



Stoke Mandeville Parish Council

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL** meeting held on Tuesday 15th October 2024 at the Community Centre, Eskdale Road.



Present: Cllrs K Shanahan (Chair), B Ezra, D Field, C Jenkins, L Prestage, G Shrivastava, D Smith, J Theobald, D Willmer, and P Wood.

Buckinghamshire Council Cllrs: R Newcombe, and P Strachan.

Absent: Cllr Kirve

Clerk: A Skeggs

Assistant Clerk: P Rayner

Public Attendance: One.

No.	Description	Action
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24/119 APOLOGIES

No apologies had been received from Cllr Kirve.

OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS – The following questions were raised.

- The resident asked for an update on the following:
 - The War Memorial – Cllr Theobald reported that Buckinghamshire Council was undecided on the ownership of the land. Planning permission had been granted on the basis that it was freehold land but subsequently it was felt it was Highways land. There was also confusion on the level of Public Liability insurance required. Cllr Strachan would investigate.
 - The bridge from The Hawthorns estate – The Parish Council was waiting for Abbey Homes to get the development signed off by Buckinghamshire Council then they could start negotiations to have the land transferred to the Parish Council.
 - SEALR – Cllr Strachan reported that there was a Buckinghamshire Council briefing on the 24th October after which he would report back.
- Buckinghamshire Council – Cllr Newcombe reported on the recent Lower Road flooding. On investigation a Victorian culvert had been found which had collapsed and that the ditch also needed clearing. It was due to be jetted and then surveyed by CCTV, which would determine the next course of action. Cllr Strachan reported that the Council had nearly achieved a balance budget for 2025/26.

24/120 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

- a) There were no new declarations of interest.
- b) There were no new requests for dispensation.

24/121 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the 17th September were unanimously **AGREED**.
- b) The action plan was reviewed with completed items being removed.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the 8th October were unanimously **AGREED**.

24/122 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Prestage reported that nothing much had happened. The Steering Group was waiting for Buckinghamshire Council to formally respond and then a meeting could be arranged with their Neighbourhood Plan team to discuss the way forward.

24/123 BUCKS CC SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Cllr Field reported that there was no further update other than the legal paperwork had been submitted by the deadline. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Smith and the

Clerk for submitting the required documents to the solicitors. Thanks, were also expressed to the team at Richard Max & Co. solicitors.

24/124 SMVCA

- a) Cllr Shrivastava reported that he had a draft website and online booking system, which would go live soon. There was still a need for more committee members preferably non-councillors. Cllr Field was still available to help when needed.
 - b) It was **NOTED** that from the 1st October 2024, the Parish Council would be paying for the use of the Centre for all its meetings. The cost was estimated to be around £1,500.
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24/125 COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

- a) The minutes of the Communities Committee meeting held on the 1st October were **NOTED** following an update by Cllr Ezra.
 - b) Cllr Jenkins updated the meeting on the preparations for the Parish Council Remembrance Day service. She had agreed an Order of Service, enlisted residents to perform readings and a local schoolboy to lay the wreath. It was suggested by Cllr Prestage that all Councillors should have name badges.
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24/126 PARISH WARD BOUNDARIES

The Clerk presented the new ward boundaries that take effect on the 1st May 2025. It showed that the Mandeville Park, and Harborne estates now came under the Stoke Leys ward when currently they were under the Village ward. The change was **NOTED**.

24/127 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 2025

The schedule of meetings for 2025, as circulated, was considered and **AGREED**. It was **NOTED** that the March Parish Council meeting could not be held in the Main Hall.

24/128 FINANCE

The list of payments made since the last meeting was **APPROVED**. See appendix 1.

24/129 CLERKS REPORT

The clerk's report, attached as appendix 2, was **NOTED**.

24/130 POINTS OF INTEREST

- Community Climate – Cllr Smith had attended the Climate Action meeting and commented that other Councils had set up Climate Action Groups.
 - Arla – Cllr Wood had attended the quarterly Arla Community Liaison meeting but there was nothing new to report.
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24/131 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th November 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed _____ Dated: 19-November-2024

Action List

Date	Minute	Description	By Whom	Status
18/06/24	24/78b	Arrange Payment to SMVCA for Tables.	Clerk	Completed
16/07/24	24/89	Submit s.106 application for solar panels.	Clerk	To be done
16/07/24	24/92	Contact Abbey Homes re: bridge.	Clerk	In progress

