

Stoke Mandeville Parish Council

Clerk: Mr Tony Skeggs Telephone: (01296) 613888

Minutes of the meeting of the COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE held remotely due to the Covid-19 pandemic, on Tuesday 8 September 2020 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs B Ezra (Chairman), R Butler, J Hunt, C Thorn, and P Wood.

Clerk: Mr Tony Skeggs Residents: None

Assistant: Mrs Ann-Marie Davies

C20/54	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr J Magill								
	The Chairman opened the meeting by expressing her sadness on behalf of all Councillors, at the untimely passing of our Councillor Stephen Pluckwell. In tribute to Steve, a minute's silence was observed.								
	OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS								
	No residents had joined the meeting.								
C20/55	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION Cllr Ezra declared an interest in the items relating to the community centre as her husband was the Chairman of the Community Association. Cllr Hunt declared an interest in the items relating to the community centre as her husband was a trustee. Cllr Hunt had also previously sent in a request for dispensation to take part in agenda item C20/57. Her husband was an allotment holder and potentially directly affected by the proposal to plant a Community Orchard.								
C20/59	a) Footpath around the Playing Field – It was NOTED that the Assistant Clerk had sought and received three quotes for a new footpath around the Playing Field. It was NOTED that the quotes did not include 'passing points' for wheelchairs. The Assistant Clerk would seek to address this addition to the quote once a final decision had been made at Full Council. In the interim, the meeting NOTED the quotes and recommended to Full Council that their preferred contractor would be the lowest submitted.	Asst Clerk							
C20/64	DATE OF NEXT MEETING								
	The next meeting will be on 10 November 2020 at 7.30pm.								

The meeting closed at 8.19pm.			
Signed	Dated:	September 2020	



Stoke Mandeville Parish Council



Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th September 2020. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the meeting was held remotely via a video link.

Present: Cllrs G Stewart (Chair), R Butler, A Clark, B Ezra, J Hunt, S Kirve, J Magill, L Prestage and C Thorn.

Public Attendance: Seven members of the public plus Buckinghamshire Council Cllr R Newcombe.

Clerk: A Skeggs Assistant Clerk: A-M Davies Absent: None

No.	Description	Action									
20/83	APOLOGIES Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs J Robinson and P Wood.										
	OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS										
	 A resident asked about the cost of the proposed footpath around the playing field. Were the public aware of the project, should not there be a consultation with the residents and what will be the implications of the work on the green space? He also spoke about the lack of toilet facilities at the playing field citing an incident the previous weekend. Both items were on the agenda for consideration. Cllr Magill asked if the decision had been made on the footpath. Were there other potential projects of more benefit to the community that could be considered? 										
20/84	 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION a) Clirs Ezra and Hunt declared an interest in items relating to the community centre and allotments. b) There were no new requests for dispensation. 										
20/88	COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE										
	a) Playing Field Footpath - Cllr Clark queried why this item was being discussed as the decision had already made and the Council's standing orders stated that a decision could not be reversed within six months. The clerk replied that whilst the decision had been made, that due to the sums involved it needed to be discussed by Full Council as the Communities committee did not have the authority to commit the parish council to that level of expenditure. Cllr Clark gave some background information on why a footpath had been considered, one of which was to make the playing field more accessible to all residents, it was intended to be funded from s.106 funds. A suggestion was made to ask Abbey Homes to part fund the footpath as their development will link to the playing field. It was proposed by Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr Butler to agree with the recommendation from the Communities committee to construct a footpath around the playing field. This was AGREED by six votes to three.										
	CONFIDENTIAL ITEM										
	In accordance with the "The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014" and The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)										

	(Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/2089) the public and press will be excluded from the following section of the meeting due to the confidential/sensitive nature of the business to be transacted.
20/97	FOOTPATH AROUND ESKDALE ROAD PLAYING FIELD CONTRACT
	The three quotes that had been received were considered by the committee. The details were: a) Contractor A - £82,461 (ex-vat). b) Contractor B - £90,916 (ex-vat). c) Contractor C - £84,955 (ex-vat)
	Cllr Hunt was against the tarmac specification and wanted something like the existing pathway down to the skate park. Cllr Clark outlined three options in relation to accessibility.
	It was proposed by Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr Ezra that the specification as quoted be accepted. This was AGREED by five votes to two with one abstention.
	It was proposed by Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr Ezra that the quote from contractor C be accepted due to their previous track record. This was AGREED by seven votes to nil with one abstention.
	The successful contractor to be asked to add one passing bay to the footpath and would they be prepared to match the price of contractor A.

