

**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 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**

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

**CLERK:** Sarah Copley

<b>E16/55</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Apologies were received from Cllr Pluckwell.	
<b>E16/56</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> Cllr Rogers reported that he was a director of Animal Antiks (a limited company) who were in the process of applying for charitable status when he would also be a trustee. Cllr Rogers would update his register of interests.	
<b>E16/57</b>	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 <sup>th</sup> July, previously circulated, were agreed as a correct and duly signed by the Chairman.	
<b>E16/58</b>	<b>SPEED MONITORING</b> a) Complaints had been received from residents at both ends of Station Road regarding speeding vehicles. It was agreed that provision would be made in the MVAS rota for 2 weeks at each end of the road to collect data to establish the extent of the problem. b) The MVAS data would be shared with the police. Cllr Hunt and the Clerk had attended the Wendover LAF the previous week where Thames Valley Police had also been in attendance and had said that the speeding was not a priority for the local policing team and that any enforcement work is done by the road traffic team.	
<b>E16/59</b>	<b>DEVOLVED SERVICES</b> a) Cllr Hunt reported that the drain in Brudenell Drive had vegetation growing out of it. This did not fall within the remit of the devolved services contract and the Clerk would report to Transport for Bucks.	Clerk
<b>E16/60</b>	<b>STREET FURNITURE</b> a) Street Furniture Inspections Hawkslade inspections completed, village partially completed. All issues identified were in hand. One dog bin hadn't been emptied for some time, the Clerk had reported this to AVDC to get it added back to the route. b) Bus Shelter for Hawkslade Councillors reviewed the types and prices of bus shelters that quotes had been received for and it was <b>agreed to recommend</b> to the Council that the quote from B&C Shelters for their 2 bay pitched roof shelter be accepted. Cllr Wood agreed to measure up the area available to site a bus stop and also ascertain whether it would encroach on the street light. c) Other issues The new bin for the bus stop on Lower Road was still outstanding to be fitted, the Clerk would follow up with this.	PW  Clerk
<b>E16/61</b>	<b>HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS</b> a) Infrastructure Priorities Transport for Bucks had requested a list of infrastructure priorities from parishes. After discussion the following list was agreed as a starting point, but the Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with Transport for Bucks before submitting it: 1. Proposed bypass to be moved north of the Belmore Centre as per the Council's petition to HS2 2. Reduction of commuter parking on residential roads in the village	

	<p>3. Reduction of local roadside parking by employees, patients and visitors of Stoke Mandeville Hospital</p> <p>4. Tackle traffic congestion, particularly in Risborough Road, Lower Road, Station Road and Wendover Road</p> <p>5. Speeding on local roads</p> <p>Cllr Rogers would also contact them direct as the Council's Roll B Agent with regard to the realignment of the proposed bypass as it was likely the Council's petition would be heard by House of Lords in October.</p> <p>b) Other issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking on Verges – the Monitoring Officer at AVDC was looking into what byelaws were still in force.</li> <li>• Maintenance of communal parking areas in Hawkslade – Cllr Starr reported that there had been no further contact from the maintenance company and that residents would be contacting the ombudsman for further advice.</li> <li>• Some of the walkways on Hawkslade were overgrown, Cllr Wood would report to AVDC.</li> <li>• A resident had contacted the Council about the lack of parking enforcement for the yellow lines in Ligo Avenue. The Clerk had contact Bucks CC who had put her in touch with the parking enforcement company, they would ensure regular patrols were put back in place.</li> <li>• A fence surrounding open green space off Rake Way had been reported as broken, this had been reported to AVDC for repair.</li> <li>• County Cllr C Adams had requested a list of pavements in need of repair in the village, the Clerk would email him the list to include Risborough Road, Irvine Drive and Station Road (between the station and the church).</li> </ul>	
<b>E16/60</b>	<p><b>LAND AT MARSH LANE</b></p> <p>a) Change of Use of Land - The Clerk and Chairman of the Council had completed the change of request application form and submitted it to DCLG, a response was awaited.</p> <p>b) Cllrs Hunt, Starr and the Clerk had met with the adjoining land owner earlier that day with regard to resolving the issue of the boundary. A consensus had not been reached and both parties would now instruct a surveyor to determine the boundary. The Clerk would also contact Bucks Law Plus for legal advice in the matter.</p> <p>c) The ditch alongside the Council's land in Marsh Lane was full of foul smelling material. The Local Area Technician had confirmed that day that ditches were the responsibility of the adjoining landowner. The Clerk would make enquiries to get the ditch cleared.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<b>E16/61</b>	<p><b>SWALLOW LANE BURIAL GROUND</b></p> <p>a) The mound of earth had now been removed from the burial ground freeing up an area for graves.</p> <p>b) The compost pile had not yet been removed, Cllr Rogers would remind his contact that it was available to be removed now. Once it had gone, a compost bin would be obtained in its place.</p>	<p>MR</p>
<b>E16/62</b>	<p><b>TREES</b></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>DS/PW</p>
<b>E16/63</b>	<p><b>ALLOTMENTS</b></p> <p>a) The Clerk reported that there were currently 3 vacant plots, two had been given notice and one had given up their plot. The plots would be strimmed before being re-let as were very overgrown. There was currently just one person on the waiting list but they did not want a plot until next year.</p> <p>b) The plot let to the school was still very overgrown and not being cultivated, Cllr Rogers would speak to the school about it.</p>	<p>MR</p>

	c) Cllr Rogers had made initial contact with Bucks CC regarding the Parish Council taking ownership of the parking area on Lower Road. Cllr Hunt raised the village green by the school and it was agreed to include this in discussion with the County Council.	MR
<b>E16/64</b>	<b>ANY OTHER ISSUES (FOR INFORMATION)</b> No matters raised under this item.	
<b>E16/65</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> The Environment Committee would next meet on Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm.	

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

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016