

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 24th May 2016.**

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

CLERK: Sarah Copley

E16/28	ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN Cllr Rogers was unanimously elected as Committee Chairman for 2016-17.	
E16/29	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr Starr. Cllr Garrett was absent.	
E16/30	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Councillor Rogers reminded the Committee that he is a School Governor for Stoke Mandeville Combined School.	
E16/31	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 nd March, previously circulated, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. The actions from the previous meeting were noted.	
E16/32	TERMS OF REFERENCE The terms of reference were reviewed and two updates made, it was unanimously agreed to recommend to the Council that they were adopted.	
E16/33	SPEEDING MONITORING a) At the previous Parish Council meeting, County Cllr C Adams had reported that he had recently carried out a speedwatch exercise on Risborough Road and had recorded high speeds, he had since confirmed that the data had been passed to Thames Valley Police. The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr Adams to thank him for highlighting this issue. Cllr Rogers reported that Mix 96 would be broadcasting from outside the school that Friday and that it might be a good opportunity to publicise the reduced speed limit in Risborough Road and Lower Road. The Chairman of the Council agreed to represent Parish Council. b) The MVAS had been put up in Risborough Road that day in order to collect further data on the speed of cars in this road. The results would be analysed and shared with the Police. It was agreed that in future sheets showing the results from each MVAS site should be monitored by the Committee and that any issues be drawn to the attention of the full Council. c) The Clerk reported that the MVAS had been sited at outside Thornbrook House Risborough Road that day and would be on site for two weeks after which it would be returned to Weston Turville PC. Cllr Wood requested that the next time was with SMPC it be sited on Anton Way and this was agreed.	Clerk
E16/34	DEVOLVED SERVICES Cllr Hunt had raised concerns over the need for cleaning roadside signs in the parish. The Clerk said she had spoken to the Grounds Manager at Aylesbury Town Council who had confirmed the signs would be cleaned during June. Cllr Hunt reported she had received two complaints about the number of advertising signs on posts of traffic signs on and around the roundabout near the Church which were detrimental to road users. The Clerk said that there was a process for dealing with signs within the devolved services contract which would need to be followed. Any illegal signs should be reported to the Clerk who would write to the business to request that the signs were removed. If the signs were not removed within 7 days then the Council could remove them.	

	<p>The process for temporary event notices was that the organiser should write to the Council for permission to display notices. These should be put up no more than 2 weeks before the event and removed immediately after. It was agreed that signs could be put up for the Community Event to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday on 12th June.</p> <p>Some of the rights of way were becoming very overgrown, the Clerk had contacted Aylesbury TC and these would be cut back in June.</p>	
E16/35	<p>STREET FURNITURE</p> <p>a) Cllr Wood asked for an update on the new bin to be installed near the benches off Sheridan Close. The Clerk said that she had written to AVDC to request permission to install the bins on their land and was still awaiting an answer. She was asked to contact them again to say the bins would be installed unless there were any objections within the next 28 days.</p> <p>The new litter bin to go on Lower Road near the bus stop and the dog bin for Hampden Road had also been ordered and awaiting an installation date.</p> <p>Cllr Rogers raised the issue of street name signs and the fact that they were of differing colours throughout the parish and that some carried the Stoke wording Stoke Mandeville Parish on them whilst others did not. After discussion it was agreed to refer to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and ask them to consider a uniform approach to street name signs across the parish in order to create more cohesion.</p> <p>b) Bus Shelter for Hawkslade Cllr Pluckwell had been monitoring the use of the bus stops in Hawkslade and recommended that a shelter is put at the bus stop on Orwell Drive, opposite Lambourne Avenue. After discussion this location was AGREED, the Clerk would apply to Transport for Bucks to request consent for this.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>NP</p> <p>Clerk</p>
E16/36	<p>HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS</p> <p>a) Litter Pick The litter pick carried out over the Bank Holiday weekend had been extremely successful with 16 sacks of rubbish collected. Black spots identified were the layby outside the school, Lower Road and Marsh Lane. After discussion it was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairman of the Council write to all those involved to thank them for their effort. • The fly tipping and rubbish in the ditches along Lower Road (non footpath side) and Risborough Road (between Stoke House and Mill House Farm) be reported to Transport for Bucks for clearance. • To recommend to the Council that a litter pick is organised twice a year • Local businesses, including ASDA, be invited to assist with future litter picks <p>b) Other issues Cllr Rogers reported that a local car sales business was parking a car for sale in the layby at weekends. Cllr Hunt said that a car advertising another business had been parked in the school layby on the week end of 12/22 May. The Clerk would contact the Local Area Technician for advice.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
E16/37	<p>BURIAL GROUND</p> <p>a) Provision of New Burial Ground It was agreed to proceed with plans to establish whether the Council's land in Marsh Lane would be suitable for use as a burial ground, change of use would have to be applied for to the Secretary of State as well as a planning application to AVDC.</p> <p>The Clerk reported on the application form to be submitted to the Secretary of State to apply for change of use of the land in Marsh Lane which she would complete with the Chairman of the Council. Consultation would need to be carried out with local residents and the Allotment Society. Allotment holders would need to be written to.</p> <p>b) Compost area in Swallow Lane Burial Ground</p>	<p>Clerk/JH</p>

	<p>The Clerk had spoken to the grounds contractor about the compost area, he had confirmed that he was not equipped to remove this. Cllr Rogers said he knew a local livery yard who would take this away at no cost and would ask them to contact the clerk direct.</p> <p>The groundsman had asked the Council to consider funding a brown bin for garden waste to be kept at the burial ground for grass cuttings. The Clerk would contact AVDC to find out if this would be possible and what the charge would be.</p> <p>c) Any other issues</p> <p>The Clerk reported that she had been contacted with regard to an interment of ashes in an existing plot and was awaiting the relevant paperwork.</p>	Clerk
E16/38	<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.</p> <p>b) The Clerk reported that one of the trees on the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field had been subject to criminal damage whereby someone had cut rings in, drilled holes and allegedly put poison in the holes. The tree had been fenced off and its condition being monitored. The Police had been informed but the person who had reported seeing the damage being done was unwilling to make a statement and therefore no further action could be taken.</p>	DS/PW/ JR
E16/39	<p>ALLOTMENTS</p> <p>The Clerk reported that all allotment plots had now been let and that an inspection would be carried out in early June.</p>	
E16/40	<p>ANY OTHER ISSUES (FOR INFORMATION)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Wood said that a local Hawkslade resident had suggested that wildflowers be planted along the 'dog walk' area. As this land belonged to and was maintained by AVDC, the Clerk would contact them with this suggestion. 	Clerk
E16/27	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The Environment Committee would next meet on Tuesday 19th July at 7.30pm.</p>	

Signed: _____

Date: 19th July 2016