



# Stoke Mandeville Parish Council

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at the Community Centre, Eskdale Road.



Present: Cllrs D Smith (Chair), B Ezra, D Field, J Hudson, S Kirve, L Prestage, J Theobald, and D Willmer.

Buckinghamshire Council Cllrs: S Bowles, R Newcombe, and P Strachan. Absent: n/a

Clerk: A Skeggs Assistant Clerk: P Rayner Public Attendance: Two.

No.	Description	Action
24/85	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Apologies were received and noted from Cllrs Jenkins (unwell), Shanahan (work), Shrivastava (holiday), and Wood (unwell).	
	<b>OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS</b> – The following questions were raised. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There were no questions from the floor.</li> <li>Buckinghamshire Council – Cllr Bowles reported on the village gate photo shoot with the Chair and Clerk. The recent Community Board meeting had had a presentation from BBOWT. Buckinghamshire Council were waiting for the planning proposals from the new Government and the new Demand Responsive Transport Scheme is due to launch over the summer. It will cover Aston Clinton, Buckland, Weston Turville, Halton, Stoke Mandeville, Bishopstone, Hulcott, and Weedon. The trip cost will be similar to the bus. The key issue is encouraging usage.</li> </ul>	
24/86	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</b> a) There were no new declarations of interest. b) There were no new requests for dispensation.	
24/87	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> a) The minutes of the meeting of the 18 <sup>th</sup> June were unanimously <b>AGREED</b> . b) The action plan was reviewed with completed items being removed.	
24/88	<b>BUCKS CC SPORTS &amp; SOCIAL CLUB</b> Cllr Field informed the meeting that the Parish Council had submitted its letter to the Secretary of State as had Sport England. The Council was now waiting for a response from the new Secretary of State. The Parish Council would have 14 days after the Secretary of States decision to decide what further action it should take. The Clerk had submitted four FOIs to Buckinghamshire Council. They had until the 31 <sup>st</sup> July to respond.	
24/89	<b>SOLAR PANELS COMMUNITY CENTRE</b> Cllr Theobald updated the meeting on the results of the structural engineers report. As expected, the Centre roof was not strong enough to support the panels due to the glulam frame, this meant that the tiles needed to be removed and replaced with an “in-roof” system. The same number of panels could be installed. Kimbletech had supplied an estimate for the new scheme, the additional cost was for the trays and removing all the existing tiles. A reclamation yard would take the tiles off site for no charge but there was no resale value. A structural assessment to determine the thickness of the tongue and groove panels was required. Cllr Willmer asked whether there were any examples of “in-roof” installations locally that could be viewed.	

	As further investigations were still required the new estimate from Kimbletech was <b>NOTED</b> . Cllr Field suggested that a request be made to Buckinghamshire Council to use s.106 funds on the scheme.	Clerk
<b>24/90</b>	<b>MARSH LANE BURIAL GROUND</b> a) As no quote had been received this item was deferred until the next meeting. b) The Clerk updated the meeting on the response he had received from CDS as to whether to consecrate the whole site or not. He had circulated a paper that explained the consequences of consecrating the whole site. After consideration it was proposed by Cllr Field, seconded by Cllr Theobald, to only consecrate the area required by HS2. This was <b>AGREED</b> with 6 in favour and two abstentions. It was <b>AGREED</b> to ask CDS whether individual plots could be consecrated and whether the burial of cremated remains should be treated the same as a normal burial.	Clerk
<b>24/91</b>	<b>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</b> Cllr Prestage gave an update on the examination process. The first two stages, Initial Reading and Visit to the Parish, had been completed by the Examiner. Stage three, the Clarification Process, had been worked on by Cllrs Prestage, Shanahan, and Smith and a response had been submitted to Buckinghamshire Council on the 12 <sup>th</sup> July. The next stage is the "Need for a Hearing", and this will be determined by the Examiner. There would then be a "Final Fact Check" stage and then the examination process would end with the Public Referendum. All documents are on the Buckinghamshire Council website. Cllr Prestage wished to thank Cllrs Shanahan and Smith for all the hours of work they have put in to complete the process.	
<b>24/92</b>	<b>COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE</b> a) The minutes of the Communities Committee meeting held on the 9 <sup>th</sup> July were <b>NOTED</b> . Cllr Ezra highlighted the Committees decision to replace the Wendover Road bus shelter and to install one outside Fremantle Care Home, that the Armed Forces Covenant was not appropriate for the Parish Council and that they were looking how best to recognise that Stoke Mandeville was the birthplace of the Paralympics. b) Cllr Theobald gave a report on a meeting he and the Clerk had had with representatives of Abbey Homes regarding a connecting footpath between the estate and the playing field. Abbey Homes had no objections to the proposal but would not contribute to the cost. The timescale for Buckinghamshire Council to sign off the development and adopt the estate needed to be determined.	Clerk
<b>24/93</b>	<b>PLANNING COMMITTEE</b> a) The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 25 <sup>th</sup> June were <b>NOTED</b> . b) The Clerk reported that the membership of the Committee was down to four and made a request for more Councillors to join. There was the option to be an ad hoc member and only attend if a permanent member could not. Cllr Field agreed to rejoin the Committee until May 2025 whilst Cllrs Smith and Theobald volunteered to be ad hoc members.	
<b>24/94</b>	<b>FINANCE</b> a) The list of payments made, attached as appendix 1 since the last meeting were <b>APPROVED</b> . b) It was <b>NOTED</b> that there had been no Inter Account transfers this month.	

