

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 5th Aug 2025 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs J Theobald, G Shrivastava, D Field, K Shanahan

Clerk: T Skeggs Absent: None Assistant: P Rayner Residents: none

C25/70	ELECTION OF CHAIR					
C23/10	Cllr Field was elected as chair					
C25/71	APOLOGIES – None. It was noted that Cllr Jenkins has resigned from the council.					
C25/72	OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS					
,	Nothing was raised by residents.					
C25/73	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION Cllr Shanahan declared an interest in Bucks Community Energy.					
C25/74	 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING a) The minutes of the meeting of the Communities Committee held on the 8th July 2024 were unanimously AGREED as a true record. b) The action plan was reviewed and would be updated accordingly. 					
C25/75	FOOTBALL CONTAINER The parish council are supportive of having the football team use the playing field but are concerned about the appearance of the container. It was discussed whether there was anything in writing to specify that only a 20 foot container could be installed and there isn't. Cllr Field is awaiting confirmation from Buckinghamshire Council on whether the container required planning permission. It was AGREED that once we know, a meeting with the football team should take place to agree the way forward.	Clerk Cllr Field				
C25/76	 PARTY IN THE PARK The lessons learned were discussed. Main ones were: One person to handle craft stall bookings and ensure a list of tables required is available on the day of the event. Implement a pitch fee for food vendors rather than a donation. Engage Rotary Club early on to help as parking marshals. More advertising with banners. Have a floating tent to provide shelter (similar to what The Bull used). Have craft tent nearer the car park – easier for unloading. Keep the fairground all on the field as it was better with the car park free. Confirm all food vans/acts a few weeks prior to the event or require a deposit/pitch fee to try and reduce no-shows. There was also feedback that some of the prices charged for rides and food were rather high but there was no conclusion as to how the parish council could control this. 					
C25/77	SENIORS WORKSHOP Cllr Shanahan presented the outline plans for this event which will now be billed as "ageing Well". The intention is to have a variety of service providers set up stalls. Bucks Community	Cllr Shanahan				

	Energy are willing to provide an event manager to help organise the event. The event will	
	take place 11am to 3pm on Tuesday 28 th October at the community centre. It was AGREED	
	to allocate a budget of £3000.	
C25/78	COMMUNITRY PROJECTS	
	The list of projects, their estimated cost and the budget provision was reviewed. There is	
	adequate budget available to run all the planned events.	
C25/79	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	The next meeting will be Tuesday 9th September 2025.	

The meeting closed at 20:55

Signed	Dated:	9 th September 2025

Action List

Date	Minute	Description	By Whom	Status
04/02/25	C25/17	Obtain further quotes for toilet block	Cllrs Shrivastava	In progress
			/Theobald	
04/02/25	C25/17	Contact Buckinghamshire Council re planning advice for toilet block	Clerk	
08/07/25	C25/56	Ask resident to join the Communities Committee	Cllr Shrivastava	
08/07/25	C25/59	Produce map for first walk	Clerk	In progress
08/07/25	C25/60	Clerk to get text to describe the mental health workshop,	Clerk	
		and Cllr Theobald to arrange for it to be advertised in	Cllr Theobald	
		Wendover News.		
08/07/25	C25/62	Discuss with the school having children paint designs on	Cllr Theobald	
		the SGN cabinet		
08/07/25	C25/63	Get quotes for guttering replacement	Clerk	
08/07/25	C25/64	Source grave markers	Asst Clerk	
08/07/25	C25/67	Obtain options for replacement surfaces for the path around the field.	Cllr Theobald	
08/07/25	C25/67	Find out of Sport England would provide match funding for	Cllr Shrivastava	
		a replacement path around the field		
08/07/25	C25/67	Find out from Cllr Kirve the HS2 contact for possible funding for a replacement path around the field	Cllr Theobald	