The chairman thanked everyone for their contributions during the evening.

The meeting finished at 10.25 pm.

Signed...... Chair Date: 20th October 2020

These notes are a result of an informal conversation and are not a result of a formal inspection of the footpath.

Analysis of Cracking on Tarmac Path at Eskdale Road Playing Field

I talked with one of my neighbours, Brian McGinnity, who is a civil engineer and is familiar with the path around the park as he pushes his grandchildren around there in a buggy. He gave me the following analysis.

Likely Cause of the Cracking

- Basically, a tarmac path is not best suited for laying on a large expanse of open grass because
 the grass will expand and contract and the larger the grass area the more movement.
 Oxfordshire clay which we have around here is particularly susceptible to expansion and
 contraction.
- The path has likely been laid with the standard recommended foundations but those are for a path in a garden or pavement where there is a much smaller area of grass next to it and hence much less movement through expansion and contraction.
- He believes the path was laid in the winter while the best time would have been summer when it was dry, and the ground was in its contracted state.
- Tarmac is not very flexible and is prone to cracking.
- For tarmac to bind properly when it is laid it really needs to be laid at 150°C. When it has to be moved from where it is being heated to where it is being laid it is cooling all the time. Given the layout of our site, most of the path will have been laid with the tarmac at sub optimum temperature.

Solutions

- 1. Dig out the whole path and replace the foundations with something deeper. However, he said you might have to go down around a metre to try and prevent cracking and even that cannot be guaranteed. It would also be hugely expensive.
- 2. Keep repairing the path each year as we did last year.
- 3. Repair with a bitumen pour into the cracks.
- 4. Remove the tarmac layer and replace with hogging similar to the paths on the Bedgrove and Weston Turville parks. This will still crack dry weather but tends to form multiple smaller cracks that get filled with gravel, so it is "self-healing". He did acknowledge that when he pushes the buggy along the paths at those parks it is not as easy because the surface is not so smooth.

Quotes to Construct a New Footpath at Eskdale Road Playing Field

Three contractors, all approved by TFB, were approached and asked to quote for works as stated:-

- 1. Preliminaries to include safety
- 2. Excavate to 250mm below finish level for new footpath construction and dispose of arisings. 233m3 (cubic metre)
- 3. Lay PCC edgings 1240m(metres)
- 4. Lay 175mm of type 1163m3(cubic metre)
- 5. Lay 80mm of 20mm base course 930m2 (square metre)
- 6. Lay 25mm of 6mm surface course 930m2 (square metre)
- 7. Re-instate soil and seed item
- 8. Leave site clean and tidy

Contractor	Price excluding VAT	Additional information
	£82,461.00	Anticipated duration 20 days
	£90,916.38	Quote valid until 17 September 2020
	£84,955.00	Carried out the works to the hardstanding at the allotments in 2019

