



ANNUAL REPORT

1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021



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Chairman's Foreword

Dear Parishioners

It is both a pleasure and an honour to write to you again as the Chairman of Stoke Mandeville Parish Council.

When I wrote last year's report, it was at a time of uncertainty and worry, and sadly, many of the grim predictions and fears were borne out during the difficult months which followed. I sincerely hope you and your families have kept safe and well during the Covid-19 pandemic – let's also hope that those difficulties are coming to an end and a much better period awaits us.

The parish council helped a group of local volunteers to establish the very effective Stoke Mandeville Community Group, which deservedly won a Local Impact Award as part of the Pride of Bucks Awards. I thank everyone involved for their efforts working on behalf of our residents during the pandemic.

During the year, using our new technology (with varying degrees of confidence), your council continued to operate in an efficient and well-governed manner. Meetings were held remotely and members of the public were able to attend and contribute. It remains to be seen what will be permitted in future as far as the format of meetings is concerned, but it would be good if we could offer a combination of virtual and face-to-face sessions to maximise public engagement.

Public engagement and the need to change will be key themes over the coming year. We are aware that many residents either have no understanding or no interest in what the parish council is responsible for. We have recently worked with an external communications consultant, whose suggestions have been well-judged and thought-provoking. We need to communicate better with you and are about to embark on a strategy to do so. Our increased use of social media and regular articles in the local press are already part of that. From the opposite angle, we need to know better what it is residents want from us.

As regards the pace of change in the parish, residents will be well aware of the various rail, road and housing developments, both proposed and actively under construction. I am writing this to the sound of the building site over my own garden fence. Your parish council closely monitors planning applications and construction work, as described in later sections of this report. However, the upside of new developments is that we have the pleasure of welcoming many new residents to Stoke Mandeville parish who we hope to see playing their part in our varied community life.

That same scrutiny extends to HS2, which is impacting the parish more and more as time passes. We meet regularly with HS2 and its contractors and, to increase our influence, have recently joined a group of local parishes from Aylesbury in the north to Missenden in the south to advance our common aims and obtain the best mitigation measures possible.

Members of the parish council, with external input, are working hard to complete the complex Neighbourhood Plan. We expect this to be available for public consultation soon and I strongly urge you to get involved at that time, as it requires your support to be implemented.

Later in this document you can find more detail on that work, together with a fuller description of the activities of our four committees – Planning, Communities, Finance & Governance and Neighbourhood Plan. Each has its own responsibilities, but all share the common goal of improving the lives of parishioners, whilst seeking best value for money and acting with diligence and foresight.

I said last year that your parish council was looking to the future. Alongside the Neighbourhood Plan, we are developing an ambitious but realistic vision for the parish, working with external partners to develop

new and maintain existing leisure and public facilities, open green space, and environmental improvements. We hope to be able to share those plans more widely soon.

We continue to work with our local partners – the Stoke Mandeville Village Community Association and the Stoke Mandeville and Other Parishes Charity – with whom we have strong links. And, of course, with our representatives on Buckinghamshire Council.

Several changes have taken or are taking place to the membership of your parish council. We were saddened by the untimely death of Stephen Pluckwell in August 2020. He was a committed councillor and school governor and his passing will be marked by a bench placed outside the village school. Laurence Prestage resigned in March 2021 and goes with our thanks for his outstanding contribution to the Neighbourhood Plan.

Santosh Kirve, Richard Butler and Jenny Hunt are not standing for re-election in May. Santosh has been a fine councillor in his six years, giving wise advice, particularly on financial aspects. With nearly 20 years of service each, to describe Jenny and Richard as ‘stalwarts’ of the parish council vastly understates their contribution. Both have previously chaired the council through difficult times and have led committees and working groups in their time, as well as representing us externally. Their many hours of work on these and other voluntary activities represent a huge contribution to the community and deserve the praise and thanks of local residents. We will miss them greatly.

Jonathan Magill and Chris Thorn joined the parish council during the year and have become valued team members. We look forward to welcoming Gaurav Shrivastava as a new councillor in May. With four vacancies, the parish council is always keen to hear from residents who may be able to contribute, whether joining as councillors or through providing expertise or support. Please contact the Clerk for details.

This has been a year of real challenges for our staff as they adapt to a new way of working, a series of additional demands and a number of projects to support. From the reports they provide, it is clear how much work they do, largely unseen by the public. To us, they provide extremely good advice and guidance, especially on the occasions when we should know better or be acting differently. Sincere thanks, therefore, to Tony Skeggs as Clerk and Ann-Marie Davies as Assistant Clerk. I must also thank my fellow councillors for all the help they have given me over the year. It is much appreciated.

