

## **STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Minutes of the Stoke Mandeville Annual Parish Meeting held at Stoke Mandeville Community Centre, Eskdale Road on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2013**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr R Butler	Cllr A Clark
Cllr M Duncan	Cllr B Ezra
Cllr J Hunt (Chair)	Cllr D Starr
Cllr S Watson	Cllr P Wood

District Cllr C Paternoster

5 members of public

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#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors B Adams, M Palmer and B Tyndall and District Cllrs P Yerby and D Thompson. Cllr Kennedy was absent.

#### **2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman reported on the achievements and work undertaken by the Parish Council during the last year and outlined plans for the coming year. A copy of her report will be put on the Council's website.

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 Council had worked hard in the past to keep the precept low but had needed to increase it this year due to increased costs and maintenance required to bring some of the parish assets and facilities up to standard. The increase had equated to £9 per annum for a Band D property.

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 continuing to support the work of the Parish Council by provision of a grant.

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

#### **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 the over 60s for a Senior Citizens railcard, educational grants for students and Christmas grants for the over 70s.

The job title of the Clerk to the Charity had been changed to Administrator in order to avoid confusion between her role and that of the Parish Council Clerk.

In response to a question from Cllr Hunt, Mrs Ezra confirmed that 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 7.30pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_