



**Minutes of the meeting of the COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE held
in the Committee Room at Eskdale Road Community Centre
on Tuesday 4th February 2025 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Cllrs D Field (Chair), C Jenkins, and J Theobald. Cllr G Shrivastava joined from 8.10pm.
Clerk: A Skeggs Absent: None
Assistant: Apologies Residents: none

C25/13	APOLOGIES – None	
	<p>OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS There were no questions raised.</p> <p>Cllr Field suggested that an external power supply at the far end of the centre along with LED lighting be installed for outside events.</p>	
C25/14	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION There were no new requests for dispensation.	
C25/15	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING a) The minutes of the meeting of the Communities Committee held on the 14 th January 2025 were unanimously AGREED as a true record. b) The action plan was reviewed and was updated accordingly.	
C25/16	<p>BRUDENELL DRIVE GREEN The results of the survey were considered. The majority of the responders were against a flagpole whilst the majority were also against a war memorial. Cllr Jenkins had spoken to a number of residents and reported that they were not keen to have a memorial so close to their properties. The majority of responses were in favour of wildflowers, hedging and the provision of a bench. There were a number of responses from outside the immediate location, so it was proposed that their responses be removed to see what effect they had on the results. Cllr Field suggested that the residents be consulted on whether they would be prepared to help maintain the area. It was AGREED to defer any decision until the next meeting when the updated survey results would be available.</p>	Assistant Clerk
C25/17	<p>TOILET BLOCK No progress had been made since the report to the Parish Council. Two further quotes were needed. Cllrs Field and Theobald AGREED to push the project forward and get the quotes. A completion date of the 31st August 2025 was set. The Clerk was to contact Buckinghamshire Council to establish the lead time to obtain planning permission.</p>	Cllrs Field / Theobald Clerk
C25/18	<p>VE DAY 80 Cllr Jenkins gave an update on plans for the event as follows: The activities planned for the 5th May had been cancelled due to the uncertainty around one of the performers. Instead, there would be a “street party” at The Bull and the Gramophone DJ will perform at the Fremantle Care Home. <u>Thursday 8-May</u> Morning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flag to be raised at 9am on the Village Green. • A temporary flagpole will be purchased, cost £111 which includes the flag. • The Church will be open from 9am to 11am for refreshments. • Exhibition to be hosted by the Church. <p>Vintage Cinema</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 noon to 5pm with a 15-minute show repeated during that time. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A video will be made specific to Stoke Mandeville in wartime. • School layby to be coned off the night before. • Parking restrictions to be advertised in advance / school to publicise. <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"> • Tree lights to be switched on. • Light the lamp of peace. • Brief service/words from the vicar. • Lower the flag. 	
C25/19	<p>SUMMER EVENT</p> <p>Cllr Field gave an update on the plans for the event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The event would be on Saturday 19th July, running from 12 noon to 9pm. • A working group had been formed and specific tasks allocated. • The Assistant Clerk would source the marquees and contact Chiltern Railways. • There would be four food vans. • The Bull would run the bar. Cllr Field had spoken to both the Bell and Woolpack, but they were unable to get involved. • The fairground had been booked, and there would be therapy ponies. • Last year 70% of the craft stalls had not donated for their stall, so this year stall holders would have to pay a fee of £25 when they booked. • Parking control would be run by the security company with Councillors monitoring the entrance to the car park. • The musicians had been booked. • Cllrs Shrivastava and Theobald would produce the flyer. 	Assistant Clerk
C25/20	<p>MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT</p> <p>The meeting considered what mental health support the Parish Council could provide to residents. Cllr Shrivastava suggested facilitating an event whereby professionals in this field would suggest the best way forward. Neighbouring parish councils could be invited to encourage a wider initiative. Cllr Jenkins was aware of a 6-week course being run in Aylesbury by Southcourt Family Centre Plus aimed at 11–13-year-olds. It was AGREED that Cllr Jenkins would contact the Southcourt Family Centre and maybe attend a session, then report back to the next meeting.</p>	Cllr Jenkins
C25/21	<p>MVAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The speed data from the MVAS was reviewed. For Anton Way it showed that the average speed was below the 30mph limit where for Lower Road it showed the average speed was around 35mph with the maximum speed being 52 mph. • The Combined School had contacted Buckinghamshire Council, who had contacted the Parish Council, requesting that a MVAS be placed nearer the school following an incident. It was AGREED to move the MVAS to Lower Road and share the data with the school. 	Assistant Clerk
C25/22	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will be Tuesday 11th March 2025. Cllr Theobald gave his apologies.</p>	

The meeting closed at 21:05

Signed _____

Dated: 11th March 2025

Action List

Date	Minute	Description	By Whom	Status
9/07/24	C24/61	Suggest locations and get additional quotes for bug hotels. 14-Jan, awaiting Bucks Council. Need to contact developers of Mandeville Park. Get prototype installed at station.	Asst Clerk	In progress
01/10/24	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 - 14-Jan, awaiting response from SGN.	Asst Clerk	In progress
14/01/25	C25/09	Add discussion of Church harvest festival meal in October to a future agenda.	Asst Clerk	
04/02/25	C25/16	Prepare new analysis of Brudenell Drive consultation exercise.	Asst Clerk	Completed
04/02/25	C25/17	Obtain further quotes for toilet block project.	Cllrs Field / Theobald	
04/02/25	C25/17	Contact Buckinghamshire Council for planning advice.	Clerk	
04/02/25	C25/19	Production of Summer Event flyer.	Cllrs Theobald / Shrivastava	
04/02/25	C25/20	Contact Southcourt Family Centre Plus.	Cllr Jenkins	
04/02/25	C25/21	Move MVAS from Anton Way to Lower Road.	Asst Clerk	