



**Minutes of the meeting of the COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE held
in the Committee Room at Eskdale Road Community Centre
on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Cllrs D Field (Chair), J Theobald, G Shrivastava, C Jenkins.
Clerk: Apologies Absent: None
Assistant: P Rayner Residents: none

C25/001	APOLOGIES – None	
	OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS Nothing was raised by residents.	
C25/002	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION There were no new requests for dispensation.	
C25/003	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING a) The minutes of the meeting of the Communities Committee held on the 12 th November 2024 and 3 rd December 2024 were unanimously AGREED as a true record. b) The action plan was reviewed and would be updated accordingly. It was AGREED that the parish council would fund the older people’s exercise class once a month for a further 5 months at a cost of up to £150 per session.	Cllr Jenkins
C25/004	PLAY SESSIONS It was AGREED to book the proposed play sessions with MK Play Association at an estimator cost of £2765. There will be two at Hawkslade and two at Eskdale Road. There will be a mix of morning and afternoon sessions and different days of the week. There will be a mix of messy play and risky play sessions and we will book the optional zorb balls and body zorbs for all sessions.	Assistant Clerk
C25/005	BUG HOTELS a) It was AGREED to have the prototype made by the Wendover Men’s Shed and erect it at the railway station garden for which Chiltern Railways have already given permission. b) It was AGREED to commission additional bug shelters once we have permission to install them from Bucks Council and the developers of Manderville Park. c) It was AGREED to donate £100 to the Wendover Men’s Shed for each shelter including the prototype.	Assistant Clerk
C25/006	STATION GARDEN The Assistant Clerk gave an update on plans for The Tree Council to run workshops on tree care at the station on Saturday 15-March. Ther will be a 45 minute session morning and afternoon to cover planting, pruning, grafting and training. Chiltern Railways have offered to provide refreshments. The Assistant Clerk will provide Cllr Theobald wording for Wendover News by 12-Feb.	Assistant Clerk
C25/007	MVAS It was AGREED to keep the MVAS at Anton Way for another month as Cllr Wood has reported that it has reduced traffic speeds there. Cllrs requested data on speed vs time of day and traffic volumes which the Asst Clerk will provide.	Assistant Clerk
C25/008	BRUDENELL DRIVE GREEN Cllr Theobald explained that there will be a proposal put to the full council meeting on 21 st January to consider the Brudenell Drive green as a possible site for the war memorial. It was therefore AGREED to delay sending out the survey until after that discussion in case we want to include a specific question about a war memorial on the survey.	Assistant Clerk

C25/009	<p>VE DAY 80 Cllr Jenkins gave an update on plans for the event as follows: VE Day is Thursday 8-May while the bank holiday is Monday 5-May so activities are being planned for both days. The church are also planning activities for Saturday 10-May. Plans/ideas so far are:</p> <p><u>Monday 5-May</u> 11am to 3pm at the Community Centre a WW2 celebration to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winston Churchill lookalike talking to people about the war • Vintage gramophone DJ • Display boards/tables with WW2 information from residents and the Bucks Archive • Teas & coffees • Possible other refreshments or food and drink vendors <p>Street parties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Council not directly involved but suggest residents organise their own parties • The PC will point residents to Bucks Council to get necessary permissions • A certificate from the PC to residents who organise a street party <p><u>Thursday 8-May</u> Vintage Cinema</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 noon to 5pm with a 15 minute show repeated during that time • A video will be made specific to Stoke Mandeville in wartime • Preferred location in the school layby • Power is required so will need a silent generator to be sourced <p>Afternoon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible vintage fair and/or vintage cars <p>Evening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polka Dots in the evening at The Bull <p>At 9pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light the lamp of peace • Brief service/words from the vicar we used for D-Day • Lower the flag (if we have a flagpole and flag by then) <p><u>Saturday 10-May</u> The church are organising a brass band concert in the church with cream teas. Cllr Jenkins is discussion what support they may need from the parish council.</p>	Cllr Jenkins
C25/010	<p>SUMMER EVENT It was AGREED that the late May bank holiday was not a suitable date this year due to the proximity of the VE Day event. A late summer date will be proposed to the full council.</p>	Cllr Field
C25/011	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be Tuesday 4th February 2025.</p>	

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC – Confidential Item To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

C25/012	<p>CONTRACT FOR MOWING THE PLAYING FIELDS Quotes for mowing the playing field throughout the 24/25 season were considered from 3 suppliers as follows: Supplier (a) £5967 Supplier (b) £5000 Supplier (c) £2574</p> <p>It was AGREED to accept the quote from Bucks Council, supplier c.</p>	
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The meeting closed at 21:20

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Dated: 14th January 2025

Action List

Date	Minute	Description	By Whom	Status
9/07/24	C24/61	Suggest locations and get additional quotes for bug hotels. 30-Jan, Bucks Council Highways say Stoke Grange and Hawkslade locations are not Highways land and to contact the Green Spaces Team. Now awaiting response from them. For the Mandeville Park location the developers have been contacted – awaiting response. Wendover Men’s Shed are looking into how they can deliver the first one to the station.	Asst Clerk	In progress
10/9/24	C24/69	Investigate options for an outside toilet block.	Cllr Field	In progress
1/10/24	C24/78	Investigate the costs of installing a flagpole at the community centre. 14-Jan, 2 quotes obtained. Next step is to decide location which is subject to Brudenell Drive survey.	Asst Clerk	In progress
1/10/24	C24/79	Investigate whether the gas station on the roundabout opposite the church could be decorated in the same way as the BT cabinets in Ellen Road. 30-Jan, awaiting response from SGN.	Asst Clerk	In progress
1/10/24	C24/79	Survey residents on what could be done to improve the green at the end of Brudenell Drive and that residents’ input should be sought.	Asst Clerk	Complete
1/10/24	C24/86	Prepare proposals for VE Day 80	Cllrs Jenkins	In progress
12/11/24	C24/95	Organise a trial exercise class for older people. 14-Jan, taster event planned for 13-Feb. Asst Clerk work with Cllr Jenkins on promotion. Further sessions to be booked – once a month for 6 months	Cllrs Jenkins	In progress
14/1/25	C25/006	Provide wording for Wendover News article on Tree Council visit by 12-Feb	Asst Clerk	
14/1/25	C25/009	Add discussion of Church harvest festival meal in October to a future agenda.	Asst Clerk	