

**Minutes of the meeting of the COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE held
in the Committee Room at Eskdale Road Community Centre
on Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 7.30pm**

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

C24/88	APOLOGIES – None	
	OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS G Shrivastava suggested that we consider using the vacant coffee shop at the station for a bookable hot desk/working space.	
C24/89	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION There were no new requests for dispensation.	
C24/90	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING a) The minutes of the meeting of the Communities Committee held on the 1 st October 2024 were unanimously AGREED as a true record with one minor amendment and were signed by the Chair. b) The action plan was reviewed and would be updated accordingly.	Assistant Clerk
C24/91	BUG HOTELS It was AGREED to install bug hotels at the 4 suggested sites subject to the following conditions: a) Permission and any necessary licenses are obtained from Buckinghamshire Council for those on their land and from Chiltern Railways for the one at the station. b) They are not positioned too close to the paths where insects may interfere with pedestrians.	Assistant Clerk
C24/92	VE DAY 80 Cllr Jenkins provided an update of plans to date which are: Monday 5-May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents to organise their own street parties. • Historical display at the Community Centre 11am – 3 pm Thursday 8-May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vintage cinema by the school • Vintage DJ with gramophone and 78s • Polka Dots at The Bull • WW2 sing-a-long at The Bull • Lighting of the lamp of peace 	Assistant Clerk
C24/93	BRUDENELL DRIVE GREEN It was AGREED to send the survey out with the suggested wording and to distribute it as follows: a) By hand to houses in Brudenell Drive and houses in Risborough Road adjacent to/ opposite the green. b) On Facebook c) On Notice boards d) All to have a QR code linking to an on line survey with the option to return the paper versions by hand/post.	Assistant Clerk
C24/94	SPEEDWATCH It was AGREED to not join the Speedwatch scheme but to continue to monitor the MVAS data and consider further actions if that identified a speeding issue.	

C24/95	EXERCISE CLASSES FOR OLDER PEOPLE Cllr Jenkins has identified a trainer who specialises in these type of exercise classes. It was AGREED to spend up to £150 on having the trainer run a trial session in January/February where they could talk to people to understand what they want. Refreshments would be provided. The hall will need to be booked and it was suggested we consider providing transport to the session.	Cllrs Jenkins
C24/96	CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON Cllr Ezra had spoken to the school and they have decided to not run a Christmas fair this year as it appears they are avoiding doing things which are specific to one religion. The committee were very disappointed in this stance and AGREED to hold their own Christmas themed event to coincide with the switching on of the lights and for this to take place on Saturday 7 th December. Ideally the switch on would have been around 1 st December but it was thought that would not allow enough time to organise an event.	Cllrs Jenkins and Field
C24/97	SUMMER EVENT Planning will start in December.	
C24/98	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be Tuesday 14th January 2025.	

The meeting closed at 21:21

Signed _____

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.	Asst Clerk	In progress
10/9/24	C24/69	Investigate options for an outside toilet block.	Cllr Field	In progress
10/9/24	C24/69	Consider giving the contract to mow the field to the football club	Clerk	In progress
1/10/24	C24/78	Investigate the costs of installing a flagpole at the community centre	Asst Clerk	In progress
1/10/24	C24/79	Investigate whether the roundabout at the junction of Station Road and Wendover Road could be improved with planters.	Asst Clerk	Complete
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. 6-Nov, Contacted Aylesbury Town Council regarding how they got utility cabinets painted. They said lots of people wanted to get involved in painting. First step is to get permission. Now waiting for SGN to get back to us. Chased SGN 8-Jan.	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	In progress
1/10/24	C24/80	Investigate the cost of installing additional ground sockets for the MVAS in Station Road. 12-Nov, Closed as it was agreed that the difficulty in getting licenses to complete work on the verges in Station Road makes this unviable.	Asst Clerk	Closed
1/10/24	C24/80	Investigate how to engage with the Speedwatch program and the process for getting speed cameras installed. 6-Nov, Community Speedwatch details posted on Teams. Bucks Council are not installing any more speed cameras, preferring road layout, signage and lining modifications.	Asst Clerk	Complete
1/10/24	C24/83	Arrange for the committee to meet on site to consider where to put a storage container for the football club.	Asst Clerk	Complete
1/10/24	C24/85	Organise a remembrance service event	Cllrs Jenkins and Theobald	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	Cllrs Jenkins	In progress
12/11/24	C24/96	Organise a Christmas light switch on event	Cllrs Jenkins and Field	Complete