

STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held at the Community Centre,
Eskdale Road, Stoke Mandeville on Tuesday 19th July 2016.**

PRESENT: Cllrs: M Rogers (Chair), J Hunt, S Pluckwell, D Starr, P Wood

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E16/42	APOLOGIES There were no apologies, Cllr Garrett was absent.	
E16/43	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST No declarations of interest were made.	
E16/44	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 th May, previously circulated, were agreed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of the Community Centre in Hawkslade being added as a black spot for litter. The minutes and amendment were duly signed by the Chairman. The actions from the previous meeting were noted.	
E16/45	SPEED MONITORING a) The MVAS had been set up in Risborough Road for a month and the results had been sent to the Police. The results were discussed, the 85 percentile for the period was 41.7mph with average speed of 36.2mph. b) It was noted that Bucks CC and the Police had carried out educational speed checks in Risborough Road, no tickets had been issued but drivers had been pulled over and spoken to. From the data collected it was evident that the majority of speeding vehicles were local residents. Cllr Hunt would include an article on the results of both speed checks in the next parish magazine and it was agreed to schedule further speed checks for the autumn.	
E16/46	DEVOLVED SERVICES The Clerk updated the committee on issues raised by local residents and the action taken. Most concerned overgrown hedging that was encroaching onto footways or the road. Hedges are the responsibility of the landowner and the Clerk was sending the template letter provided by Transport for Bucks. Councillors raised the issues of the amount of weeds around the parish, Aylesbury Town Council were weed spraying when weather conditions permitted. There had been a recent complaint about the walkway in Claydon Path, Aylesbury TC had cut back the hedging that was included within devolved services but it had been reported that the street light was still obscured by the high hedge. Cllr Rogers said he would look at it and report back to the Clerk on what action needed to be taken.	MR
E16/47	STREET FURNITURE a) Street Furniture Inspections Cllr Wood had provided a report of the condition of street furniture in Hawkslade. A slat on one of the benches was broken and in need of replacement. The Clerk had got a quote of £30 for this repair and it was agreed to get it repaired as soon as possible. The reports for the other three wards were still outstanding. b) Bus Shelter for Hawkslade Transport for Bucks had confirmed that they had no objection to a bus shelter being placed at the stop on Orwell Drive, opposite Lambourne Avenue. Cllr Pluckwell said that there was a street light near this stop and agreed to check where it was and whether it would be too close to the shelter and report back to the Clerk. The type of	Clerk Clerk

	<p>shelter was discussed and the Clerk asked to get three quotes for a 2 bay aluminium frame shelter with bench.</p> <p>c) Other issues Cllr Wood reported that the yellow salt bins were being used as rubbish bins on Hawkslade. Some of Bucks CC's streetlights in the parish had been removed following a recent safety inspection. The columns would be added to their replacement schedule.</p>	
E16/48	<p>HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS</p> <p>a) Eskdale Road It was noted that Eskdale Road was scheduled for maintenance and would be closed during the works. The latest indication of timescale was for September / October. The Council had previously written to TFB to request that it was carried out during school holidays in order to minimise impact to the preschool and other users of the Community Centre.</p> <p>b) Other issues Parking on Verges – the Clerk reported on advice provided by the Local Area Technician that this could only be enforced where there were restrictions on parking, ie yellow lines or where a byelaw was in place with the correct signs displayed. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk find out if the 1956 byelaw applied to Stoke Mandeville parish and if so, what signs needed to be displayed.</p>	Clerk
E16/49	<p>LAND AT MARSH LANE</p> <p>a) Change of Use of Land The Clerk and Chairman of the Council had completed the change of use application form to be submitted to the Secretary of State but part of the requirement was to consult with the National Allotment Society and allotment tenants. All had been written to and a response from the Society was awaited in order to submit the application.</p> <p>b) Responses from Allotment Tenants A number of tenants had responded to the request for comments on the proposed change of use and no objections had been raised. Tenants had provided comments about access and parking which would be taken into consideration once at planning stage. There was some discussion around funding for either the landscaping required for a new burial ground or purchase of land if the change of use was not granted and the Clerk was asked to enquire whether it was something New Homes Bonus might consider funding.</p> <p>c) Issues raised by contractor The contractor who had cut the grass at the field had commented on fly tipping and dog faeces found near the boundary hedge. The Council had resolved to have monthly grass cutting of this area and it was agreed to ask the contractor to report back next time he cut the grass to see if it was an ongoing issue. If further fly tipping found, the Council would contact Environmental Health to take further action.</p>	Clerk
E16/50	<p>SWALLOW LANE BURIAL GROUND</p> <p>a) Review of Burial Ground Regulations In light of the low number of spaces remaining in the burial ground it was agreed to amend the burial ground regulation 1.3 to state that the deceased must have been a resident of the parish for at least 7 years and to amend 1.4 to say the Council had the right to deal with any exception circumstances at its discretion.</p> <p>b) Any other issues The Clerk reported that the brown bins were for residential use and that the bin would need to be registered to an address but could then be moved to the burial ground. After further discussion it was agreed to put a compost bin in the corner for grass cuttings</p>	

	once the existing pile of cuttings had been removed. Cllr Rogers would remind his contact about removing this.	
E16/51	TREES a) The survey of trees on the Council's land had not yet been carried out, the working group would arrange a date.	DS/PW
E16/52	ALLOTMENTS The Clerk reported that two half plots had been given up by tenants and were currently vacant. She had also recently inspected the allotments and written to 5 tenants whose plots were very overgrown, a further inspection would be carried out week commencing 25 th July and notice give to those who had not carried out any work on the plot.	
E16/53	ANY OTHER ISSUES (FOR INFORMATION) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes and supporting documents from the recent Community Safety Toolkit workshop held by Bucks CC had been circulated and were noted. 	
E16/54	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The Environment Committee would next meet on Tuesday 27 th September at 7.30pm.	

Signed: _____

Date: 27th September 2016