Last year, I concluded by saying *‘I hope that by the time the next of these reports is produced, the world will be a safer and more stable place, and the lives of parishioners will have returned to normal. Our work continues with that aim. In the meantime, I wish you and your families all the best.’* I don’t think I want to change that message this year.

Graham Stewart - Chairman - April 2021



Council Members

Stoke Mandeville Parish Council comprises a maximum of twelve Councillors, elected or co-opted to the Parish Council. At the end of March 2021, there were two vacancies, one in the Hawkslade ward and the other in the Stoke Leys ward. With a further two vacancies arising soon, this leaves us with four positions to be filled by co-option. If you are interested in being a councillor, please contact the Chairman or Clerk. Councillors hold an important public office and, while the role is voluntary and unpaid, there is a small allowance to cover expenses. We do not want anyone to be deterred from being a Councillor for financial reasons.

The Council meets on the third Tuesday of every month except August. Details of the meetings are on the website and noticeboards within the Parish and can be obtained from the Clerk on request. The councillors who represented you during 2020/21 are shown below.

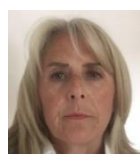
Name	Ward Represented	Committees
Laurence Prestage <i>(up to March 2021)</i>	Hawkslade	Neighbourhood Plan and Planning
Chris Thorn <i>(from June 2020)</i>	Hawkslade	Communities and Planning
Pat Wood	Hawkslade	Communities and Finance & Governance
Andrew Clark (Vice-Chairman)	Stoke Grange	Finance & Governance, Neighbourhood Plan and Planning
Santosh Kirve	Stoke Grange	Finance & Governance
John Robinson	Stoke Grange	Planning and Neighbourhood Plan
Jonathan Magill <i>(from June 2020)</i>	Stoke Leys	Communities and Planning
Stephen Pluckwell <i>(up to August 2020)</i>	Stoke Leys	Communities and Planning
Richard Butler	Stoke Mandeville Village	Finance & Governance and Communities
Barbara Ezra	Stoke Mandeville Village	Communities and Planning
Jenny Hunt	Stoke Mandeville Village	Communities, Finance & Governance and Planning
Graham Stewart (Chairman)	Stoke Mandeville Village	Finance & Governance and Neighbourhood Plan

Council Staff

The Parish Council employs two members of staff on a part-time basis, and they are based in the council office.

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Attendance record at meetings of the Parish Council and its Committees

Councillor	Attendance		
	Possible	Actual	%
Cllr Jenny Hunt	30	27	90.00%
Cllr Richard Butler	21	15	71.43%
Cllr Andrew Clark (Vice Chair)	25	21	84.00%
Cllr Barbara Ezra	25	18	72.00%
Cllr Pat Wood	21	14	66.67%
Cllr Laurence Prestage (Resigned March 2021)	18	16	88.89%
Cllr Chris Thorn (Co-opted June 2020)	19	16	84.21%
Cllr Santosh Kirve	16	14	87.50%
Cllr Stephen Pluckwell	7	3	42.86%
Cllr Jonathan Magill (Co-opted June 2020)	20	16	80.00%
Cllr John Robinson	20	18	90.00%
Cllr Graham Stewart (Chair)	16	16	100.00%
	238	194	81.51%

YOUR COUNCILLORS UP TO MARCH 2021

Jenny Hunt, Richard Butler, Barbara Ezra, Pat Wood, Chris Thorn, Jonathan Magill



Andrew Clark, Graham Stewart, John Robinson, Laurence Prestage, Santosh Kirve

Committee Reports

Communities Committee

Members

Barbara Ezra (Chair), Richard Butler, Jenny Hunt, Jonathan Magill, Chris Thorn and Pat Wood.

As with all things, over the past year many of the projects were postponed or cancelled. Unfortunately, "Play around the Parishes" was not able to take place due to social distancing restrictions during the pandemic.

However, the replacement of the remainder of the Stoke Mandeville Community Centre roof was completed during the summer of 2020. Extending the Community Centre car park had to be postponed but hopefully will be completed this summer.

Also planning permission was granted for the new burial site in Marsh Lane subject to certain conditions. This is just the start of the process, but it is a big step forward.

The tennis courts on the playing field are due to be cleaned and cleared of moss in the spring. Various repairs have been undertaken in the playground and investigations are ongoing regarding excess water on the playing field.

Being an allotment holder continues to be a popular choice. Currently, there are a few vacancies and these are being offered to those on the waiting list of potential gardeners keen to get growing. Work to improve the entrance pathway was agreed in March 2021 as well as work to clear several plots that had become overgrown, including one plot that had been out of action for years.



