

STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Jill Knowles

Telephone: (01296) 613888

**Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held at the Community Centre,
Eskdale Road, Stoke Mandeville on Tuesday 18th July 2017.**

PRESENT: Cllrs: J Hunt (Chair), S Pluckwell, D Starr, P Wood, J Hunt, P Wood, S Atkinson

CLERK: Jill Knowles

E17/25	APOLOGIES Apologies were received by MR (Chairman).	
E17/26	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.	
E17/27	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 th April, previously circulated, were agreed as a correct and duly signed by the Chairman. It was reported that item E17/17(b) was incorrect and that it was the Clerk who was to contact E Sharp about the lights in Brudenell Drive and not DS.	
E17/28	DEVOLVED SERVICES a) The Clerk reported that the grass cutting is carried out every two weeks from March to November. b) The overgrown footpath between 57 and 59 Anton Way was discussed and JH clarified that if any overgrowth is within the boundary the Clerk should write to the owner to get it cut back. PW reported that Bucks County Council does not cut the hedges any more. c) KG reported that Station Road is not clear and there is undergrowth on the Plested Court side of the roundabout. d) DS has observed the verges, at the junction with Risborough Road by Whitethorn at the opposite end to the Goat Farm, are strewn with the contents of the dog bin. DS explained he cleaned the mess up himself. He looked in the bin and there was a fresh liner in the bottom. He questioned if AVDC should be emptying these bins. e) It was also reported that the bin near the seat next to the tree towards Stoke House entrance near the bus stop needed emptying. f) PW reported that there has been fly tipping by the dog walking path near Anton Way. PW said she would take photos and forward to the Clerk.	
E17/29	STREET LIGHTS a) DS reported that the PC have paid the second phase for the LED replacement lights. b) The Clerk reported that a resident had contacted her about a street light not working in Chalgrove End and said this had been reported to E Sharp Electrical.	
E17/30	STREET FURNITURE a) PW said there was nothing to report from Hawkslade.	

	<p>JH reported the litter bin in Brudenell Drive was full of dog waste rather than litter. A notice has been prepared to put on the bin indicating use of the bin.</p> <p>JH thanked DS for getting the noticeboards up to date.</p> <p>It was reported that the general cleanliness of the bus shelter, situated on Risborough Road, is poor. The window and seat have not been cleaned and the inside is covered in cobwebs.</p> <p>KG reported that the broken window in the bus shelter still has not been repaired. The Clerk stated that SW has not replied back with a quote and it was agreed to seek an alternative contractor.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to circulate a copy of R Haines contract to Councillors.</p> <p>b) There was a discussion about where the dog bin should be located in Oat Close. It was agreed that the Clerk would meet PW and SP at Oat Close to assess a suitable location for the bin to be placed.</p> <p>c) The Clerk reported that the litter bin near Kynaston Avenue was overflowing and litter was strewn on the ground. It was suggested to the Clerk that she add in her letter to AVDC.</p> <p>d) JH thanked DS for updating the noticeboards. DS said the noticeboard by the bus stop on Wendover Road is very small. The Clerk reported the one at Dalesford Road the back is coming away from the frame of the noticeboard. JH suggested the Clerk ask MB to have a look at it with a view to providing a quote.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
E17/31	<p>HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS</p> <p>a) Following a complaint from a resident who wrote in about the parking problems in Swallow Lane, a discussion was held about the PC's past efforts to resolve this problem and how the problem of commuter parking is generally worsening and the PC are unable to monitor this. The Clerk had a document called 'Members Parking Toolkit' published by Bucks County Council Transport for Bucks, and JH suggested she send a copy to all the Councillors. The Clerk should also write back to the complainant.</p> <p>b) MR was not present to explain his items listed in the Agenda and JH asked for the Clerk to contact SW at ATC to clear any area of undergrowth along Lower Road (Stoke Mandeville Way), noting that if the overgrowth comes from within a property boundary it is for the owner to deal with, but if on the verge then Aylesbury Town Council should be able to clear this as part of the devolved services. It was also noted that if any overgrowth is along by the farm in Lower Road it may be for the owner there to deal with.</p> <p>c) It was reported by MR in an email that the street light as the bus stop south of ambulance station is covered by overgrowth. JH requested that the Clerk check with MR and agreed for the Clerk to implement an action.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
E17/32	<p>POTENTIAL EXPANSION AT VILLAGE SCHOOL</p> <p>The Committee was made aware of the wish of the village school to expand, as raised by M Rogers as Chairman of the School Governors at the PC meeting, who had suggested the use of the adjoining Parish allotments. This was itemised at point 8 on the July Agenda. Some discussion ensued when the legislation on allotments was explained by the Chairman. The Committee was of the opinion that any further discussion should not take place until there had been a formal approach from the local education authority, and/or the School Governors.</p>	

