

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 26th September 2017 at 2.30pm

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

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L17/18	APOLOGIES Apologies had been received from Cllrs Hunt and Wood.	
L17/19	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.	
L17/20	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 th June 2017 were unanimously agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
L17/21	QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLAYING FIELD a) Children's Play Area repairs (Item L17/12c) - The Clerk reported the repairs to the play area took place Thursday 14 th September 2017 by Safe and Sound. b) Tennis court fencing (Item L17/12c) – The fencing is curling up at the bottom and a quote was to be obtained. The Clerk is to try and contact the company who painted the lines on the tennis court as they may be able to help with the repair. RB said we should ask the company who installed the fencing as it is their design that has failed. c) New Playground Equipment (Item L17/12e) – The Clerk reported she has not heard back from Sue Thompson about who the Parish should write to with regards to requesting funds to have a new playground. DS thinks this item is now superseded by the meeting with Joe Houston in August about Section 106 money. BE said we should still contact the Head of Leisure at AVDC to find out more and see if we can change things. JH is reluctant for anyone to do anything with the Section 106 and this should be raised at the next PC meeting.	Clerk
L17/22	COMMUNITY CENTRE a) The Clerk reported the wasps nest in the field side of the community centre had been exterminated and there is currently no activity where the nest was. b) Item L17/12f - The Clerk reported that Matthew Battista has already been and looked at the loose paving slabs, and will chase him for his quote. c) Item L17/13c - The Clerk reported that Matthew Battista is coming on the 28 th September to repair the bench at the back of the community centre, fascia boards on the community centre and the broken store room door lock. The committee were in agreement of the work to be carried out.	Clerk
L17/23	PLAY AROUND THE PARISHES The Clerk was asked to investigate how many people attended the Play Around the Parishes event held at the community centre in July and August. She reported that she had contacted AVDC a few days ago to chase this and was told that the details are collated by an external company to AVDC and were currently still being collated, and the information would be sent to the Clerk when it had been completed. BE explained that a communication from AVDC said that if we sign up, book and return the form before the 22 nd October 2017, we would get the event at the same rates as we paid this year. DS said there is money in the budget for the fete but we never had one so could be used for the Play Around the Parishes event. BE said we should also factor in the cleaning of the centre as we did not do that this year, as it costs around £50.00 to clean up afterwards.	

	It was agreed Clerk to chase AVDC for this again for attendance figures.	Clerk
L17/24	POLLYANNA PRESCHOOL The Chairman reported that Pollyanna Preschool have applied to the Charity to fund fencing and it has been granted. The fencing may be erected by Christmas.	
L17/25	COMMUNITY CENTRE DRAINS DS reported that after speaking with Steve Ezra the Community Centre Manager, there have been no problems with the drains, but he thought there had been no parties. BE explained there had been a party and there were no problems with the drains. The deadline for reporting any further issues with the drains, to Agripower is the 16 th October; BE stated she will be away on holiday and hopes that issues will be picked up in her absence. DS said he would draft a letter to the occupier of 16 Eskdale Road and thank them for their co-operation throughout the whole process of the drain repairs.	
L17/26	S106 FUNDS a) The Clerk has nothing to report. There was a short discussion on where the Parish was at this point in time with regards to S106 funds and how difficult it is to get a decision from AVDC on what the Parish can do with the money, and there is a sense that AVDC is blocking the Parish with the ideas they put forward. RB asked what percentage of other authorities play in a more relaxed fashion so we can put a case to AVDC. DS said there are no national rules for s106 and AVDC don't have a vested interest and if the money is not used it goes back to them. He was interested to know, and asked, what Wycombe District Council do. He was so interested he said he would speak to them and ask how they deal with S106 funds and enquire as to what are their policies on releasing S106 funds. b) DS explained that he went to Speen on a walk and discovered a bike park. He gave more detail saying the track was more than a BMX track, and was an undulating circuit. He expressed this would be a great thing to use the S106 money for. His suggestion was to get a field and put a bike track on it with a building with an office for the parish; as there had already been a discussion in a previous meeting about extending the skate park but this is another option. RB said there is one in Carterton. BE thinks it a good idea. It was unanimously agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that a bike park be added to the S106 funding list.	
L17/27	ANY OTHER MATTERS (FOR INFORMATION) Leisure Committee Meetings for 2018 Due to the PC meetings being moved the leisure meetings are falling on the same day as the PC meeting in March, June, September and December 2018. It was recommended to move the leisure meetings to the 13 th March 2018, 12 th June 2018, 25 th September 2018 and 11 th December 2018. The Clerk is to advise the revised dates to Cllr Wood and Hunt and also check that the community centre is available on these dates.	Clerk
L17/28	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting date would be on 5 th December 2017 at 3.30pm. Please note the later time.	

Signed _____

Dated: 5th December 2017

Action List

L17/12(b) & L17/21	Obtain a quote for securing the tennis court fencing	Clerk
L17/12(e)	Contact Sue Thompson at AVDC and find out who is the lead for Leisure other than Joe Houston and write letter about requesting funds to have a new playground area, and CC in Carole Paternoster.	Clerk
L17/12(f) & L17/22b	Obtain quotes for re-laying paving slabs – Clerk to chase Matthew for the quote	Clerk
L17/23	Clerk to chase AVDC again for how many people attended the Play Around the Parishes event in July and August	Clerk
L17/27	Clerk to check the Committee Room is available on the 13 th March 2018, 12 th June 2018, 25 th September 2018 and 11 th December 2018. Clerk also to relay these dates to Cllrs Hunt and Wood	Clerk - done Clerk – done