



# Stoke Mandeville Parish Council

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at the Community Centre, Eskdale Road.



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

Buckinghamshire Council Cllrs: S Bowles, and R Newcombe.

Absent: n/a

Clerk: A Skeggs

Assistant Clerk: P Rayner

Public Attendance: One.

No.	Description	Action
24/144	<b>APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE</b> Apologies had been received from Cllrs Jenkins and Shrivastava.	
	<b>OPEN FORUM FOR RESIDENTS</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A resident asked had there been any progress with Abbey Homes. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Buckinghamshire Council, Abbey Homes and Cllr Strachan.</li> <li>Buckinghamshire Council – Cllr Bowles reported on the Proud of Bucks award ceremony at the recent Community Board event. The Clerk asked why Buckinghamshire Council had closed off a third of both Exchange Street car parks for construction work in the lead up to Christmas.</li> </ul>	Clerk
24/145	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</b> a) There were no new declarations of interest. b) There were no requests for dispensation.	
24/146	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS</b> a) The minutes of the meeting of the 19 <sup>th</sup> November were unanimously <b>AGREED</b> . b) The action plan was reviewed with completed items being removed.	
24/147	<b>BUCKS CC SPORTS &amp; SOCIAL CLUB</b> a) Cllr Field updated the meeting on the decision of the Court to allow the Parish Council to continue with the Judicial Review on two Grounds (one and four). The other two had been refused but the Council’s legal advisers felt that re submitting the request for Grounds 2 should be considered. b) As the court deadline for re applying was Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November, the Clerk had requested Councillors confirm, by email, that they were in favour of the Parish Council re applying that Grounds 2 be considered by the Court. The majority of the Councillors had confirmed that they were in favour.	
24/148	<b>PARKING REVIEW</b> The quote of £12,340 from Buckinghamshire Council for the installation of parking restrictions in Carters Ride, Dorchester Close and Hampden Road was considered. It was proposed by Cllr Theobald, seconded by Cllr Field, to accept the quote. This was unanimously <b>AGREED</b> .	Clerk
24/149	<b>TOILETS FOR THE PLAYING FIELD</b> Cllr Field introduced the item and the idea of having a modular toilet block in the Eskdale Road playing field which would be accessible to all. Indicative costs were around £30, 000 to £35,000 for the unit. Following questions regarding sewerage, who would use it, the existing drainage system and ongoing revenue costs, it was proposed	

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by Cllr Field, seconded by Cllr Smith, that the Parish Council agree in principle to the idea of a modular toilet block on the playing field. This was unanimously **AGREED**.

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**24/150 WAR MEMORIAL**

Cllr Theobald informed the meeting that the Village Society were to meet with Buckinghamshire Council on the 13 December to discuss the project and that he would report the outcome to the January meeting.

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**24/151 PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> November were **NOTED** following an update by Cllr Prestage. It was **NOTED** that dispensations had been granted to Cllrs Prestage and Willmer in relation to the Richborough Homes / Manor Oak Homes application.

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**24/152 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The following points were **NOTED**:

1. The date of the Referendum had been extended to the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025.
  2. Legal advice had been sought on rewording two of the policies.
  3. A briefing note sent to the ward Councillors from Buckinghamshire Council had been received by the Parish Council.
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**24/153 FINANCE**

- a) The list of payments made since the last meeting was **APPROVED**. See appendix 1.
- b) A grant application for WAVUS was considered. The Parish Council had previously given a grant a few years ago. It was proposed by Cllr Shanahan, seconded by Cllr Wood, to give a grant of £500. This was unanimously **AGREED**.

Clerk

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**24/154 CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerks report was **NOTED**.

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**24/155 POINTS OF INTEREST**

- Community Board – Cllr Field reported on the Proud of Bucks event organised by the Community Board and suggested that the Council should encourage nominations next year.
  - Rotary Club – The Chair had suggested to the Rotary Club that the Father Christmas charity sleigh should tour Stoke Mandeville next year and the Parish Council could help raise funds for a local charity.
  - Christmas Lights Switch On – This had been well supported despite Storm Darragh leading to the outside event being cancelled. Thanks to Christmas Carol and everyone involved on the day.
  - Dementia – Cllr Kirve suggested a dementia workshop.
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**24/156 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

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The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

**The Chair wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: 21-January-2025

**Action List**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Minute</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>Status</b>
16/07/24	24/89	Submit s.106 application for solar panels.	Clerk	To be done
19/11/24	24/135	Organise public meeting – Richborough / MOH.	Clerk	On hold
10/12/24	Forum	Write to Buckinghamshire Council / Abbey Homes and ward Councillors re: adoption.	Clerk	Completed
10/12/24	24/148	Inform Parking Services of decision.	Clerk	Completed
10/12/24	24/153	Inform WAVUS of grant decision.	Clerk	Completed

