

STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the meeting of the Governance and Resources Committee held at the Community Centre,
Eskdale Road, Stoke Mandeville on Tuesday 29th November 2016**

PRESENT: Committee members - Cllrs D Starr (Chairman), R Butler, J Hunt, P Wood
Parish Councillors: Cllrs Atkinson and Ezra
Clerk: Sarah Copley

F16/39	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr Clark. Cllr Kirve was absent.	
F16/40	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.	
F16/41	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 18 th October were agreed as an accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman. The actions were reviewed. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Clerk was asked to request an update on the Council's application to the Local Council Award Scheme.• A working group would be set up in the new year to look at the recruitment of an admin officer.	
F16/42	BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2017-18 The meeting discussed budgeting proposals for 2017/18 and reviewed the five year forecast for the Council. The deadline for the precept demand to be submitted to Aylesbury Vale District Council was 20 th January 2017. A draft budget for 2017-18 had been provided to Councillors which was accepted and would be recommended to the full Council. There followed a discussion about the large projects the Council would be undertaking, including the continuation of the upgrade to LED street lights, the development of the land at Marsh Lane and application for change of use to burial ground and refurbishment of tennis courts and aerial runway surface. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Butler that the Committee recommend to the Parish Council that the precept be increased by 10% to cover the budget and proposed projects. This proposal was unanimously AGREED . It was recognised that the Council would need to be proactive in notifying residents of its decision and reasons for the increased precept. An article would be written to go on the website and new monthly newsletter.	DS / Clerk
F16/43	POINTS OF INFORMATION No matters raised under this item.	
F16/44	2017 MEETING DATES The revised meeting dates for 2017 were noted: 28 th February, 23 rd May, 19 th September, 28 th November (budget setting)	
F16/45	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 28 th February at 7.30pm.	

Signed: _____

Date: 28th February 2017