



Stoke Mandeville Parish Council

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL** meeting held on Tuesday 17th February 2026 at the Community Centre, Eskdale Road.



Present: Cllrs J Theobald (Chair), M Broad, B Ezra, D Field, A Lennard, K Middleton, G Shrivastava, and P Wood.

Buckinghamshire Council: Not present.

Absent: n/a

Clerk: A Skeggs

Assistant Clerks: B Hotya

Public Attendance: Four

No.	Description	Action
26/13	APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE Apologies had been received and accepted from Cllrs S Kirve, L Prestage, and K Shanahan.	
	OPEN FORUM FOR RESIDENTS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A resident asked for an update on the connecting bridge, war memorial and commented on the state of the roads. Cllr Field reminded everyone that all problems must be reported on fixmystreet. The Local Plan was now available and, although a wish list, it allowed for 1.5m houses over the next 20 years, areas not previously allocated for housing were now included e.g. land either side of Marsh Lane. Cllr Middleton suggested that this needed to be advertised to the residents. Cllr Theobald requested that the Local Plan be a standing item on the agenda. 	Clerk
26/14	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION a) There were no new declarations for interest. b) There were no requests for dispensation.	
26/15	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS a) The minutes of the meeting of the 20 th January were unanimously AGREED . b) The action plan was reviewed.	
26/16	COOPTION OF COUNCILLOR The Clerk had received two applications to join the Parish Council from residents Jon Gates and Jeff Knox. As there was a need for a vote, it was proposed by Cllr Shrivastava, seconded by Cllr Middleton, that it should be a secret ballot. This was unanimously AGREED . After both candidates had given a short presentation and answered questions from the Councillors, a vote was taken. After the Clerk had informed the Chair of the result he then proposed, seconded by Cllr Shrivastava, that Jon Gates be co-opted on to the Parish Council to represent the Hawkslade ward. This was unanimously AGREED . The Chair then asked Mr Knox if he would be interested in joining a couple of the Council's working groups.	
26/17	FINANCE The Clerk presented the finalised 2026/27 Budget which had been updated to include the projects identified in the development plan. It was proposed by Cllr Shrivastava, seconded by Cllr Field, that the budget be APPROVED , this was unanimously AGREED .	
26/18	OUTSIDE BODIES	

- a) The Chair gave a presentation on how the Community Board boundaries linked with the Parish Council boundaries and how the Boards were looking at Parish wide initiatives.
- b) East Bucks Community Board - Cllr Field would continue as the representative on the Community Board. The appointment of a second representative was deferred.
- c) Aylesbury Community Board - Cllrs Ezra and Wood **AGREED** to be the representatives on the Community Board.
- d) Parish Liaison Group - The appointment was deferred until the next meeting.

26/19 COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

The draft minutes of the Communities Committee held on the 3rd February were **NOTED** following a report from Cllr Field.

26/20 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The draft minutes of the Finance & Governance Committee held on the 10th February were **NOTED** following a report from Cllr Shrivastava. The state of the PC laptops needed to be investigated as they could not be upgraded to Windows 11.

26/21 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The draft minutes of the Planning Committee held on the 27th January were **NOTED** following a report from Cllr Theobald.

26/22 WORKING PARTIES UPDATE

- Major Projects – Cllr Kirve had been appointed as the Chair.
- Party in the Park – This was meeting regularly and reporting to the Communities Committee.
- SMVCA – Recruitment of the administrator and independent Chair was due to start. The energy assessment had been completed, the survey of the playing field had been completed, and WIFI was now available to all centre users.

26/23 FINANCE

Payments made since the last meeting were **APPROVED**. See appendix 1.

26/24 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerks report was **NOTED**.

26/25 POINTS OF INTEREST

- Aylesbury Community Board – Cllr Ezra and Wood had attended.
- EKFB – The overbridge over the Risborough Road was being dismantled, there would be traffic management along the Paralympic Way for verge side work.

26/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th March 2026.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed _____ Dated: _____ 2026

Action List

Date	Minute	Description	By Whom	Status
20/01/26	Forum	Investigate process for 30mph limit.	Clerk	
20/01/26	26/05a	Open Buckinghamshire Building Society Account.	Clerk	In Progress
20/01/26	26/06	Investigate signage / lighting at Goat Centre.	Clerk	

