

STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMER EDITION

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Neighbourhood Plans were introduced by the Government as part of the Localism Act 2011 giving communities the right to shape development in their areas. However, if the local planning authority says that a particular area needs to grow, neighbourhood plans cannot be used to block the building of new homes and businesses in that area. However, neighbourhood plans can be used to influence the type, design, location and mix of new development. Once a neighbourhood plan is made it becomes part of the statutory development plan for the local planning authority.

Aylesbury Vale District Council is currently drafting its Local Plan and has classed Stoke Mandeville as a "larger village" capable of taking additional housing. AVDC does not currently have a supply of land to cover the next five years and this makes the parish vulnerable to planning applications. Recently we have seen applications for new housing in the parish – two on Lower Road and one coming forward for Wendover Road. An application for further housing development behind Eskdale Road is awaited. Should any of these be approved it will lead to a large increase in the population of our parish where we already have insufficient capacity in our schools, no doctors' surgery in the Parish and crowded roads. All of this could come along at the same time as the seven year period of construction for HS2 begins in 2017. It is therefore important for the parish to understand and respond to local housing needs through the neighbourhood planning process so we get the housing we need and want. To do this we need your help. ***No change is not an option.***

Consulting with our residents is a most important part of the development of neighbourhood plans and you will recently have received leaflets about consultation events taking place:

Saturday 14th May, 2-5pm at Hawkslade Community Centre

Wednesday 18th May, 6.30-8.30pm at Booker Park School

Saturday 21st May, 10am-2pm at the Community Centre in Eskdale Road.

Engagement with local people and businesses will take place throughout the year until the Referendum in 2018. In the meantime it is hoped that you will have managed to attend one of these sessions to ask questions, let us know your thoughts and learn about the next steps before we reach that stage. Taking into account the numbers of residents attending our Planning meetings when applications for multiple units are to be discussed, we are aware that you have an interest in the future of your surroundings. Please do not wait until these applications are received.

The Steering Group is made up of some Parish Councillors and residents - but we need more residents to help with the task in hand by more people coming forward to get involved.

Policies are being prepared by the Group for housing, traffic and transport, environment and green spaces, business and employment, community facilities, heritage and conservation and connectivity and infrastructure. Whether you live in an urban or rural area, get involved. The work is not onerous involving one or possibly two meetings a month. We need your ideas about how Stoke Mandeville should move forward and your support. We are keen to see our parish remain a vibrant community, to have some control over its future and the type of housing and locations we feel to be appropriate.

For further details contact the Parish Council Clerk Sarah Copley on 01296 613888, email smparishcouncil@btonnect.com or visit the Neighbour Plan website: www.stokemandevilleneighbourhoodplan.org.uk

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Meeting for Parishioners took place on 12 April at the Community Centre, Eskdale Road, when a presentation was given on the Neighbourhood Plan. The Annual Report for 2015/2016 was presented by the Chairman, Jenny Hunt, of which a copy can be obtained from the Clerk at the Parish Office, The Community Centre, Eskdale Road or accessed on the Council's website at www.stokemandevilleparishcouncil.org.uk

CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN LITTER PICK

During the May Bank Holiday Parish Councillors came out in force to pick up litter across the parish as part of the celebration of the Queen's Ninetieth Birthday. We collected sixteen large plastic bags of litter and rubbish along roadsides, grass verges, footpaths, hedges and ditches. Wrappers and containers of fast food and drink cartons and cans were the main offenders especially where thrown from vehicles along main roads. A number of other items were discovered which would not be termed as "litter". Black spots were identified and we will be looking as to what action can be taken to improve the situation. Dog mess was particularly noticeable in some areas. We would once again urge dog owners to bag and bin dog waste. We have more litter and dog bins than most other parishes, please use them. It is against the law to drop litter and to allow your dog to foul in a public place without cleaning this up in respect of which fines can be imposed. We are aware that most of our dog owners do follow good practice but unfortunately this is not the case in all areas.

DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following decisions on planning applications have been received from Aylesbury Vale District Council

- Erection of extension to house swim spa 2 Swallow Lane PERMITTED
- Rear conservatory, 29 Lambourne Avenue, Aylesbury PERMITTED
- Removal of existing conservatory and to replace with single storey rear extension with two roof lights and erection of canopy, 23 Irvine Drive, Stoke Mandeville APPROVED
- Provision of single storey portable building, Unit 10 Triangle Business Park, Quilters Way, Stoke Mandeville. APPROVED
- Single storey rear extension, 16 Chalgrove End. CERTIFICATE ISSUED
- Internal Works Swallow Cottage 11 Swallow Lane Stoke Mandeville. CONSENT GRANTED
- Crown reduction of Weeping Willow tree, 11 Winterton Drive, Aylesbury. CONSENT GRANTED
- First floor side extension, new pitch roof and tiled roof over existing conservatory, 12 Hughenden Green, Stoke Mandeville APPROVED
- First floor rear extension and replacement timber outbuilding. 7 Hanson Way, Aylesbury. APPROVED

Jenny Hunt
Chairman
1 May 2016

A warm welcome to Steve and Elaine Roost who have recently taken over The Farmyard Cafe at the Goat Centre , Layby Farm, Old Risborough Road. They also have a bakery in Tring, trading for over 35 years. Steve has worked in France and Switzerland bringing experience and passion for good food to Stoke Mandeville. This amazing food venue offers a selection of cakes, pastries, soups, hot snacks, salads and much more in relaxing surroundings. A senior citizen's menu of soup, cake and pot of tea is offered on Tuesdays for £7.50 and coffee mornings on Tuesday to Friday 10 – 11 am at £1.50 each. The adjoining farm shop sells locally produced sausages, preserves, free range eggs, pickles, honey and rape seed oil and much more. They also cater for children's parties and private functions. The Parish Council welcomes local initiatives and enterprises such as this to our area. Whilst on site do not forget to visit the art gallery, craft shops, outlets and other small businesses.