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STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

Autumn Issue

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting took place at the May meeting of the Council at the Community Centre, Hawkslade, on 15 May when Jenny Hunt was elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year and David Starr as Vice Chairman.

Committee Chairmen elected were -

Governance, Finance and Staffing – David Starr

Environment – Marcus Rogers

Leisure – Barbara Ezra

Planning – Jenny Hunt

All Committees meeting quarterly except for Planning which meets on the fourth Thursday of each month. All meetings are open to the public and dates can be found on the PC website and notice boards.

Councillor Vacancy

We are still seeking a Parish Councillor for the Stoke Grange Ward. Whilst a resident of the ward would be the ideal the position is open to any Parishioner or person who lives within a three miles radius of the Parish. Please contact the Clerk for details if you are interested.

Allotments

Work is taking place to tidy up the allotments and new numbering posts are to be provided for each plot. A new water tank will be set up along the top fence with those already existing placed being placed on “sleepers” for ease of use.

Rents are due on 1 September and have been increased to £30 for a full plot and £15 for a half plot. Where allotments are not cultivated tenants will be given notice as indicated in the Tenancy Agreement. We currently have some half plots or whole plot for let and any enquiries should be made to the Parish Council office on 01296 613888 or e mail: smparishcouncil@btconnect.com.

Street Furniture

A programme of repair and replacement of notice boards is taking place. Notice boards throughout the Parish exist at the ‘bus stop Wendover Road; the Station; outside the Post Office in Station Road; by the ‘bus stop in Risborough Road; outside the Village School, the Community Centre; at the entrance to Kynaston Avenue; the Community Centre Barley Close, Hawkslade and at Dalesford Road Stoke Grange. The noticeboard by the bus stop opposite The Bull PH, Risborough Road is for general public use.

Due to a request being received for a ‘bus shelter in Station Road at the entrance to Hampden Road the possibility of this is being investigated.

The conversion of 245 street lights to LED continues and 55 have been completed to date. The Council will go to tender for the next phase later this year.

Overhanging Bushes, Shrubs and Trees.

With the wet Spring and warm Summer bushes and shrubs in our gardens are still full of growing branches and “spikes”. Unfortunately, if these overhang your property boundary on to adjoining footpaths they can be dangerous to those walking by, especially if at eye level and particularly for children walking past your house on their way to nursery or school. They can also block the vision of car drivers when emerging from a neighbouring property. Residents have a duty to ensure that their property does not present a danger to others, so please look at your front boundary garden to

ensure that your beautiful and admired bushes, shrubs and trees are not overhanging and presenting a danger to others. If they are please cut them back to behind your boundary.

High Speed Rail 2 Activity

Activity has begun albeit very slowly and groundworks and trenching is taking place along the Risborough Road and Marsh Lane. Drones have been used to take aerial photographs. The Parish Council is following up the delay in the provision of the diversion of the A4010 road around the village by writing in protest to our local MP David Lidington, who is arranging for us to meet with the Minister for HS2. Work on the new road should have started in 2017 and will not now commence until late 2019 with intended completion in 2021. During the consultation phase and discussions with HS2 Ltd we were assured that the diversion would be built prior to the construction of the track in order to allow relief to the settlement of Stoke Mandeville and also to offer a route for HS2 construction traffic. This was repeated to us at the Parliamentary Select Committee in November 2015. In view this latest setback HS2 Ltd contractors Kier Effiage, is proposing to provide a "bailey" bridge across the Risborough Road to enable spoil and machinery to cross the road to reach the trace to access Marsh Crossing. It is envisaged that the bridge of 5mtrs above ground level and 2.5mtrs wide will be in place for eighteen months, will be screened and acoustic panels put in place. The design is expected be agreed by the end of the year.

The Engagement Officer for HS2 Ltd, Vernon Loo, holds a drop in for people wishing to meet with him to gain information and ask questions about the project. Vernon is based in the Committee Room of the Community Centre, Eskdale Road and will be available from 2pm – 6 pm on Fridays 28th September, 26th October, 30th November. Further information about the drop-in sessions can be found on Notice Boards of the Parish Council or by telephoning Vernon Loo on 07388851006.