APPENDIX 1 – PAYMENTS

LIST OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 15th OCTOBER 2024						
RECEIPTS						
<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Received from</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>		<u>Details</u>	
			<u>Gross</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Net</u>	
25/09/2024	Stoke Mandeville FC	01-2024	400.00	-	400.00	Pitch Hire for 2024/25 Season
16/09/2024	Allotment Holders	rent	30.00	-	30.00	Annual Rent Payment
20/09/2024	Allotment Holders	rent	100.00	-	100.00	Annual Rent Payment
02/10/2024	Allotment Holders	rent	120.00	-	120.00	Annual Rent Payment
		Total Receipts	650.00	-	650.00	
PAYMENTS - From Current Account						
Direct Debits			<u>Gross</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
30/09/2024	Onecom	7329760	58.27	9.71	48.56	Office Phone to 31st August 2024
14/10/2024	BAS Associates	124265	136.80	22.80	114.00	Payroll Costs for Quarter Ending Dec 2024
19/10/2024	Peoples Pension	september	260.87	-	260.87	Pension Costs September 2024
19/10/2024	Drax	1108192140	41.37	6.89	34.48	Street Lighting for September 2024
19/10/2024	Drax	1108192141	468.82	78.13	390.69	Street Lighting for September 2024
Standing Orders						
28/10/2024	R Haines	october	666.67	-	666.67	Grounds Maintenance for October 2024
			1,632.80	117.53	1,515.27	
Online Transfer - Paid 30 September						
30/09/2024	Clerk	september	1,916.67	-	1,916.67	Salary for September 2024
30/09/2024	Assistant Clerk	september	791.05	-	791.05	Salary for September 2024
30/09/2024	SMVCA	grant	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	Grant to cover marketing / website
30/09/2024	Obinna Ezech	refund	100.00	-	100.00	Refund of playing field hire deposit 14/09/24
30/09/2024	Tulu Toilet Hire	43001	128.57	21.43	107.14	Portable Toilet for Playing Field - September
			7,936.29	21.43	7,914.86	
Online Transfer - Paid 9 October						
09/10/2024	CloudyIT	5160	7.06	1.18	5.88	Email addresses for NPSG members
09/10/2024	Gallagher Insurance (24/128)	22516696	5,825.97	-	5,825.97	Insurance 10/10/2024 to 09/10/2025
09/10/2024	BALC	5585	10.00	-	10.00	Achieving Bio-Diversity Conference - Clerk
09/10/2024	Bianco Developments	shelter	1,058.22	-	1,058.22	Laying of concrete slab for new bus shelter
			6,901.25	1.18	6,900.07	
From Clerks Debit Card Account						
07/10/2024	Nobel Stationers Ltd		10.49	1.75	8.74	A4 Laminating Pouches
			10.49	1.75	8.74	
		Total Payments	16,480.83	141.89	16,338.94	
This list of payments has been checked by the clerk and verified for payment.					Reconciled Bank Balances as at 30 September 2024	
					£ 15,075.36	Treasurers Account
					£ 387,360.60	Deposit Account
Signed	<i>A. Skeggs</i>		(Clerk)		£ 300.00	Debit Card Account
					£ 86,816.36	NatWest 95 Day Liquidity Account
Date	10th October	2024			£ 489,552.32	£293,731.39
The above list of payments was approved by the Parish Council at its meeting on 15th October 2024.						
Signed	<i>K Shanahan</i>		(Chair)			
	<i>This is an electronic signature - a hard copy with a wet signature is available.</i>					
Date	15th October	2024				

APPENDIX 2

Clerks Report (For Information Only)

Below are updates to the Council on issues that are ongoing where no decision or minimal expenditure is required. The purpose of this update is to keep Councillors and the public up to date on various issues and to save time at the meeting.

Streetlights / Lighting – The following have been reported as not working and have been referred to the PC's electrical contractor:

- Two lights in Orchard Close – Numbers 1 and 2.

Community Centre / Playing Field –

- Nothing to report.

Parking Review –

- It seems that the scheme will now not be implemented until 2025.

Environmental Issues – Calls from Residents

- Brudenell Drive – Abandoned vehicle outside the Bull public house. Reported on fixmystreet. But is being inspected by Buckinghamshire Council.
- Old Risborough Road – One of the abandoned vehicles has gone, one still remains that. *The Clerk has raised this with the Community Board administrator and will be raising it with neighbouring parishes to see if there is an increasing problem.*
- Waste Bin – An overflowing waste bin at the entrance of Old Risborough Road has been referred to Buckinghamshire Council for emptying.

Environmental Issues –

- Dog Waste Bin – A dog waste bin has been installed on the Hawthorne estate next to the entrance to the footpath leading to the Church.
- Hedge on Old Risborough Road – HS2 has cut the hedge that runs along the Old Risborough Road apart from a section opposite the entrance to the Goat Centre and units. This section was left following the discovery of a tree with nesting bats which prohibits any work within a 30m radius of the tree. They will revisit in the Spring.

Allotments – Further plots have been let to new tenants.

Burials – No burials scheduled.

Other -

- Christmas Tree – Another small Christmas tree has been planted on the Village green.