

Stoke Mandeville Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of the LEISURE COMMITTEE held in the Community Centre, Eskdale Road, Stoke Mandeville on Tuesday 16th February 2016 at 2.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr B Ezra (Chair), Cllr R Butler, Cllr J Hunt, Cllr D Starr

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L16/1	<p>APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr Wood. Cllr Garrett was absent.</p>	
L16/2	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest made.</p>	
L16/3	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th December were unanimously agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
L16/4	<p>ADULT EXERCISE EQUIPMENT Cllr Starr reported that Community Chest had awarded a grant of £9,000 towards the project, but that a decision was still awaited from ASDA. DS and the Clerk would be attending the funding fair at AVDC on 23rd February. It was agreed to submit a request for a grant to SM&OP Charity for £5,000. The quotes received for the equipment and pathways were reviewed and after discussion it was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that the first stage of the project to install the equipment be started as soon as possible. The second stage to install the pathways would then be carried out as soon as funding was secured. It was AGREED to recommend that Safe and Sound's quote of £10,705 be accepted, £9,000 to be funded by the grant from Community Chest and £1,705 funded by the Parish Council.</p>	Clerk
L16/5	<p>QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY The village event to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday would be held on 12th June on the QEII Playing field. The Council were organising the event along with other community organisations including the school, SMVCA and the church. SM&OP Charity had provided a grant of £3,000 towards the costs of the event. The working group would next meet on 22nd February, Cllr Hunt provided an update on the arrangements to date. The Clerk advised that all third parties (eg BBQ and bouncy castle operators) would need to provide a copy of their public liability insurance to the Council.</p>	
L16/6	<p>QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLAYING FIELD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As raised at a previous Council meeting, someone had been using the field for training and had been seen dragging a large tyre around the field leaving a muddy trail around the outside. A report had been in the Bucks Herald the previous week about a local resident who was training for a polar expedition in aid of Help for Heroes, this started on March 31st. It was agreed to take no action at this time but review if this usage continued beyond March. Skatepark – the Clerk reported of comments made by some of the skatepark users who said that when the Centre is hired for large family parties, there are often unsupervised children who leave the party and run up and down the skate. This makes the skatepark muddy and slippery which is dangerous for all. It was agreed to ask SMVCA to highlight this to hirers of the centre and that signage would be obtained making it clear that the skatepark is for use by people with skateboards, scooters and bikes only. 	Clerk

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas to develop the facilities at the field in the future were discussed and included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Street soccer ○ Extension to the skatepark ○ Teen shelter ○ MUGA <p>The Clerk would research suppliers in order to be in a position to bid for funding in the future.</p>	Clerk
L16/7	<p>COMMUNITY CENTRE</p> <p>Mike Carroll had inspected the roof of the Park Room and had suggested that tiles are removed in the area where the leak is in order to replace the felt beneath it. He had estimated this would cost £500-600. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that this work be carried out.</p>	
L16/8	<p>ANY OTHER ISSUES (FOR INFORMATION)</p> <p>No matters raised.</p>	
L16/9	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting date was set for 26th April 2016 at 2.30pm but it was agreed to change this to 3rd May.</p>	

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Dated: 3rd May 2016