



**Stoke Mandeville Parish Council**

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**Minutes of the meeting of the COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE held  
in the Committee Room at Eskdale Road Community Centre  
on Tuesday 9 December 2025 at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs D Field (Chair), J Theobald, G Shrivastava, M Broad and A Lennard  
Resident J Gates attended the meeting as an appointed non-councillor

Clerk: T Skeggs

Absent: None

Assistant: B Hotya

Residents: None

C25/106	<b>APOLOGIES</b> None.	
C25/107	<b>OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS</b> There were no residents present.	
C25/108	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</b> There were no new requests for dispensation.	
C25/109	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> a) The minutes of the meeting of the Communities Committee held on 11 November 2025 were unanimously <b>AGREED</b> as a true record. b) The action plan was reviewed and would be updated accordingly.	
C25/110	<b>KIDS EVENTS FOR 2026</b> It was considered organising several events for 2026. These include an Easter Egg Hunt/Easter themed event, a Family Fun Day with bouncy castles, a Halloween Event and a Film Event/Outdoor Cinema on the playing field. It was <b>AGREED</b> to go ahead with the events, and it was advised that if anyone has new ideas, to email the Clerks and they will be added to the next Communities Committee meeting agenda.	
C25/111	<b>CHRISTMAS EVENTS</b> a) There are 49 bookings confirmed for the Christmas Lunch on 20 December 2025 and the residents can still book a place by 12 December 2025. It was suggested we should serve the mulled wine and mince pies left over from the other Christmas events. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerks to do a Facebook post asking for tombola prizes donations. b) The children's winter party was fully booked within a day and a half (50 children's tickets). It was <b>AGREED</b> to release more tickets for the event. c) The feedback received from the residents about the Christmas Lights Switch-on Event, was that they would prefer the event to be held in front of The Bull. The Parish Council is looking to plant trees in other wards as well, the costs range between £1300-1500/tree. Unfortunately, there is no land owned by the Parish Council where to plant a tree at Stoke Grange at the moment, but it was <b>AGREED</b> trees to be planted at Hawkslade, Stoke Leys and The Green at Brudenell Drive. It was discussed installing the commando switches on the streetlights and spreading the costs through out the year so it won't affect the budget or to use the remaining budget for this year to do that. Cllr Field expressed his appreciation to everyone who helped organising the Christmas Lights Switch-On Event this year: to the Clerks; to The Bull who got in touch with the tree company, for organising the gazebos and for serving the mulled wine and mince pies to the residents; to the Stoke Mandeville Village Society for the carols; and to the Chiltern Hills Brass Band for the festive music.	

	d) It was <b>AGREED</b> that the lights on the Christmas tree would be removed by the councillors on 3 January 2026. It was <b>AGREED</b> to contact the local gardeners or advertise on Facebook asking if someone could dispose of the tree.	
<b>C25/112</b>	<b>ALLOTMENTS</b> There was limited feedback from the allotment tenants regarding the need of a toilet at the allotments site. It was <b>AGREED</b> not to install one at this time and this matter to be reviewed in the future years.	
<b>C25/113</b>	<b>PARTY IN THE PARK</b> The event's working group next meeting will be in January 2026. Each member have tasks to complete. The group will contact Michael Anthony to support advertising the event. Cllr Field had booked the Skasouls Band and informed the food vans about the £150 pitch fee. J Gates contacted Radleys and is waiting for their reply. The group will contact the local dance clubs and the school choir to check if they would like to take part.	
<b>C25/114</b>	<b>NEW STREETLIGHT</b> A streetlight in Wotton Path in Stoke Leys had been hit by a car and needs to be replaced. The quote from ENC Ltd has been reviewed and <b>AGREED</b> the cost is reasonable. It was <b>AGREED</b> to go ahead and replace it.	
<b>C25/115</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> The next meeting will be on 13 January 2026.	

The meeting closed at 20:13

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: 3 February 2026

#### Action List

Date	Minute	Description	By Whom	Status
08/07/25	C25/59	Produce map for first walk	Clerk	In progress
08/07/25	C25/62	Discuss with the school having children paint designs on the SGN cabinet	Cllr Theobald	In progress
08/07/25	C25/63	Get quotes for guttering replacement	Clerk	In progress