

STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Stoke Mandeville Annual Parish Meeting held
at Stoke Mandeville Community Centre, Eskdale Road on
Tuesday 11th April 2017 at 7.30pm.**

PRESENT:

Cllr S Atkinson	Cllr R Butler
Cllr B Ezra	Cllr J Hunt (Chair)
Cllr S Pluckwell	Cllr M Rogers
Cllr D Starr	Cllr G Watts
Cllr P Wood	

District Cllrs B Adams, B Chapple and C Paternoster
57 members of public

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The Chairman extended a warm welcome to Councillors and members of the public.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12th April 2016 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**2. PRESENTATION FROM NICK COOKE ON THE OLD CHURCH SITE OF ST MARY'S, OFF
RISBOROUGH ROAD**

Nick Cooke, Principal Archaeologist with Atkins, contractors to HS2 Ltd had been invited to present on the future excavation of the site of the former St Mary's church which was likely to begin towards the end of the year with work lasting for up to two years. Nick gave an informative and interesting presentation which outlined what was known about the history and development of Stoke Mandeville village and church dating back to the Domesday Book. He said that the church site offered an unparalleled archaeological opportunity as it had been undisturbed since the 11th century. The human remains recovered would be studied and then returned to be re-interred at a new site to be identified in Stoke Mandeville to be funded by HS2 Lt. The Chairman thanked Nick Cooke for his thoughtful and illuminating presentation and where upon appreciation was expressed by the audience. He concluded that he would be pleased to return and update on the work.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Annual Report of the Council had been previously circulated and copies available at the meeting. Cllr Hunt referred to the report which highlights the achievements of the Council in 2015-16 and outlined the plans for the forthcoming year.

The Chairman expressed thanks to the Clerk who would be leaving the Council the following week and a presentation was made from the Council.

4. STOKE MANDEVILLE AND OTHER PARISHES CHARITY.

Chairman of the Charity, Barbara Ezra, provided an update on the work of the Charity and reminded everyone that all residents of the parish could apply to the Charity for a grant. The charity would be running another family fun day in 2017, this time to Legoland.

The accounts for the charity were available from the Administrator and published in the Parish Magazine, summer edition.

The meeting ended at 8.45 with refreshments and a chance for parishioners to discuss issues with their parish councillors.

Signed: _____

Date: _____