Stoke Mandeville Parish Council Council Detail Report 30/06/2023

	Annual	Forecast	Budget	Actual Year	Variance	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly	Comments
	Budget		To Date	to Date	To Date	Budget	Actual	Variance	
RECEIPTS									
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Grants	6,000	6,000	3,000	5,000	2,000	-	5,000 -	5,000	SM&OPC Grant
Community Board Grants	5,800	5,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Allotment Rents	1,400	1,400	-	30	30	-	30 -	30	
Burial Ground Fees	500	500	500	550	50	-	550 -	550	
Precept	208,140	208,140	104,070	104,070	-	-	104,070 -	104,070	
BC (AVDC) NHB Grant	85,000	85,000	10,000	9,796	- 204	9,400	9,796 -	396	For Marsh Lane Burial Ground
S.106	-	167,250	-	167,247	167,247	-	167,247 -	167,247	Playarea
Playing Field Rental Fees	-	-	-	260	260	-	260 -	260	
Donations	-	1,940	-	1,938	1,938	-	1,938 -	1,938	Kings Coronation Stalls
Bank Interest	100	1,000	100	652	552	-	652 -	652	
	306,940	477,030	117,670	289,543	171,873	9,400	289,543 -	280,143	
VAT Refund	21,300	21,300	21,300	26,337	5,037	-	26,337 -	26,337	
	21,300	21,300	21,300	26,337	5,037	-	26,337 -	26,337	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	328,240	498,330	138,970	315,880	176,910	9,400	315,880 -	306,480	
PAYMENTS									
Core Costs									
Employee Salary and on-costs	42,000	42,000	10,500	9,998	502	10,500	9,998	502	
Employee Mileage	150	150	50	-	50	-	-	-	
Employee Pension Costs	3,000	3,000	750	740	10	250	740 -	490	
Employee Payroll Costs	500	500	125	114	11	125	114	11	
Training - Staff	1,000	1,000	250	55	195	-	55 -	55	
Cllrs Expenses	200	200	200	-	200	-	-	-	
Training - Councillors	1,000	1,000	250	-	250	-	-	-	
Councillor Allowances	1,600	1,600	1,600	-	1,600	-	-	-	
Chairmans Allowance	200	200	200	-	200	-	-	-	
Administration Costs	1,000	1,000	250	228	22	250	228	22	
Advertising	500	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	
IT Related and Website	6,000	6,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Licenses and Subscriptions	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,148	- 48	1,100	1,148 -	48	BALC
Phone & Broadband	800	800	200	115	85	150	115	35	
Photocopies	1,400	1,400	500	647	- 147	500	647 -	147	

	Annual	Forecast	Budget	Actual Year	Variance	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly	Comments
	Budget		To Date	to Date	To Date	Budget	Actual	Variance	
Insurance	4,280	4,280	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Audit Fees	1,150	1,150	400	395	5	400	395	5	
Legal Costs	3,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Public Consultation	1,760	1,760	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Kings Coronation Event	1,500	3,000	1,500	2,984 -	1,484	1,500	2,984 -	1,484	Kings Coronation
	72,140	73,640	17,875	16,424	1,451	14,775	16,424 -	1,649	
Community Centre									
Com Centre Hawkslade	4,000	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Com Centre Stoke Mandeville	10,000	10,000	2,500	-	2,500	833	-	833	
	14,000	14,000	2,500	-	2,500	833	-	833	
Open Spaces									