APPENDIX 1 – Payments

LIST OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 17th FEBRUARY 2026

RECEIPTS						
Date Received	Received from	Reference	Amount Received		Net	Details
			Gross	VAT		
20/01/2026	SM Village Society	memorial	3,607.00	-	3,607.00	Community Board Grant for War Memorial
20/01/2026	SM Village Society	memorial	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	Crowd Funding for War Memorial
20/01/2026	C Sasso	Jays Ices	60.00	-	60.00	Donation from Party in the Park
02/02/2026	Stoke Mandeville FC	rent	1,133.00	-	1,133.00	Pitch Hire for 2025/26 Season.
03/02/2026	CCLA	january	251.31	-	251.31	Interest for January
03/02/2026	R Metcalfe Funerals	burial	150.00	-	150.00	J Gaisford Burial Fee
28/01/2026	NatWest	interest	230.03	-	230.03	Deposit interest in December
05/02/2026	Various	fees	275.00	-	275.00	PitP - Craft Stalls
09/02/2026	Lloyds Bank	february	148.17	-	148.17	Interest for February
					-	
Total Receipts			8,854.51	-	8,854.51	
PAYMENTS - From Current Account						
Direct Debits			Gross	VAT	Net	Transaction Detail
17/01/2026	Onecom	7752409	83.48	13.91	69.57	Office Phone to 31 December 2025
09/01/2026	Lloyds Bank	475746549	8.50	-	8.50	Bank Charges to 9th January Current A/c
12/01/2026	Lloyds Bank	476708710	8.50	-	8.50	Bank Charges to 9th Jan Debit Card A/c
19/01/2026	Peoples Partnership	january	629.89	-	629.89	Pension Costs January 2026
			730.37	13.91	716.46	
Online Transfer - Paid 28 January 2026						
28/01/2026	Clerk	january	3,921.70	-	3,921.70	Salary for January 2026
28/01/2026	Assistant Clerk	january	1,014.32	-	1,014.32	Salary for January 2026
28/01/2026	Parish Warden	january	580.00	-	580.00	Salary for January 2026
22/01/2026	Abi Entertainment	1324	130.00	-	130.00	Children's Entertainer for Party in the Park
27/01/2026	Fusion Extreme Ltd	519	372.00	62.00	310.00	BMX Stunt Show for Party in the Park
21/01/2026	Pacer Leisure Vehicles Int. Ltd	karts	177.00	29.50	147.50	Karting for Party in the Park
15/01/2026	Frosts Portable Railway	8	225.00	-	225.00	Portable Railway for Party in the Park
26/01/2026	Phasels Wood Activity Centre	11926	187.50	31.25	156.25	Gryoscope / Connect 4 for Party in the Park
27/01/2026	BALC	6593	27.00	-	27.00	Local Councils Explained Book
			6,634.52	122.75	6,511.77	
Online Transfer - Paid 17 February 2026						
28/01/2026	St Mary The Virgin	Ark2026/05	40.00	-	40.00	Hire of Ark for AITC Four Sessions in Jan
31/01/2026	Tulu Toilet Hire	49796	132.85	22.14	110.71	Portable Toilet for Playing Field - January
27/01/2026	Chiltern Secure Shredding	73463	28.80	4.80	24.00	Shredding Confidential Waste - Two Bags
01/02/2026	Gardenforces	2026-01-007	1,275.00	212.50	1,062.50	Balance for New Village Gate Wendover Rd
31/01/2026	CDS	76186	5,485.80	914.30	4,571.50	Project Management Burial Ground (Jan)
03/02/2026	Drax	1109194376	785.68	130.95	654.73	Street Lighting for January 2026
31/01/2026	R Haines	january	180.00	-	180.00	Playing Field Bin Emptying / Litter Picking
18/02/2025	SMVCA	03-2026-Room	612.00	-	612.00	Donation for Room Hire by the Parish Council
10/02/2026	Plexra	926	1,481.88	246.98	1,234.90	Installation of Wifi Enhancers
30/01/2026	TW Hay and Straw	2044	138.00	23.00	115.00	15 Hay Bales for Easter Egg Hunt
30/01/2026	TW Hay and Straw	2045	198.00	33.00	165.00	25 Hay Bales for Party in the Park
			10,358.01	1,587.67	8,770.34	
From Clerks Debit Card Account						
27/01/2026	Last Minute Musicians	5226	136.00	22.67	113.33	Ed Sherran for Party in the Park
			136.00	22.67	113.33	
Total Payments			17,858.90	1,747.00	16,111.90	
						RECONCILED BANK BALANCES AS AT 31 January 2026
						£ 17,695.72 Treasurers Account
						£ 275,931.00 Deposit Account
						£ 500.00 Debit Card Account
						£ 90,862.03 NatWest 95 Day Liquidity Account
						£ 84,500.00 Hinckley & Rugby Building Society
						£ 80,000.00 CCLA Public Sector Deposit Account
						£ 549,488.75
This list of payments has been checked by the clerk and verified for payment.						
Signed	<i>A. Skeggs</i>		(Clerk)			
Date	12th February 2026					
The above list of payments was approved by the Parish Council at its meeting on 17th February 2026.						
Signed	<i>J Theobald</i>		(Chair)			
<i>This is an electronic signature - a hard copy with a wet signature is available.</i>						
Date	17th February 2026					

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 –

- Old Risborough Road – The four streetlights in the vicinity of the Goat Centre have been upgraded to LEDs as part of the programme.
- Dorchester Close – The streetlights outside number 23 and 27 have been repaired.

Community Centre / Playing Field –

- Playing Field – The Parish Warden has cleared the ditch of leaves and branches to ensure the water flows away.

Environmental Issues – From Residents

- Risborough Road – A resident wishes to have the rubbish bin removed from outside his property.

Environmental Issues –

- 12 Farrow Close – Overhanging foliage from a hedge. A letter has been sent to the resident.
- 102 Dalesford Road – Foliage from a hedge encroaching on to pathway. A letter has been sent to the resident.
- Wotton Path – Leaning tree across pathway. Partially cut back by Parish Warden but further work needed.
- Hanson Way – The alleyway has been cleared of weeds and foliage.

Allotments –

- Vehicles on Allotments – Following a report from an allotment holder that other tenants were driving onto the allotments, an email has gone to all tenants advising that no vehicles should be driven on to the site until further notice.

Burials

- Interments – No interments scheduled.

Other -

- Marsh Lane Burial Ground – An updated planning application was submitted on Thursday 29th January.

SMVCA Related

- Administrator – The administrator resigned from the Village Community Association on the 16th January.