



Stoke Mandeville Parish Council

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL** meeting held on Tuesday 18th
November 2025 at the Community Centre, Eskdale Road.



Present: Cllrs J Theobald (Chair), M Broad, B Ezra, D Field, S Kirve, A Lennard, L Prestage, G Shrivastava and P Wood.

Buckinghamshire Council: Cllr Chris Poll & M Parker.

Absent: n/a

Clerk: A Skeggs

Assistant Clerks: B Hotya

Public Attendance: Two

No.	Description	Action
25/142	APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE Apologies had been received and accepted from Cllr Shanahan.	
	OPEN FORUM FOR RESIDENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">A resident asked about the progress on the War Memorial. <i>The PC were waiting for the legal team from Bucks Council to send through a license agreement.</i>Cllr Field gave the Bucks Council update – Currently experiencing problems with trees which were down to developers. A list of footpaths needing repair had been submitted to Bucks Council for inclusion in their capital programme.Cllr Field was looking into why four streetlights on the Wendover Road had been out of action for 18 months despite being reported. Abandoned vehicles still continue to be a problem on the Hawkslade Estate.A resident had raised the issue of the poor lighting outside the Goat Centre and requested better signage at the Station Road entrance to stop motorists driving down the Risborough Road.The issue of the cones on the newly opened SEALR was raised.	
25/143	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) There were no new declarations for interest.b) There were no requests for dispensation.	
25/144	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The minutes of the meeting of the 21st October were unanimously AGREED.b) The action plan was reviewed.	
25/145	DEVELOPMENT PLAN The Clerk had circulated a form for Councillors to complete indicating which of the new Working Groups they would like to be members of.	
25/146	PLAYING FIELD <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The Assistant Clerk had circulated some bridge designs for consideration. It was AGREED that the designs presentable were acceptable. The exact location would be determined after reviewing the Tree Survey which would indicate which trees could potentially be removed. This project would now fall under the Capital Projects Working Group.b) The Assistant Clerk had circulated some solar powered streetlight designs to illuminate the bridge for consideration. Cllr Field suggested that a light linked to a permanent power source would be more efficient. The decision on lighting would now fall under the Capital Projects Working Group.	

25/147 COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

- a) Cllr Field reported on the Communities Committee meeting held on the 11th November. Work on the 2026 Party in the Park had started. There would be extra costs on advertising banners, and teepees. Also, the Parish Council may fund the cost of children's rides. It was agreed to continue with the Play Around the Parish events and to arrange some defibrillator / first aid training. The 2026/27 budgets which fell under the Communities Committee had been reviewed and updated.
- b) Cllr Field reported on the Christmas Tree lights switch on. A 20ft tree had been purchased for the end of Brudenell Drive with lights and power being installed on the 27th November. The tree was being delivered on the 20th and would be put up by representatives from HS2. The lights would be switched on at 6pm either side of the switch on there would be a performance from the Chiltern Hills Brass Band.
- c) Cllr Shrivastava reported that the Winter Warm initiative had been cancelled, to be replaced by an Older Persons Christmas Lunch. A New Year's Children's Party was also being arranged.

25/148 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Prestage reported that the revised Neighbourhood Plan had been submitted to Buckinghamshire Council. They hoped to start the six-week consultation period on the 27th November. He was hopeful that the Settlement Boundary would be accepted but was still unsure on the Green Buffer policy statement.

25/149 PLANNING

- a) Cllr Prestage reported that application 25/00167 for 650 dwellings South of the village had been refused on eight grounds by Buckinghamshire Council.
- b) Cllr Prestage gave an update on Buckinghamshire Council's decision to conceal public comments on their planning portal. After contacting Buckinghamshire Council, it had been suggested that he contact the local MP, Greg Smith, to ask for help in challenging Buckinghamshire Council's decision.

25/150 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

It was **NOTED** that the probationary periods for the Assistant Clerk and Parish Warden had ended on the 11th and 18th November, and that both their appointments had been confirmed.