E17/33	<p>BURIAL GROUND</p> <p>The Chairman expressed her concerns at the amount of time it was taking to seek a pre application meeting with the AVDC planners. Her initial request had been early February 2017 when she had been advised that burial grounds were deemed as a business. It had been stated that the fee for such a pre application discussion would be in the region of £470 to which the Council had already agreed. She had subsequently contacted the Planning Officer three times and telephoned on several occasions always to be told it would be referred on. She therefore suggested that the Council proceed with a full application which was agreed.</p>	MR								
E17/34	<p>TREES</p> <p>a) DS reported that he had created a map of the trees at the Old Church site. He clarified that the overhanging branch is the ownership of the Parish and needed to be made safe. JH asked for further details and agreed to visit with DS.</p> <p>b) DS announced he would be doing a tree plan of the playing field and clarified that the ditch denotes the boundary.</p>	DS/JH								
E17/35	<p>ALLOTMENTS</p> <p>a) There was a discussion about plots that had not been cultivated. Two local residents have raised an interest on taking up an allotment plot. The Clerk found a waiting list and contacted the person on the top of the list who had not responded. It was agreed to offer to the next applicant on the list.</p> <p>b) The Clerk requested if the poles displaying the plot numbers could be reinstated in the allotment.</p> <p>c) The Committee considered Aylesbury Town Councils offer for parishioners of SM Parish to rent plots at Bedgrove Allotment. A discussion took place and it was agreed to put a notice giving this option if residents did not wish to remain on the waiting list, in the Parish Magazine, on the noticeboards and on the website. KG offered his help if required which was noted.</p>	Clerk JH/Clerk								
E17/36	<p>ANY OTHER ISSUES (FOR INFORMATION)</p> <p>a) Speeding in Anton Way – this was raised by SP as he has noticed the amount of people speeding along the road. PW explained that she reported to the police of people on bikes doing wheelies in Anton Way.</p> <p>b) MVAS - There was a discussion about the MVAS the purpose of which was prevention and to remind road users of the speed limit. JH explained that the MVAS was purchased by County Councillors for Weston Turville and Stoke Mandeville for shared use with Stoke Mandeville PC being the ‘custodian’. Currently this was with WTPC and had been so since April. It was agreed to request that it now be returned to Stoke Mandeville and a rota was drawn up for Councillors to transfer to the various sites. There is a rota for its circulation. The data from the equipment is recorded by computer which is then downloaded by the Clerk. The Clerk does not know who the information is forwarded on to so will investigate this.</p> <p>A rota was drawn up as follows;</p> <p>MVAS Rota</p> <p>Volunteers:</p> <p>Parish Councillors: Marcus Rogers, Richard Swinney, David Starr, Richard Butler, Stephen Pluckwell Other volunteers: Rob Hunt, Chris Adams</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="244 1991 1331 2132"> <thead> <tr> <th>DATE</th> <th>MOVE FROM</th> <th>MOVE TO</th> <th>WHO?</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>16/03/16</td> <td>Office</td> <td>Risborough Road (outgoing traffic)</td> <td>DS & SC</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	DATE	MOVE FROM	MOVE TO	WHO?	16/03/16	Office	Risborough Road (outgoing traffic)	DS & SC	Clerk
DATE	MOVE FROM	MOVE TO	WHO?							
16/03/16	Office	Risborough Road (outgoing traffic)	DS & SC							

	24/05/16	Office	Risborough Road (Incoming traffic)	RH & SC
	07/06/16	Risborough Road	Lower Road (opposite no 47)	MR & RB
	22/06/16	Lower Road	Back to WTPC	DS & SC
<p>KG added that the roundel showing 30mph along the Risborough Road needed to be painted out.</p>				
E17/37	DATE OF NEXT MEETING			
	The Environment Committee would next meet on Tuesday 17 th October at 7.30pm.			

Signed: _____ Date: 17th October 2017

Minute	Action	By whom	Update/Complete
E17/28b	The Clerk is to contact Steve Webb at Aylesbury Town Council regarding the overgrown footpath between 57 and 59 Anton Way (as Bucks County Council do not cut this area back).	Clerk	
E17/28d	Clerk to chase AVDC about the emptying of the dog litter bins	Clerk	
E17/28f	Fly tipping near dog walking path at Anton Way. Clerk to contact AVDC.	Clerk	
E17/29b	Chalgrove End street light not working. Clerk has reported to E Sharp Electrical.	Clerk	
E17/30a	Window in Risborough Road bus shelter. Clerk to arrange one of the handymen to look and quote.	Clerk	
E17/30a	Clerk to circulate a copy of R Haines contract to Councillors	Clerk	
E17/30b	Clerk to meet PW and SP at Oat Close regarding location of dog waste bin.	Clerk/PW/SP	
E17/30c	Clerk to write to AVDC about the strewn litter near Kynaston Avenue.	Clerk	
E17/30d	Clerk to contact M Battista to look a notice board in Dalesford Road and provide quote to fix the back of it.	Clerk	
E17/31a	Clerk to send copy of 'Members Parking Toolkit' to Councillors	Clerk	
E17/31a	Clerk to write back to GK regarding parking in Swallow Lane	Clerk	
E17/31b	Clerk to check MR's email about the overgrowth in Lower Road and contact either Steve Webb and ask him to cut back or ask the owners to deal with any overgrowth that comes from within their boundaries	Clerk	
E17/31d	Clerk to check with MR about the streetlight covered by overgrowth at the bus stop south of the ambulance station	Clerk	
E17/34	Clerk to find out where Roger puts the waste from the trees he cuts in the playing field and to tell him not to cut over the back of the community centre.	Clerk	
E17/35b	PW to search for poles with numbers and Clerk to send an allotment plan to PW.	Clerk	

E17/35c	Chairman to put details of Bedgrove Allotment usage in Parish Magazine and Clerk to put notice on the noticeboards, and on the website.	JH/Clerk	
E17/36a	Clerk to ask KG where this roundel 30mph sign is as the speed limits have been changed	Clerk	