

STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th March 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, M Palmer, D Starr, B Tyndall, S Watson, P Wood

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12/191 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr Kennedy	
12/192 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.	
12/193 DISPENSATIONS No requests for dispensation had been received.	
12/194 OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS There were no items raised under this item.	
12/195 MINUTES The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 th February 2013 had been previously circulated. It was agreed that subject to correcting the date in Minute 12/171 to read 2013, the Minutes be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.	
12/196 ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 12th FEBRUARY The table of actions was noted. An update would be provided at the next meeting for the outstanding actions as follows: 12/156 Cllr Tyndall would request an update on the consultation regarding parking around Stoke Mandeville Hospital and who had been consulted. 12/173 Cllr Starr and the Clerk would research options for a deposit account for the Council's reserves 12/183 The Clerk would research costs for a projector	
12/197 FINANCE a) Payment of invoices The list of payments was approved. b) Bank reconciliation and Finance report The bank reconciliation and finance report for the month were noted. c) Registration of the Queen Elizabeth II Field with Land Registry in accordance with the Deed of Dedication – The cost of registering the protection and restrictions of the field with the Land Registry would be £80 and this expenditure was unanimously AGREED . d) Repair to skate park – The Leisure Committee recommendation to repair the damage to the skate park at a cost of £500 plus VAT was unanimously AGREED . e) Repair of gate to children's playground – It was unanimously AGREED to repair the spring to the playground at a cost of £92 plus VAT. f) Replacement nets for the tennis courts – it was unanimously AGREED that the tennis	Clerk Clerk Clerk

<p>court nets be replaced. The Clerk was requested to purchase from the original supplier if possible or if not, to purchase 3.5mm nets at a cost of £229 for two nets.</p> <p>g) Grass Cutting Contract.</p> <p>The Clerk had been contacted by Aylesbury Vale District Council who had offered a more favourable rate to that previously agreed. The cost for 32 weekly cuts of the field and 13 cuts of the playground would be £3,293.13. As the decision had been made less than 6 months ago it was unanimously agreed that Standing Orders be suspended. On discussing the issue further, it was unanimously AGREED to accept this new quotation.</p> <p>Standing orders were reconvened</p> <p>7.55pm Cllr Clark left the meeting due to ill health</p>	Clerk
<p>12/198 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING</p> <p>The Leisure Committee had discussed holding the event to unveil the commemorative Queen Elizabeth II plaque for the field and had recommended that it was combined with the Annual Parish Meeting which would be put back to May to take advantage of the lighter evenings. The Council AGREED to this course of action and the date of the meeting was set as Thursday 2nd May. It was recognised that this was the date of the forthcoming local authority elections but there would be no disadvantage. The Clerk would advertise the date change on the website and notice boards.</p> <p>Cllrs Starr and Hunt would work on the agenda, Cllrs Wood and Ezra offered to arrange refreshments.</p>	Clerk JH/DS/ PW/BE
<p>12/199 HS2</p> <p>a) Mitigation</p> <p>The Buckinghamshire Blueprint had been published and was available to download from the Bucks County Council website. Cllrs Hunt, Starr and Palmer attended the HS2 Mini Summit hosted by Bucks CC where the blueprint was launched. The draft blueprint was noted but Cllrs stated that the link from Terrick to the A.4013 as included in the original proposals should be retained.</p> <p>Cllrs Hunt and Starr met with Marsh Parish Council to discuss their concerns over the diversion of Marsh Lane and road realignment between the Risborough Road and Lower Road, Marcus Rogers of Bucks CC had also attended.</p> <p>Claire Graves from the National Trust had offered to broker a meeting with Ellesborough PC and it was agreed to take advantage of this offer. The Chairman agreed to liaise with CG.</p> <p>b) Wendover Tunnel</p> <p>Cllrs Hunt and Starr had attended a meeting with David Lidington and other parishes where the tunnel was discussed. CRAG were still campaigning for the tunnel extension.</p> <p>c) Noise Assessment</p> <p>The Council's decision to carry out a baseline noise assessment had been put on hold when HS2 had offered to carry one out. Cllr Starr reported that the HS2 assessment would not now be shared with the Parish Council and it was AGREED that the Council would now proceed with their own baseline noise assessment.</p> <p>d) Council's land at Marsh Lane</p> <p>HS2 had put a sign on the gate to the Council's land as they were trying to trace the owner. Cllr Hunt had contacted HS2 to advise it belonged to the Council. The safeguarding map had shown that the allotments car park came within this criteria. HS2</p>	JH DS