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**24/95 CLERKS REPORT**

The clerk's report, attached as appendix 2, was **NOTED**, after Cllr Kirve suggested that a street light survey be undertaken to identify any defects.

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**24/96 POINTS OF INTEREST**

- Wendover & Villages Community Board – Cllr Field reported on the meeting that had received a presentation from BBOWT (Bucks, Bed & Oxen Wildlife Trust), which showed what measures you could do to attract wildlife to your Parish. He suggested having a dedicated biodiversity councillor.
  - Future Meetings – It was suggested that Hawkslade Community Centre and William Harding school be approached to host future Parish Council meetings.
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**24/97 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

As there will be no meeting in August, the next meeting will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

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The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: 17-September-2024

**Action List**

Date	Minute	Description	By Whom	Status
21/05/24	24/59	Send complaint to Standards Committee.	Cllr Shanahan	On Hold
18/06/24	24/76	Inform SMVCA of Results of Roof Survey.	Clerk	TBA
18/06/24	24/78b	Arrange Payment to SMVCA for Tables.	Clerk	TBA
18/06/24	24/81c	Arrange Payment of Donations to Charity.	Clerk	Completed
18/06/24	P of I	Contact Resident Regarding Ransom Strip.	Cllr Shanahan	O/S
16/07/24	24/89	Submit s.106 application for solar panels.	Clerk	O/S
16/07/24	24/90	Contact CDS re-consecrated land.	Clerk	Completed
16/07/24	24/92b	Contact B C re Abbey Homes handover.	Clerk	Completed
16/07/24	24/96	Contact Hawkslade / WH school – meetings.	Clerk	Completed



## APPENDIX 2

### Clerks Report (For Information Only)

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** – No issues.

**Community Centre / Playing Field** –

- The entrance to the playground has been repaired following it being highlighted in the ROSPA report.

**Parking Review** –

- A number of residents in Hampden Road did not receive the original consultation letter regarding the introduction of double yellow lines on the junction of Hampden Road and Orchard Place. New letters have been posted to all residents.

**Environmental Issues** – Calls from Residents

- Bowler Road – The overgrown hedge outside no. 32. has been partially cut back but more is required so a letter will now be sent to the landlord advising him of the action required.
- Batt Furlong – The area has been inspected by the Clerk and Assistant Clerk and there is no obstruction of a footpath or parking space. Referred to Buckinghamshire Council.
- Carters Ride Open Spaces – The two open space areas had not been cut this season by Buckinghamshire Council. Matter referred to Buckinghamshire Council councillors. Grass finally cut on the 9<sup>th</sup> July.

**Environmental Issues** –

- Wotton Path in Stoke Leys - The overhanging hedge and brambles have now been cut back.
- Footpath from The Hawthorns to the Church – This has now been cleared of the weeds and stinging nettles.
- Charity Recycling Bin – A charity recycling bin from the AK Foundation charity appeared in the car park on the 10<sup>th</sup> July. The Clerk has contacted the charity and asked for it to be removed as no permission was requested from the charity.

**Allotments** – No issues.

**Burials** – No burials planned.

**Other** -

- Parish Council e-Newsletter – The Summer newsletter was issued at the beginning of July. There are now currently 152 resident subscribers. Sign up is via the Parish Council website.
- Kynaston Avenue / Lower Road white lining – The work has now been put back until August where an overnight road closure has been sought to undertake the work.
- The Hawthorns Playground – The playground is now open to the public.
- Risborough Road – Full weekend road closure from the 8pm on 19th July until 6am on the 22nd July.

**Upcoming Consultations from Buckinghamshire Council** –

- [Local Nature Recovery Strategy](#) – 8 July to 18 August.
- [New Model for Libraries](#) – 10 July to 18 September.
- Housing Allocations Policy – 11 July to 22 August.
- Gambling Act Policy – TBC