Contract Ground Maintenance	10,000	10,000	2,500	2,000	500	2,000	2,000	-	
Grass Cutting Playing Field	5,500	5,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Devolved Services Costs	5,000	5,000	1,250	410	840	-	410 -	410	
Raised Flower Bed	1,200	1,200	400	-	400	-	-	-	
Christmas Lights & Trees	5,000	5,000	-	-	-		-	-	
Dog Bins	3,300	3,300	-	278 -	278	-	278 -	278	Replacement in Playing Field
MVAS	260	260	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Playing Field Maintenance	2,500	2,500	625	362	263	350	362 -	12	
Playing Field Footpath	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Outdoor Gym	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	43,760	43,760	4,775	3,050	1,725	2,350	3,050 -	700	
Allotments									
Allotments expenses	2,000	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	2,000	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Burial Grounds									
Swallow Lane Burial Ground	510	700	510	699 -	189	510	699 -	189	Annual Rates Bill
Marsh Lane Land	24,000	24,000	6,000	4,315	1,685	6,000	4,315	1,685	
Marsh Lane Burial Ground Works	81,000	81,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	105,510	105,700	6,510	5,014	1,496	6,510	5,014	1,496	
Street Lighting									
Street Lights - Electricity	7,000	7,000	1,750	106	1,644	100	106 -	. 6	
Street Lights - Maintenance	3,000	3,000	1,500	1,528 -	28	1,500	1,528 -	28	
Street Lights - Testing	5,000	5,000			-		-	-	
Street Lighting - Replacements	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Budget To Date to Date Budget Actual Variance
Street Furniture Defibrillators - new / maintain 5,000 5,000 5,000 4,985 15 4,985 - 4,985 Street furniture- new / maintain 15,000 15,000 4,000 - - - - 20,000 20,000 9,000 4,985 4,015 - 4,985 - 4,985 Parish Improvement Plan Parish Improvement Plan 10,000 10,000 -
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Section 137
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Grants / Donations 3,000 3,000 1,000 1,060 - 60 1,000 1,060 - 60
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Play Related Play Related
Play Around the Parishes 1,000 1,300 1,000 1,300 - 300 1,000 1,300 - 300 Play Ranger Days New Scheme
Playground Maintenance 2,000 2,000
Playground Refurbishment - 167,250 - 167,247 - 167,247 - 167,247 - 167,247 - 167,247
3,000 170,550 1,000 168,547 - 167,547 1,000 168,547 - 167,547
VAT on Payments 19,070 19,070 4,768 36,610 - 31,843 1,589 36,610 - 35,021
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TOTAL PAYMENTS 348,480 517,720 60,678 239,805 - 179,128 32,991 239,805 - 206,814
Total Receipts 328,240 498,330 138,970 315,880 176,910 9,400 315,880 - 306,480
Total Payments 348,480 517,720 60,678 239,805 - 179,128 32,991 239,805 - 206,814
Increase in / (Decrease in)
General Reserve - 20,240 - 19,390 78,293 76,075 - 2,218 - 23,591 76,075 - 99,666
Budgetted Forecast Current
Current Account 5,714
Deposit Account 316,948
Debit Card Account 300
Balance 1st April 2023 322,962 322,962 322,962
Budgeted Movement - 20,240
Forecast Movement - 19,390 76,075

