

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 22nd March 2016.**

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

CLERK: Sarah Copley

E16/14	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr Wood. Cllr Garrett was absent.	
E16/15	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Councillor Rogers reminded the Committee that he is a School Governor for Stoke Mandeville Combined School. Cllr Hunt declared that her husband has an allotment plot.	
E16/16	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 th January, previously circulated, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. The actions from the previous meeting were noted.	
E16/17	SPEEDING MONITORING a) The MVAS was currently in position in Risborough Road, the Clerk circulated a proposed rota to move the MVAS between the various locations. The rota was approved and the Clerk would circulate to the volunteers. b) The committee reviewed the results of the MVAS data from 2015 and the Clerk would include an item about the results in the annual report.	Clerk Clerk
E16/18	STREET LIGHTS a) It was noted that streetlights had been upgraded to LEDs at the end of February in the following roads: Ligo Avenue, Coombe Close, Meadow Park, Dorchester Close, Walnut Close and Carters Ride. Cllr Hunt reported she had received positive feedback from some local residents. b) The Committee reviewed the other roads with lights to be upgraded and the number of lights in each road. It was agreed to recommend that the roads in Stoke Leys are upgraded next and that half should be done in March 2017 and the other half in April 2017 in order to spread the cost across two financial years but with minimum delay between the two tranches.	
E16/19	DEVOLVED SERVICES There were no issues raised, the Clerk reported that Aylesbury Town Council had begun their grass cutting rota the previous week and would be in the parish soon.	
E16/20	ALLOTMENTS The Clerk reported that some plots had been let following the article in the parish magazine. One of the new tenants had requested to put a small shed and greenhouse on the plot. After discussion and reviewing the tenancy agreement, it was agreed to permit this. Cllr Hunt highlighted the poor condition of some of the plots that had recently been let due to them being empty for some time and it was AGREED to waive the charge on these plots for the first 6 months as a lot of work was needed to get the plot to a state for planting. The Clerk was asked to draw up a policy with regard to the allotments.	
E16/21	STREET FURNITURE a) Provision of dog waste bin for Hampden Road Cllr Starr had visited Hampden Road and recommended that the most appropriate place for an additional dog bin in this area was at the end of Hampden Road beside the lamp post on the grass verge as this should have minimal impact on local residents. This was AGREED .	

	<p>b) Other issues</p> <p>The noticeboard outside the shop on Station Road had been damaged the week before when a vehicle had reversed into it and broken the glass in one door. Unfortunately the vehicle had driven off and the witness had not taken the number plate. The pane of glass had been replaced at a cost of £125 that morning.</p>	
E16/22	<p>HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS</p> <p>a) Bus Shelter, Hawkslade</p> <p>Three suggestions for a location for a bus shelter on Hawkslade had now been received – by the Community Centre, at the stop on Orwell Drive opposite Lambourne Avenue and at the stop on Anton Way, near Harbourne Close. The Committee discussed the three locations and it was agreed that Cllrs Starr, Wood and Pluckwell would do a site visit to look at the suitability of each and that all sites were within the parish.</p> <p>b) Parking Restrictions, Stoke Leys</p> <p>The revised Traffic Regulation Order for parking restrictions in Stoke Leys was noted.</p> <p>c) Other Issues</p> <p>No other matters raised.</p>	DS, PW, SP
E16/23	<p>BURIAL GROUND</p> <p>a) New Burial Ground</p> <p>The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with the district council and Environment Agency with regard to getting a Tier 2 assessment carried out on the land at Marsh Lane to assess its suitability for use as a burial ground. In accordance with their advice, she had then contacted three environmental consultants to request information and prices for their services. Only one quote had been received to date.</p> <p>b) Swallow Lane Burial Ground</p> <p>Following the decision made at the March Parish Council meeting, a quote had been obtained from Aylesbury Town Council to remove the mound of earth in order to make an area available for burial plots. This work would cost £450 and be carried out in the next two weeks.</p>	
E16/24	<p>BEST KEPT VILLAGE</p> <p>a) The Council had entered the 2016 Best Kept Village Competition. It was agreed to arrange a litter pick for the weekend of 30th April / 1st May. Cllr Hunt would write to all councillors inviting them to get involved. Cllr Rogers offered to help draft a press release for the litter pick.</p> <p>b) It was further agreed to recommend that the graffiti is removed from the skate park in late May.</p>	
E16/25	<p>TREES</p> <p>a) The survey of trees on the Council's land had not yet been carried out, the working group would arrange a date after Easter.</p> <p>b) Cllr Starr asked for an update on the enquiry to Transport for Bucks to plant an oak tree on the green by Marsh Lane to replace the tree that had been felled the previous year. The Clerk had spoken to the LAT who suggested that advice was taken on planting where an old tree had previously stood.</p>	DS/PW/JR
E16/26	<p>ANY OTHER ISSUES (FOR INFORMATION)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Rogers said that the HS2 bill was due to have its third reading the following day. 	
E16/27	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The Environment Committee would next meet on Tuesday 24th May at 7.30pm.</p>	

Signed: _____

Date: 24th May 2016