## APPENDIX 1 – Payments

LIST OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 10th DECEMBER 2024						
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Date Received	Received from	Reference	Amount Received			Details
			Gross	VAT	Net	
09/11/2024	Lloyds Bank	deposit	423.05	-	423.05	Deposit interest in November
25/11/2024	Buckinghamshire Council	nhb-2024-004	3,120.00	-	3,120.00	Fifteenth NHB Burial Ground Payment
31/10/2024	NatWest	interest	272.93	0	272.93	Deposit interest in October
		<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>3,392.93</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,392.93</b>	
<b>PAYMENTS - From Current Account</b>						
Direct Debits			Gross	VAT	Net	Transaction Detail
30/11/2024	Onecom	7367517	70.21	11.70	58.51	Office Phone to 31st October 2024
17/12/2024	PEAC Finance (Current)	25/0112452	450.94	75.16	375.78	Photocopier Rental 17/12/24 to 16/03/2025
19/12/2024	Peoples Partnership	november	260.87	-	260.87	Pension Costs November 2024
<b>Standing Orders</b>						
28/12/2024	Rosalyn Haines	december	666.67	-	666.67	Grounds Maintenance for December 2024
			<b>1,448.69</b>	<b>86.86</b>	<b>1,361.83</b>	
<b>Online Transfer - Paid 26 November</b>						
26/11/2024	Ellevate Entertainment	790	864.00	144.00	720.00	Jazz Street Santa Trio
<b>Online Transfer - Paid 28 November</b>						
28/11/2024	Clerk	november	2,084.47	-	2,084.47	Salary for November 2024
28/11/2024	Assistant Clerk	november	790.85	-	790.85	Salary for November 2024
28/11/2024	Assistant Clerk	mileage	8.78	-	8.78	Collect Allotment Markers - Bucks Welding
28/11/2024	Chiltern Secure Shredding	70485	36.00	6.00	30.00	Three bags of confidential waste
			<b>2,920.10</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>2,914.10</b>	
<b>Online Transfer - Paid 10 December</b>						
10/12/2024	Tulu Toilet Hire	38821	128.57	21.43	107.14	Portable Toilet for Playing Field - November
10/12/2024	UK Security Group	2031	474.00	79.00	395.00	Supply and install new camera location D15
10/12/2024	CDS	75302	1,800.00	300.00	1,500.00	Project Management Burial Ground
10/12/2024	Ace Shelters	1928	4,917.00	819.50	4,097.50	Bus Shelter near Fremantle Care Home
10/12/2024	Bates Wells	2251015	807.20	131.20	676.00	Legal Fees for Brudenell Drive Land
10/12/2024	Richard Max & Co	2939	19,008.03	3,139.84	15,868.19	Legal Fees for BCC S&S Club - October
10/12/2024	Richard Max & Co	2959	6,108.20	806.20	5,302.00	Legal Fees for BCC S&S Club - November
			<b>33,243.00</b>	<b>5,297.17</b>	<b>27,945.83</b>	
<b>From Clerks Debit Card Account</b>						
18/11/2024	Warble Entertainment	w24114275	140.00	23.33	116.67	Vintage Gramophone DJ
27/11/2024	Solopress	4138248	54.51	-	54.51	Flyers for Christmas lights switch on
			<b>194.51</b>	<b>23.33</b>	<b>171.18</b>	
		<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>37,806.30</b>	<b>5,413.36</b>	<b>32,392.94</b>	
This list of payments has been checked by the clerk and verified for payment.					<b>RECONCILED BANK BALANCES AS AT 30 November 2024</b>	
					£ 17,695.72	Treasurers Account
					£ 451,164.49	Deposit Account
Signed	<i>A. Skeggs</i>	(Clerk)			£ 500.00	Debit Card Account
					£ 87,361.37	NatWest 95 Day Liquidity Account
Date	5th December	2024			£ 556,721.58	
The above list of payments was approved by the Parish Council at its meeting on 10th December 2024.						
Signed	<i>K Shanahan</i>	(Chair)				
	<i>This is an electronic signature - a hard copy with a wet signature is available.</i>					
Date	10th December	2024				

## **Appendix 2 – Clerks Report**

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 –**

- Two lights in Orchard Close – Numbers 1 and 2. These have been reported to UKPN again as it is a supply issue.

### **Community Centre / Playing Field –**

- Dog Walker Incident – The police contacted the Clerk over a dog biting incident in Eskdale Road on November 21. Footage of the suspected dog and its owners has been sent to the police
- Portable Toilet – Stoke Mandeville Football Club has arranged for a second portable toilet for the playing field. It needs to be moved from its current location.

### **Parking Review –**

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

### **Environmental Issues – Calls from Residents**

- Estate Agent Boards – A resident contacted the Council regarding estate agent boards in Station Road and Risborough Road which were placed away from any properties. The Clerk has contacted the estate agents, and the boards in Station Road have been removed.

### **Environmental Issues –**

- Station Road Noticeboard – This has been removed temporarily while the shop wall is repaired.

### **Allotments –**

- A notice has gone out to all allotment holders to inform them that over the winter period vehicles are no longer allowed on the allotment site.

**Burials** – No burials scheduled.

### **Other -**

- SMVCA – The management group met recently and considered changes to hire conditions, building issues, Pollyanna Pre-school, the financial position and staffing contracts.