	Annual	Forecast	Budget	Actual Year	Variance	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly	Comments
	Budget		To Date	to Date	To Date	Budget	Actual	Variance	
Balance 31 March 2024	302,722	303,572	399,037			•			

LIST OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 18th JULY 2023

18 July 2023

RECEIPTS

Date

Date Received	Received from	Reference	Amount Received			Details
			Gross	VAT	Net	
27/06/2023	Pollyanna Preschool	hire	40.00	-	40.00	Summer Fayre 9th July on Playing Field
26/06/2023	C Peters	allotment	20.00	-	20.00	Overdue Allotment Rental Plot 6b
04/07/2023	Hiscox	claim	3,115.98	-	3,115.98	Insurance payment for streetlight
		Total Receipts	3,175.98	-	3,175.98	1 7
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PAYMENTS - FI	rom Current Account					
Direct Debits			Gross	<u>VAT</u>	Net	Transaction Detail
30/06/2023	Onecom	797442	68.89	11.48	57.41	Office Phone to 31st May 2023
04/07/2023	Land Registry		12.00	-	12.00	Land Search
14/07/2023	BAS Associates	120972	136.80	22.80	114.00	Payroll Costs for Quarter Ending Sept 2023
16/07/2023	Drax		42.77	7.13	35.64	Street Lighting for June 2023
16/07/2023	Drax	credit notes	-1,844.41	-307.39	-1,537.02	Street Lighting April 2022 to January 2023
16/07/2023	Drax	1107110882	437.57	72.93	364.64	Street Lighting for February 2023
16/07/2023	Drax	1107110883	484.46	80.74	403.72	Street Lighting for March 2023
16/07/2023	Drax	1107110884	468.82	78.13	390.69	Street Lighting for April 2023
16/07/2023	Drax	1107110885	484.46	80.74	403.72	Street Lighting for May 2023
20/07/2023	Peoples Pension	june	232.79	-	232.79	Pension Costs June 2022
			524.15	46.56	477.59	
Online Bank Tra	nsfer - Paid 28th June					
28/06/2023	A.Bamford	NPSG-254	200.00	-	200.00	NPSG Administration - to 23 June
28/06/2023	Direct365	1000220849	1,134.00	189.00	945.00	One defibrillator - Stoke Grange
28/06/2023	Emmett's Genies	donation	470.00	-	470.00	Donation from Kings Coronation Event
28/06/2023	Aylesbury Sea Scout Group	donation	470.00	-	470.00	Donation from Kings Coronation Event
28/06/2023	HMRC	june	814.13	-	814.13	PAYE & NIC for month 3 (5 July 2023)
			3,088.13	189.00	2,899.13	
Faster Payments	s - Paid 13th July					-
13/07/2023	Tulu Toilet Hire	36384	128.57	21.43	107.14	Portable Toilet for Playing Field - June
13/07/2023	ENC Ltd	740	3,160.80	526.80	2,634.00	Install new street light - Eskdale Road
13/07/2023	The Cloudy Group	4956	32.40	5.40	27.00	NPSG Email addresses
13/07/2023	A.Bamford	NPSG-255	150.00	-	150.00	NPSG Administration - to 30 June
13/07/2023	A.Bamford	NPSG-256	150.00	-	150.00	NPSG Administration - to 7 July
			3,621.77	553.63	3,068.14	,
Standing Order	rs				-	-
28/07/2023	R Haines	jukly	666.67	-	666.67	Grounds Maintenance for July 2023
28/07/2023	Clerk	july	1,779.81	-	1,779.81	Salary for July 2023
28/07/2023	Assistant Clerk	july	738.85	-	738.85	Salary for July 2023
			3,185.33	-	3,185.33	
From Clerks Deb	oit Card Account					
07/07/2023	Freethought	52176	120.00	20.00	100.00	Website Domain Renewal - Two Years
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			120.00	20.00	100.00	
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		Total Payments	10,539.38	809.19	9,730.19	
This list of paym	ents has been checked by the	clerk and verified f	for payment.		RECONCILED	BANK BALANCES AS AT 30 JUNE 2023
					£ 17,519.76	Treasurers Account
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Signed	A.Skeggs		(Clerk)		£ 300.00	Debit Card Account
					£ 400,683.90	_
Date	13	July 2023				
The above list of	f payments was approved by the	e Parish Council a	at its meeting on 18th	July 2023		
Signed			(Chair)			
	This is an electronic signature - a hard of	copy with a wet signatur	re is available.			
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Parish Council Meeting – 18th July 2023

Clerks Report (For Information Only)

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 -

• Eskdale Road – A new streetlight has been installed opposite no.8 Eskdale Road.

Community Centre / Playing Field -

- Footpath New cracking has been reported. An appropriate solution is being sort.
- Play Area A new picnic tabletop has replaced the chipped one.
- Play Tower Reports of children climbing to the top of the play tower. Working with Proludic to see what measures can be taken to discourage this.

Environmental Issues - Calls from Residents

- Footpath No.3 to The Hawthorns estate Footpath very overgrown. Buckinghamshire Council
 contacted but unable to attend until late summer. Clerk has cleared the worst of the foliage, still
 some to do.
- Carters Ride Overgrown foliage at entrance to field footpath. Cleared by Assistant Clerk.
- Broken Windscreen from Grass Cutters Resident from Fuggle Drive, which isn't within the Parish, comes under Aylesbury Town Council.
- Station Road Overgrown hedge at the junction with Wendover Road.
- Lower Road Overgrown foliage / stinging nettles. Cleared by a kind-hearted resident.
- Chess Close Overgrown foliage next to / from substation. Reported on fixmystreet. Cllr Wood has contacted UKPN.

Environmental Issues -

• Swallow Lane Burial Ground – Compost heap being cleared.

Allotments -

Plot 3 has been split into two as it was too large for the tenant. The new half has been let.

Burials -

No burials planned.

Other -

- Play Ranger Days Friday 28th July 10am at Eskdale Road and 2pm at Sheridan Close, Hawkslade then again on Friday 18th August same places and times.
- Ward Councillor Allocation The number of ward councillors for Stoke Grange and Stoke Leys has change. Stoke Grange less one, Stoke Leys plus one. The Clerk has contacted the Boundary Commission for an explanation.