<p>were to follow up and advise.</p>	
<p>12/200 ALLOTMENT ACCESS FROM LOWER ROAD</p> <p>The access from Lower Road had become very muddy due to the recent wet weather which is a recurring problem every winter. The Chairman and Clerk had made initial enquiries with Transport for Bucks as it is Highways land. TfB had provided information on the process to improve the access. It was unanimously AGREED that quotes would be obtained for the work in the first instance.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>12/201 LEISURE COMMITTEE</p> <p>a) The minutes of the meeting held on 19th February were noted.</p> <p>b) Cllr Ezra reported that Pollyanna Preschool had approached the Council to request the leasing of an area of land adjacent to the Community Centre for use as a playground. Representatives from the Leisure Committee, SMVCA and Pollyanna had met to discuss the request informally but due to the QEII status of the field and location of the drains the playgroup's initial proposal was not viable. The Council would consider further proposals if forthcoming.</p> <p>c) Cllr Starr reported that the Adizone Working Group had met to progress the project. Funders requested evidence of community support for the project and a consultation questionnaire had been drawn up, copies of which were circulated to Councillors who were asked to canvas opinions of parishioners in their wards</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>12/202 PLANNING COMMITTEE</p> <p>a) The minutes of the meeting held on 21st February were noted.</p> <p>b) Application No CC/01/13 Booker Park School, Kynaston Avenue – The Council considered this application and agreed to raise no objections.</p> <p>c) Application numbers - 12/00605/AOP, 10/01504/AOP and 12/00739/AOP - A letter had been received from AVDC explaining that an appeal had been put in for three large development applications which would now be decided by the Planning Inspector. The application for Hampden Fields (12/00605/AOP) would be discussed by AVDC at their Development Control meeting on 10th April. Cllr Yerby had written to the Council requesting a donation towards a professional traffic report for Hampden Fields. The Council considered this request but agreed not to contribute.</p> <p>d) AVDC had advised of a change to planning officers' delegated powers. Where a Planning Officer recommendation differs from a Parish Council objection to a planning application, the Parish Council must now send a representative to speak at the Development Control Committee meeting if the application was to be referred to Committee. It was AGREED that the Parish Council would write to AVDC protesting this new procedure.</p>	<p>JH</p>
<p>12/203 DEVELOPMENT PLAN</p> <p>It was unanimously AGREED to adopt the development plan as circulated.</p>	
<p>12/204 CLERK'S REPORT</p> <p>A resident had contacted the Council requesting advice regarding the noise from live music at the Bull pub. The Council would write to AVDC and recommended that the resident contact SM District Councillor Thompson.</p> <p>The streetlight in Eskdale Road had now been reconnected and the invoice passed on to the insurance company in relation to the claim.</p> <p>The overflowing drain on Risborough Road had been cleared.</p> <p>A resident had written to the Council to compliment and give thanks for the condition of the facilities at the Queen Elizabeth II Field.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

<p>A consultation on the future of the Quality Council scheme had been launched and Councils could respond online. The Clerk would circulate details.</p> <p>NALC had written to local councils asking that they contact their local MP asking them to attend a meeting on 24th April aimed at raising awareness of the impact of the Government's Localisation of Council Tax support on town and parish councils. The Clerk was asked for forward details on to David Lidington.</p> <p>Tring Road in Aylesbury would be closed in stages for works between 2nd April and 31st May.</p> <p>Nominations are now being accepted for the Community Policing award and it was unanimously agreed to nominate PC Andy Smith from Wendover.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>12/205 CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>The list of correspondence was noted.</p> <p>Bucks County Council Guidance on Watercourse Maintenance – the Clerk would contact Bucks County Council for further advice regarding the ditch at the Queen Elizabeth II Field.</p> <p>It was noted that AVDC would be removing the recycling facilities located at the Community Centre due to the new household waste scheme</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>12/206 POINTS OF INFORMATION</p> <p>Cllr Tyndall reported that the plans for the multi-storey car park at Stoke Mandeville Hospital were due to go the Trust's next board meeting on 27th March.</p>	
<p>12/207 DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 9th April, at 7.30pm. The date of the Annual Parish Meeting would be Thursday 2nd May at 7pm.</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>12/208 LAND AT MARSH LANE</p> <p>The tenant had written to say that he wished to renew the agricultural tenancy on the land. The Council discussed the request but AGREED that the earlier decision not to renew the Lease should stand . The Clerk would write to the tenant to inform him of the Council's decision.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to seek advice from Bucks CC Legal team on the Council's obligations. The ground would be left fallow to recover from livestock grazing while the future of it was debated especially as part of the land had been identified in the HS2 safeguarding map</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

Signed: _____

Date: 9th April 2013

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES 12TH FEBRUARY 2013

Appendix 1 - Action list

Ref	Action	By Whom	Update / Completed
12/156	Find out where the consultation on parking at SM Hospital had been circulated	BT	
12/173	Research long term deposit account for Council reserves	Cllr Starr / Clerk	
12/183	Obtain costs for purchase of projector	Clerk	
12/197	Register restrictions for the field with the Land Registry	Clerk	✓ forms submitted
12/197	Arrange for repair to skate park	Clerk	Order placed 15 th March
12/197	Arrange repair of gate to playground	Clerk	✓ Completed 18 th March
12/197	Purchase replacement nets for the tennis courts	Clerk	Order placed 21/03/13
12/197	Advise AVDC of decision regarding grass cutting	Clerk	✓
12/198	Annual Parish Meeting arrangements: Advertise new date Agenda Refreshments	Clerk DS/JH PW	✓
12/199	Arrange meeting with Ellesborough PC	JH	✓
12/199	Progress baseline noise assessment	DS	
12/200	Quotes for improvements to the access to the allotments from Lower Road	Clerk	
12/201	Circulate copies of the community consultation on the proposed adult exercise equipment	All	✓
12/202	Write to AVDC regarding new process when objecting to planning applications	JH	
12/204	Write to AVDC regarding live music at the Bull	Clerk / JH	
12/204	Forward details of meeting on 24 th April to David Lidington	Clerk	✓
12/204	Complete nomination form for Community Policing award	Clerk	
12/205	Find out who owns the ditches at the back of the playing field - use advice in Wetcourse briefing note	Clerk	
12/208	Write to tenant to advise of Council's decision	Clerk	✓
12/208	Arrange meeting with BCC legal team	Clerk	✓