

**Minutes of the meeting of the COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE held  
in the Committee Room at Eskdale Road Community Centre  
on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at 7.30pm**

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

<b>C24/75</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> – Cllr Shrivastava	
	<b>OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS</b> There were no points raised by residents.	
<b>C24/76</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</b> There were no new requests for dispensation.	
<b>C24/77</b>	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> a) The minutes of the meeting of the Communities Committee held on the 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 were unanimously <b>AGREED</b> 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. It was <b>AGREED</b> that we should get the bus shelter installed as soon as possible rather than waiting for the relief road to be opened.	Assistant Clerk
<b>C24/78</b>	<b>FLAGPOLE</b> It was <b>AGREED</b> to investigate the costs of installing a flagpole at the community centre.	Assistant Clerk
<b>C24/79</b>	<b>BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION</b> The committee were pleased with the results and that there were very few areas where we dropped marks. There were some areas where it was thought we could improve the appearance of the village: a) It was <b>AGREED</b> to investigate whether the roundabout at the junction of Station Road and Wendover Road could be improved with planters. b) It was <b>AGREED</b> to 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. c) It was <b>AGREED</b> to consider what could be done to improve the green at the end of Brudenell Drive and that residents' input should be sought.	Assistant Clerk
<b>C24/80</b>	<b>SPEED ACTIVATED SIGN</b> a) It was <b>AGREED</b> to move the sign to the socket in Anton Way, Hawkslade. b) It was <b>AGREED</b> to investigate the cost of installing additional sockets. c) It was <b>AGREED</b> to investigate how to engage with the Speedwatch program and the process for getting speed cameras installed	Assistant Clerk
<b>C24/81</b>	<b>STATION COFFEE SHOP</b> The committee could not come up with any viable ideas for making use of the disused coffee shop at the station.	
<b>C24/82</b>	<b>PLAY IN THE PARK</b> Cllrs Ezra and Wood and the Asst Clerk gave feedback on the success of the summer play in the park sessions from MK Play Association. The teen session was less well attended but the other sessions each had 50-60 children attend. All agreed they went well and were much better than the events from other providers with lots of equipment and staff.  It was <b>AGREED</b> we should aim to book 2 messy play and 2 risky play sessions next year and we should also consider booking sessions at Easter.	

<b>C24/83</b>	<b>FOOTBALL TEAM STORAGE CONTAINER</b> No decision could be reached on a location and it was <b>AGREED</b> to arrange a site visit to better visualise possible locations.	Assistant Clerk
<b>C24/84</b>	<b>BUG HOTELS</b> No decision could be reached on a location at this time. More investigation is needed.	Assistant Clerk
<b>C24/85</b>	<b>REMEMBRANCE SERVICE</b> Cllr Jenkins has spoken to the Church leadership team and they are happy for the Parish Council to hold a morning service as they hold theirs in the evening. It was <b>AGREED</b> to delegate organisation of the event to Cllrs Jenkins and Theobald.	Cllrs Jenkins and Theobald
<b>C24/86</b>	<b>VE DAY 80</b> Cllr Jenkins outlined some initial ideas for celebrating VE Day 80 on Thursday 8-May-2025. While we could organise events any day that week, the British Legion is asking that on the Thursday any flags are raised at 9am and lamps are lit at 9pm. It was <b>AGREED</b> that Cllr Jenkins will work on proposals for the event.	Cllrs Jenkins
<b>C24/87</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> The next meeting will be Tuesday 12th November 2024.	

The meeting closed at 20:51

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## 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.	Asst Clerk	
10/9/24	C24/69	Add a discussion on use of the community centre toilets by the girls' football team to the next SMVCA committee meeting agenda.	Clerk	Complete
10/9/24	C24/69	Consider giving the contract to mow the field to the football club	Clerk	In progress
10/9/24	C24/70	Add recommendation to purchase bus shelters to the agenda for the next full council meeting	Clerk	Complete
10/9/24	C24/72	Arrange to show Cllr Willmer around the allotments	Asst Clerk	
1/10/24	C24/78	Investigate the costs of installing a flagpole at the community centre	Asst Clerk	
1/10/24	C24/79	Investigate whether the roundabout at the junction of Station Road and Wendover Road could be improved with planters. 6-Nov, MarketingForce who manage the sponsored roundabouts have agreed to add planters as part of their localised social value commitment.	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.	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	
1/10/24	C24/80	Investigate the cost of installing additional ground sockets for the MVAS in Station Road.	Asst Clerk	
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