

STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Copley

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Minutes of the Stoke Mandeville Annual Parish Meeting held at Stoke Mandeville Community Centre, Eskdale Road on Tuesday 8th April 2014 at 7pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr B Adams	Cllr R Butler
Cllr A Clark	Cllr B Ezra
Cllr J Hunt (Chair)	Cllr M Palmer
Cllr M Rogers	Cllr D Starr
Cllr B Tyndall	Cllr S Watson
Cllr P Wood	

District Cllr D Thompson

5 members of public

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The Chairman extended a warm welcome to Councillors, guests and members of the public especially to those from Marsh and Kimble who had attended to learn about East West Rail.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor D Kennedy.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May 2013 were unanimously approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. EAST WEST RAIL

Patrick O'Sullivan Rail Consultant and Caryl Jones Communications Manager East West Rail had attended the meeting by invitation to talk about the establishment of East West Rail which would be operational by 2019. With the use of illustrations and slides Patrick gave an extremely interesting and informative presentation about the project, which aims to establish a railway connecting East Anglia with Central, Southern and Western England.

The first phase of the project will be to connect Oxford to Bicester, there will also be a spur off this line to connect to Aylesbury and London Marylebone. Aylesbury to London Marylebone will use the existing line through Princes Risborough but is now likely to be a twin track so widening works will be needed for the current line.

East West Rail interfaces with HS2 at two points – Steeple Claydon and Little Kimble. HS2 are seeking powers to alter the alignment of East West Rail so that it goes over the HS2 line.

Further information regarding the route can be found at www.eastwestrail.org.uk.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Report of the Chairman had been previously circulated. In presenting her Report the Chairman spoke of the achievements of the Council during the year and gave details of plans for development during the coming year. She said that although considerable time had been spent on working on mitigation against HS2, this had not prevented the role of the Council being compromised and sustainability had been achieved.

The Chairman said that the end of year accounts were with the auditor and would be available for inspection by the public shortly, notices would be placed on the Council's notice boards and website.

The Chairman expressed thanks to fellow Councillors and the Clerk for their support and hard work and to the Stoke Mandeville and Other Parishes Charity for their continued support by providing grant funding which allows all residents of the parish to benefit from the charity.

Councillor Ezra thanked the Chairman for her work and dedication to the Parish Council on behalf of Councillors.

The Report of the Chairman was adopted.

3. STOKE MANDEVILLE AND OTHER PARISHES CHARITY.

Chairman of the Charity, Barbara Ezra, provided an update on the work of the Charity and reminded everyone that grants are available to residents of the parish. One example of the excellent work of the charity is the Senior Citizens New Year Lunch which is very popular and well attended.

The accounts for the charity were available from the Administrator and published in the Parish Magazine.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no matters raised and the meeting was closed at 8pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____