Trial trenching is continuing in and around the site of the ruins of the medieval church of St. Mary's in Risborough Road to get a better understanding of any significant archaeological remains in the area. It will start on the main site in September. There are a number of opportunities for groups, organisations and individuals with an interest in this work to join archaeologists during the period of clearance for which further details will be issued by Fusion the contractors. A number of heavy goods vehicles will be visiting sites when set up to deliver and remove excavating machinery. Attempts will be made to cause as little disruption as possible.

Planning

Planning Applications continue to be submitted for our Parish. The site of 190 homes along Lower Road at Mandeville Park [Bloor Homes] continues to grow with some homes being occupied bringing new families to our Parish to whom we extend a warm welcome. Detailed proposals have been submitted for the Crest Nicholson site next to the Ambulance Station for 125 homes and for the Lower Road East Site for 117 homes opposite the Bell Public House. The Council has been critical of the layout of the latter site because no consideration has been given to listed buildings along Lower Road and Swallow Lane some of the oldest areas of Stoke Mandeville. It also fails to take account of the character of the area. The decision of the AVDC Planning Committee on the application is awaited.

Decisions on Planning Applications for Stoke Mandeville for the Period 1 May to 31 July 2018

- Application 17/A0120/SIS. Submission of details pursuant to Condition 2 (materials) 3 (soft landscaping) and 5 (details of screen and boundary walls). - 1 Edward Walk. Approved.

- Application 18/01516/APP. Single storey rear extension including 2 skylight windows, internal changes and garage conversion. 1 Diane Close. Approved.
- Application 18/01328/APP – Conversion of existing garage into living accommodation with 1st floor extension above existing garage. 2 Diane Close Approved.
- Application 18/01274/APP - Two storey side and rear extension, 28 Ligo Avenue. Approved
- Application 17/A4519/DIS Submission of details pursuant to Condition 5 (materials) 6 and 7 (soft landscaping) and 10 (Parking). Land Adjacent to 5 Lower Road. Does not satisfy requirements.
- Application 17/A0183/DIS. Submission of details pursuant to Condition 4 (details of root protection zones of boundary trees). 227 Wendover Road. Approved
- Application 18/01122/APP -Demolition of existing front elevation porch and garage and erection of single storey front extension, part two and part single storey side extension and two storey rear extension. 6 Edward Close. Approved.
- Application 18/00902/APP - First floor rear extension, 26 Lower Road. Approved.
- Application 16/B40448/DIS - Submission of details pursuant to Condition 11 (Archaeological Land at Lower Road. Approved.
- Application 18/00492/APP - Single storey front/side extension 233 Wendover Road. Approved
- Application 17/01221/ADP. Submission of details pursuant to Condition 6 (Tree protection) and 7 (Tree protection monitoring) relating to Planning Permission 17/01221/ADP Land at Lower Road. Approved
- Application 17/A2221/DIS - Submission of details pursuant to Conditions 5 (Drainage details) and 8 (Soft landscaping details) relating to planning permission 17/01221/ADP Land at Lower Road. Approved

New Staff Member

The Parish Council has appointed Ann-Marie Davies as Parish Support Officer as from May 2018, who will be supporting the work of the Council and assisting the Clerk. Ann-Marie is an experienced Clerk in another Parish and she lives in Stoke Mandeville. She will be taking on the management of the allotments and assisting the Planning Committee as part of her work. We welcome Ann Marie to her new role.

Stoke Mandeville Parish Councillors

Ever wondered who represents you on the Parish Council. See the following ~

Hawkslade - Keith Gomm, David Starr, Pat Wood
Stoke Leys - Marcus Rogers, Stephen Pluckwell
Stoke Grange - Andrew Clark, Santosh Kirve, one vacancy exists
SM Village - Richard Butler, Barbara Ezra, Jenny Hunt, Gillian Watts.

Further details can be found on the Parish Council website.
www.stokemandevilleparishcouncil.org.uk.

Jenny Hunt
 Chairman
 Stoke Mandeville Parish Council
 1 August 2018