25/151 FINANCE

- a) Payments made since the last meeting were **APPROVED**. See appendix 1. It was **NOTED** that a CCLA Deposit Account had been opened and that the Deposit Protection Limit would raise from £85,000 to £120,000 from the 1st December 2025.
- b) It was **NOTED** that the following inter-account transfers had been performed between 16th October and the 13th November 2025:
 - 28 October - £10,000 from deposit account to current account.
 - 7 November - £22,000 from deposit account to current account.
 - 12 November - £80,000 from deposit account to current account.

25/152 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerks report was **NOTED**.

25/153 POINTS OF INTEREST

- It was noted that Station Road would be closed from 7am on the 6th December until 8pm on the 7th December for investigation works on the bridge.
- Cllr Wood reported that the Remembrance Day Service had been very successful.

25/154 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 16th December 2025.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Signed _____ Dated: 16 December 2025

Action List

Date	Minute	Description	By Whom	Status
17/06/25	Forum	The Hawthorns situation with Abbey / B C.	Clerk	Chasing
17/06/25	25/74	Produce a Volunteer Programme.	Chair	In Progress
15/07/25	25/90c	Contact SM FC about the storage container.	Clerk	Completed

APPENDIX 1 – Payments

LIST OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 18th NOVEMBER 2025

RECEIPTS						
Date Received	Received from	Reference	Amount Received			Details
			Gross	VAT	Net	
31/10/2025	G.Softley	plot 303	150.00	-	150.00	Purchase of Exclusive Right of Burial
				-	-	
		Total Receipts	150.00	-	150.00	
PAYMENTS - From Current Account						
Direct Debits			Gross	VAT	Net	Transaction Detail
24/10/2024	HMRC	Tax & NI	3,758.16	-	3,758.16	PAYE & NIC for months July to September
31/10/2025	Onecom	7697890	73.94	12.32	61.62	Office Phone to 30th September 2025
05/11/2025	Lloyds Bank	468419608	9.35	-	9.35	Bank Charges to 9th October Current A/c
15/11/2025	Lloyds Bank	469303853	8.50	-	8.50	Bank Charges to 9th Oct Debit Card A/c
17/11/2025	Castle Water	10008072283	290.57	-	290.57	Allotments Water 1 to 31 October 2024
19/11/2025	Peoples Pension	october	278.91	-	278.91	Pension Costs October 2025
Standing Orders						
28/11/2025	Rosalyn Haines	november	666.67	-	666.67	Grounds Maintenance for November 2025
			5,086.10	12.32	5,073.78	
Online Transfer - Paid 28 October						
13/10/2025	Sparkx	6539	1,315.50	219.25	1,096.25	Repairs to Christmas Lights on Village Green
28/10/2025	Royal British Legion	eba20	75.00	-	75.00	Poppy wreath for Remembrance Service
14/10/2025	BMKALC	6362	50.00	-	50.00	Chairing Skills Training - Cllr Shanahan
14/10/2025	BMKALC	6363	50.00	-	50.00	Chairing Skills Training - Cllr Theobald
24/10/2025	Cllr P Wood	expenses	21.01	-	21.01	Milk, Biscuits and Daffodil Bulbs
28/10/2025	Pollyanna Preschool	donation	743.00	-	743.00	Party in the Park Donations Allocation
28/10/2025	St Marys PCC	donation	743.00	-	743.00	Party in the Park Donations Allocation
28/10/2025	AC Waste Clearance	2225	288.00	48.00	240.00	Skip Hire for Allotment Clearance
28/10/2025	Parish Warden	expenses	5.99	-	5.99	Top Soil to Fill Hole in Playarea
28/10/2025	Clerk	october	2,049.92	-	2,049.92	Salary for October 2025
28/10/2025	Assistant Clerk	october	1,014.32	-	1,014.32	Salary for October 2025
28/10/2025	Parish Warden	october	869.80	-	869.80	Salary for October 2025
			7,225.54	267.25	6,958.29	
Online Transfer - Paid 5 November						
29/10/2025	Ligna Consultancy Ltd	4897	908.40	151.40	757.00	Tree Condition Survey Around Playing Field
05/11/2025	SMVCA	07-2025-smpc	88.00	-	88.00	Hire of Park Room for Fun & Fitness
05/11/2025	SMVCA	08-2025-Hang	231.00	-	231.00	Hire of Park Room for the Hangout Club
05/11/2025	SMVCA	09-2025-October	340.00	-	340.00	Hall Hire Ageing Well & Mental Health W/S
31/10/2025	CDS	75996	5,036.70	839.45	4,197.25	Marsh Lane Burial Ground Fees
31/10/2025	Tulu Toilet Hire	48627	132.85	22.14	110.71	Portable Toilet for Playing Field - October
03/11/2025	Bucks Community Energy	1075	1,620.00	-	1,620.00	Ageing Well Event Management - 28/10/25
04/11/2025	Drax	1109003362	678.72	113.12	565.60	Street Lighting for October 2025
05/11/2025	Parish Online	11UB084-0008	360.00	60.00	300.00	Annual Subscription to Digital Mapping
06/11/2025	Real Christmas Trees Ltd	1000028845	1,010.00	168.33	841.67	Christmas Tree and Display Stand
			10,405.67	1,354.44	9,051.23	
From Clerks Debit Card Account						
15/10/2025	Mutts Butts	85381	41.34	6.89	34.45	Dog Waste Dispenser Refill Bags
16/10/2025	Lakeside-Hire	2175010	356.40	59.40	297.00	A Weeks Hire of Heras Fencing to 16/10/25
16/10/2025	Online Memorials	393478	355.85	59.31	296.54	11 Named Grave Markers
16/10/2025	B&Q	bulbs	19.99	-	19.99	Daffodil Bulbs
23/10/2025	Lakeside-Hire	2175271	356.40	59.40	297.00	A Weeks Hire of Heras Fencing to 23/10/25
17/10/2025	Canva	27897326	100.00	16.67	83.33	Annual Subscription to Canva Pro Solo
23/10/2025	Lakeside-Hire	2175552	356.40	59.40	297.00	A Weeks Hire of Heras Fencing to 30/10/25
			1,586.38	261.07	1,325.31	
		Total Payments	24,303.69	1,895.08	22,408.61	
This list of payments has been checked by the clerk and verified for payment.						
			Bank Balances as at 13 November 2025			
			£	22,552.17	Treasurers Account	
			£	320,577.92	Deposit Account	
Signed	A.Skeggs	(Clerk)	£	500.00	Debit Card Account	
			£	89,684.74	NatWest 95 Day Liquidity Account	
Date	13th November 2025		£	84,500.00	Hinckley & Rugby Building Society	
			£	80,000.00	CCLA Public Sector Deposit Account	
			£	597,814.83		
The above list of payments was approved by the Parish Council at its meeting on 18th November 2025.						
Signed	J Theobald	(Chair)				
	This is an electronic signature - a hard copy with a wet signature is available.					
Date	18th November 2025					

