

**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 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: M Rogers (Chair), S Pluckwell, D Starr, P Wood

**CLERK:** Sarah Copley

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| <b>E17/1</b> | <b>APOLOGIES</b><br>Apologies were received from Cllr Hunt.   |       |
| <b>E17/2</b> | <b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b><br>There were no declarations of interest.  |       |
| <b>E17/3</b> | <b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b><br>The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 <sup>th</sup> September, previously circulated, were agreed as a correct and duly signed by the Chairman.<br>Cllr Starr reported that although the drain had been cleared alongside the Council's land in Marsh Lane, following the recent wet weather it was filling with water and did not appear to drain. The Clerk would report to Transport for Bucks.  |       |
| <b>E17/4</b> | <b>DEVOLVED SERVICES</b><br>a) The Clerk reported on correspondence received from Transport for Bucks which advised that if parishes wished to take on additional grass cutting areas, there would be no funding available for this and it would have to be funded by the Parish Council.   |       |
| <b>E17/5</b> | <b>STREET LIGHTS</b><br>a) The draft tender document for the LED upgrades was agreed with a two week response deadline from date of issue. The Clerk would follow the requirements for tenders as laid out in the Council's Financial Regulations. It was agreed that the lights to be upgraded in the next tranche were those in Stoke Leys and the side roads off Wendover Road.<br>b) A resident of Brudenell Drive had said that the area lit by the new LED light was less than before and the entrance to the walkway was now unlit. They had requested an additional light be fitted. It was agreed that Cllrs Starr and Hunt be asked to look into this and report back.  | DS/JH |
| <b>E17/6</b> | <b>STREET FURNITURE</b><br>a) Bus Shelter for Hawkslade<br>The new bus shelter was due to be installed on 23 <sup>rd</sup> January.<br>b) Other issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cllr Wood reported that the salt bins on Hawkslade were being used as rubbish bins. Cllr Starr offered to go and remove the rubbish from these.</li><li>• A resident had reported that the bins by the Co-Op were being used for household waste, the Clerk had reported this to AVDC.</li><li>• A resident had written to say that the bench outside the church was uncomfortable and could wider slats be used when it was next refurbished, this was noted.</li><li>• The Clerk reported that the noticeboard in Dalesford Road was in need of repair as the back was coming away, she had spoken to the supplier who had agreed to look at it when next in the area.</li></ul> | DS    |
| <b>E17/7</b> | <b>HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS</b><br>a) Cllr Wood reported that there were still issues on Hawkslade with the construction vehicles waiting on residential roads for the site to open from early in the morning. She and Cllr Starr would work with County and District Councillor Brian Adams to try to help alleviate the disturbance to local residents.  |       |

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|               | b) A response was still awaited from the Monitoring Officer at AVDC on what byelaws were in place for parking on verges.   |       |
| <b>E17/8</b>  | <b>BURIAL GROUND</b><br>a) The compost pile had not yet been removed, it was agreed to get a quote from Aylesbury Town Council to remove it.<br>b) An application for a memorial headstone had been received and was approved.<br>c) The working group for the new burial ground was due to meet on 23 <sup>rd</sup> January.  | Clerk |
| <b>E17/9</b>  | <b>TREES</b><br>a) The survey of trees on the Council's land had not yet been carried out, the working group would arrange a date.<br>b) The Clerk reported that a TPO had been put in place for two apple trees at 121 Wendover Road.   | DS/PW |
| <b>E17/10</b> | <b>ALLOTMENTS</b><br>a) The Clerk reported that there were currently 3 vacant plots and no current waiting list.<br>b) Cllr Rogers had spoken to the school about their plot and been assured that it would be used this year.   |       |
| <b>E17/11</b> | <b>ANY OTHER ISSUES (FOR INFORMATION)</b><br>Cllr Starr provided feedback on the meeting with HS2 to provide a memorial garden for the remains and artefacts from the old church site. Councillors had expressed a wish for the memorial garden to be located next to the proposed new burial ground site. HS2 had carried out significant research into the old church site and village and had agreed to give a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting. |       |
| <b>E17/12</b> | <b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b><br>The Environment Committee would next meet on Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.  |       |

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017