COMMITTEE</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 18th December were noted.</p>	

<p>12/163 PARISH COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT PLAN</p> <p>In view of the increasing commitments and activities of the Council, it was AGREED to reinstate a Development/Business Plan and that the Chairman and the Clerk would draw up a first draft.</p>	<p>Chair / Clerk</p>
<p>12/164 CLERK'S REPORT</p> <p>Speeding</p> <p>A resident of Station Road had written to the Council regarding speeding Station Road and suggested that the VAS was moved nearer to the Risborough Road roundabout. It was noted that the VAS had been installed on a site recommended by the Police but had already been moved once at a cost of £800 to the Council. It was agreed that costs for a second anchor point would be established and also the cost for temporary VAS which could be easily moved around the parish.</p> <p>A speed watch exercise for Station Road would be undertaken in Spring.</p> <p>CILCA</p> <p>The Clerk said she had received the results following submission of her portfolio for assessment and had passed 22 of the 24 sections. The Clerk would redo and resubmit the other two for assessment.</p> <p>BALC Training Courses</p> <p>A list of BALC courses and dates for 2013 was provided to Councillors.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>12/165 POINTS OF INFORMATION</p> <p>Cllr Butler reported that the gate to the playground had not yet been repaired but Roblins had made up the components needed and would fit them when they are next in the area.</p>	
<p>12/166 DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 12th February 2013.</p>	

Signed: _____

Date: 12th February 2013

Appendix 1

Action list

Ref	Action	By Whom	By When	Update / Completed
12/156	Find out where the consultation had been circulated	Clerk	Next meeting	BT taken up with Steve Kenton
12/158	Request quote for 26 grass cuts from AVDC	Clerk	Next meeting	✓
12/159	Submit precept demand of £82,222 to AVDC	Clerk	21 st January	✓
12/159	Submit grant request of £15,193 to SM&OP charity	Clerk	10 th January	✓
12/160	Write to SMVCA to confirm grant of £7,303 for 2013-14	Clerk	End January	✓
12/163	Produce draft development plan for the Council	Clerk / Chairman	Next meeting	✓
12/164	Establish costs of temporary VAS and additional anchor point for VAS	Clerk	Next meeting	✓