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 –

- Wendover Road – A resident called about the three streetlights on Wendover Road which he reported to Buckinghamshire Council over 18 months ago and they are still not working.

Community Centre / Playing Field –

- Playing Field – The hedges around the playing field have been cut back.
- Playing Field – A mixture of tulips and daffodils have been planted along the pathway next to the car park.

Environmental Issues – Calls from Residents

- Parslow Close – A resident had reported overhanging foliage that was blocking the pathway. Task passed to Parish Warden, although further work is required.
- Farrow Close – A resident had reported overhanging foliage. Task passed to Parish Warden.

Environmental Issues –

- Marsh Lane – The Parish Warden has started clearing the ditch between Marsh Lane and the burial ground boundary.

Allotments –

- Tenants – A request for a portable toilet. See Communities minutes of the 11th November.
- Tenants – A request for a new footpath from the car park. See Communities minutes of the 11th November.

Burials

- Interment of Ashes – No interments scheduled.

Other -

- Goat Centre – A call from a business at the Goat Centre asking for better signage and lighting now that the Risborough Road has closed. Clerk to meet with business owner after the 19th November.
- Risborough Road – A call from a resident requesting better “Road Closure” signage to reduce the number of vehicles still speeding up and down the road.
- Roylands Estate – A call from a resident unhappy with the management company managing the estate asking why the Parish Council isn’t doing it.

SMVCA Related

- Photocopier – The large photocopier has been collected by the company and a new desk top copier has been ordered.