



# Stoke Mandeville Parish Council



## Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at the Community Centre, Eskdale Road, Stoke Mandeville.

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Present: Cllrs K Shanahan (Chair), J Hudson, C Jenkins, S Kirve, L Prestage, G Shrivastava, D Smith, J Theobald, D Willmer, and P Wood.

Public Attendance: 6 members of the public, and 1 Buckinghamshire Council councillor.

Clerk: A Skeggs Assistant Clerk: P Rayner

The Chair introduced herself, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the meeting.

No.	Description
1	<b>APOLOGIES</b> – Apologies were received from Cllrs B Ezra, and D Field.
2	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 were <b>AGREED</b> and duly signed by the Chair as a correct record.
3	<b>ANNUAL REPORT FROM STOKE MANDEVILLE AND OTHER PARISHES CHARITY 2022/23.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Ezra was unable to make the meeting, so no report was given. It was hoped that the report would be posted online at a later date.</li> </ul>
4	<b>REVIEW OF THE PARISH COUNCIL YEAR</b> Presentation by Cllr Smith that reviewed the achievements of the Parish Council over the last year on a month-by-month basis. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April – New website went live.</li> <li>May – PC become sole trustees of SMVCA, Kings Coronation event, new playground opened.</li> <li>June – Ex-BCCSSC working group formed, path to the Hawthorns estate cleared, agreement to part-fund a project to improve the Station approach.</li> <li>July – New defibrillator installed on Stoke Grange and The Belmore.</li> <li>August – Heritage information board installed on the Village Green and play ranger sessions organised.</li> <li>September – Parking scheme in Carters Ride &amp; Dorchester Close agreed, first edition of the PC e-newsletter produced, compost bin erected at burial ground and no increase in the 2024/25 precept agreed.</li> <li>October – Traffic working group formed and PC receives Certificate of Merit in Best Kept Village competition.</li> <li>November – New noticeboards installed on Roylands and Harborne Manor estates and Neighbourhood Plan submitted to Buckinghamshire Council.</li> <li>December – Christmas lights switch on, Party in the Park and D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary planning starts.</li> <li>January – Four play sessions booked, agreement to install a post &amp; rail barrier around the Brudenell Drive green and install two benches in Winterton Drive. Clerks start to attend coffee &amp; chat sessions at the Ark.</li> <li>February – Bid submitted to Buckinghamshire Council to purchase the Ex-BCCSSC site on Lower Road and the Chiltern Society start planting and clearing work on the Station approach.</li> <li>March – Council selects supplier to provide solar panels on the Eskdale Road community centre, Monkey Challenge wall ordered for the playing field and Councillors hold an away day to begin work on a new Development Plan.</li> </ul>



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5	<p><b>PARISH DEVELOPMENT PLAN</b></p> <p>Cllr Shanahan informed the meeting that the Parish Council was working on a new Development Plan and had developed a number of objectives that they wanted to put to the residents. It was hoped that more residents would have been here to consult with. The five objectives were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop accessible, affordable transport links to connect different Wards in the Parish.</li> <li>• Work towards becoming sustainable, low carbon and environmentally friendly.</li> <li>• Create a sense of belonging to a cohesive community called Stoke Mandeville.</li> <li>• Take a proactive approach to leading and building a community of all ages.</li> <li>• Look at ways the PC can improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of residents of all ages.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Shanahan then explained that there were display boards around the hall where residents could add their views / suggestions against each objective.</p>
	<p><b>OPEN FORUM</b></p> <p>A resident wished to thank the Councillors for all their work over the year, especially on the Neighbourhood Plan where a number of individuals should be congratulated for pulling all the work together in a short space of time which has seen the Plan submitted to Buckinghamshire Council</p> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for their contribution and their attendance.</p>

The meeting finished at 7.20 pm.

Signed:.....Chair

Date: 15 April 2025