LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME QUALITY

Stoke Mandeville Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of the COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE held in the Committee Room at Eskdale Community Centre on Tuesday 6th February 2024 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs D Field (Chair), D Wilmer, C Jenkins, and L Prestage.

Clerk: None Absent: None Assistant: Mr Peter Rayner Residents: None

C24/12	APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Ezra and Wood.				
	OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS				
	No points were raised				
C24/13	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION				
	None.				
C24/14	 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING a) The minutes of the meeting of the Communities Committee held on the 5th January 2024 were unanimously AGREED as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. b) The action plan was reviewed and would be updated accordingly. 				
C24/15	PLAY RANGER SESSIONS A meeting was held with Milton Keynes Play Association, and it was decided to book 4 sessions. Three would be 2-hour sessions aimed at primary school children and one is a 3-hour teen/pre-teen session. There will be 2 sessions at Eskdale Road and 2 at Hawkslade. If it rains, they are able to set up inside. Eskdale Road and Hawkslade community centres have been booked in case it rains and MKPA will have bouncy castles and other play equipment they can set up inside if required.				
C24/16	SUMMER COMMUNITY EVENT Clir Field provided an update on progress with planning the event and made the following points in addition to what was reported at the January meeting: There will be a dance floor in front of the stage A marquee for the crafts has been booked. Live music acts are: A 6-piece band 3 x solo artists 30-piece rock choir An SEN children's signing group will be working with the rock choir to agree some songs they can sign to. A quiet zone is planned. An ice cream van is booked The Sea Scouts are not sure if they want to run a food stall. If they don't the school PTA are interested in running one. 14 craft people are booked. Planned timings are from 12:00 to 20:00. We will need to consider how late we need car parking marshals. St John's Ambulance need to be booked Ask SMVCA if they will allow tables from the hall to be taken outside.	Cllr Field			
C24/17	D DAY 80 CELEBRATIONS a) Cllr Jenkins provided an update on progress with planning the event and made the following points in addition to what was reported at the January meeting:				

	 Two female residents from Fremantle Court are going to open the event at The Bull. One is 104 years old and was a radio operator and one is 102 and was in the Land Army. In addition, the two ladies plan to kick off the day at 3pm by organising an afternoon tea for residents at Fremantle Court. A military band has been suggested but they are expensive and difficult to get hold of, so we are unlikely to have one. The school have agreed to allow parking in their playground. Line dancing is planned. A meeting has been arranged with the Village Society and it is hoped they may do some signing. There is a village resident who does a Frank Sinatra tribute act, and he will be approached to perform. A flag bearer is still being sourced. The British Legion have suggested that parishes who do not have a beacon to light purchase a Lighted Lamp for Peace. Somebody at the school may have a contact who can arrange a Hurricane fly past. 	Cllr Jenkins
	b) It was AGREED to purchase a Lighted Lamp for Peace from the British Legion at a cost of £55.00.	Assistant Clerk
C24/18	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting date will be Tuesday 12 March 2024.	

The meeting closed at 20:17		
Signed	Dated:	12-Mar-2024

Action List

Date	Minute	Description	By Whom	Status
12/05/22	C22/18	Work with Buckinghamshire Council to get yellow lines	Clerk	In progress
		on corners in Hampden Road.		
		Update – Will be included with the Carters Ride		
		consultation in April 2024.		
14/03/23	C23/17	Replace the footpath map on the Eskdale Road	Asst Clerk	On hold
		Community Centre but not until it is clear what the		
		post HS2 situation is.		
9/05/23	C23/37	Continue to work with Chiltern Railways and The	Asst Clerk	In progress
		Chiltern Society to rewild and tidy up the station		
		approach green space.		
		Update 9-Jan, funding from Chiltern Railways agreed		
		and planting planned for Friday 26-Jan. 4 volunteers		
		identified to help with ongoing maintenance. Meeting		
		with Aylesbury volunteer group planned for 11-Jan to		
		discuss formal station adoption by the volunteers. Area		
		where suckers have grown is to be left until Chiltern		
		Railways sort out the problem.		
14/11/23	C23/79	Source 3 conifer trees 2 x 5ft and 1 x 8ft	Cllr Field	In progress
		Update 9-Jan, 5ft and 8ft rooted trees have proved		
		hard to obtain. One 3 ft tree has been planted and		
		another small one will be planted.		
14/11/23	C23/80	Get quotes for repair of small and large cracks as per	Asst Clerk	In progress
		the specification provided by Alexander Associates.		
14/11/23	C23/82	Contact British Legion to see if they can provide a	Cllr Jenkins	In progress
		ceremony at a D-Day event.		
09/01/24	C24/01	Obtain quotes for supply and installation of an Oxford	Asst Clerk	Completed
		Teak 6ft bench with carving.		
09/01/24	C24/02	Obtain quotes for supply and installation or a rope and	Asst Clerk	Completed
		post fence at Brudenell Drive.		
09/01/24	C24/03	Add request to increase play ranger budget from	Clerk	Completed
		£1,500 to £3,000 to Full Council agenda		
09/01/24	C24/04	Investigate Community Board match funding for play	Clerk	
		ranger sessions.		
09/01/24	C24/05	Book play ranger sessions and arrange a visit from the	Asst Clerk	
		MKPA representative once budget agreed.		
09/01/24	C24/06	Write to Arriva and redline regarding 130 and 300 bus	Asst Clerk	
		routes once Risborough Road is closed to traffic.		