Our biggest accomplishment was a perimeter path around the Queen Elizabeth 2nd playing field off Eskdale Road, which was constructed in December and January. This has been a great success with the community. Distance markers are due to go up shortly. The path is just under a third of a mile (500 metres) for one circuit.



As part of the devolved services agreement with Buckinghamshire Council, Aylesbury Town Council has continued to carry out grass cutting and maintenance services across most Parish wards this year on a contractual basis on behalf of the Council. Again, their work has been complimented by residents who praise its frequency and quality. We are pleased to have been informed that the Bucks Council subsidy towards these devolved services will be continued for 2021/22.

The Parish Council owns and maintains the streetlights in Stoke Mandeville Village and the Stoke Leys ward. The lights in Lower Road are due to be converted to LEDs once the development opposite The Bell is completed. The lights in Old Risborough Road are due to disappear once HS2 construction starts.

The bus shelter in Station Road was completely flattened by a car in September, but as buses no longer use Station Road, the shelter will be replaced with an accessible bench.

Grounds maintenance work around the village and playing fields continues to be provided by two contractors, R. Haines, and Buckinghamshire Council.

Stoke Mandeville FC 'Under 14s' football team continued to play their home games at Eskdale Road. In addition to the Under 14s, the Under 9s and Under 7s now train and play their matches on the playing field.

My thanks go to all Committee members for their support and input throughout the last year.

Barbara Ezra
Chairman

Governance and Finance Committee

Members

Graham Stewart (Chairman), Andrew Clark, Richard Butler, Jenny Hunt, Santosh Kirve, and Pat Wood.

Report on Activities in the Financial Year – 2020/2021

Governance

The committee met every other month during the year – reflecting the extra importance we placed on its work. The remit of the committee includes being responsible for your council's finances, setting the annual budget and reviewing the final accounts and auditor reports.

Our finances remain in a solid position, with reserves which are adequate for the work we plan to carry out. We agreed a budget of £157,940 for the financial year 2021/22 and in setting a precept of £172,350 we took careful consideration of the financial position in which many of our residents may find themselves. This means that the amount we ask each household to pay is unchanged from the previous year. For a Band D household, this is a figure of £65.13 per year, equivalent to £1.25 per week. At less than the cost of the Bucks Herald each week, we think this continues to represent good value for the services we provide. We cannot of course expect it to remain unchanged the following year.

Two payments were made in response to requests for financial assistance - £125 to the Florence Nightingale Charity Trust towards their Rainbow sculpture at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, and £450 to the Ark in Risborough Road as a contribution towards refurbishment work.

Your council, like all public bodies, operates according to a set of policies. Many of these required review and update to bring them into line with current practice. We are making good progress with that and with introducing new ones where required, such as for the use of social media.

Each year your council is subject to an external audit of its finances and governance. The auditor noted that no review of the council's risk register had taken place during the 2019/20 year. We had already identified this by the time the audit took place. A complete refresh and rewrite of the risk register has now been carried out, giving Councillors a clearer view of the challenges we could face, and so we do not expect to receive this comment again this year.

Thanks to members of the committee for the valued input and support they have given this year.

Graham Stewart
Chairman

Planning Committee

Current Members

Andrew Clark (Chairman), Barbara Ezra, Jenny Hunt, Jonathan Magill, John Robinson, and Chris Thorn.

Previous Committee Members who left during 2020-21

Stephen Pluckwell, who sadly died during his term in office, and Laurence Prestage, who resigned from the parish council.

The Planning Committee meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm During 2020/21 meetings have been held virtually but have remained open to members of the public. It has been good to see an increasing number of people at Planning Committee meetings and we hope to continue to make it easy for people to get involved. . Despite the pandemic, the Planning Committee has been exceptionally busy with several large and many small planning applications coming to it for analysis and comment,

The Parish Council is a statutory consultee for planning applications within the parish and has a set period in which to undertake this function, sometimes only a matter of days. It's important to emphasise that whilst the Parish Council has a right to be consulted on all planning applications, ultimately the decision on applications rests with the Local Planning Authority – Buckinghamshire Council. Whilst developers have the right of appeal against those decisions, unfortunately Parish Councils do not. As planning decisions have to be based on law, the Council is careful to relate its objections to national and local guidance such as the emerging Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan or the National Planning Policy Framework. By doing this, your council can often build compelling arguments for changes to planning applications to make them better for local residents.

The last few years have seen unprecedented house building in the parish of Stoke Mandeville. This has been driven by landowners and developers and agreed by Buckinghamshire Council (or its predecessor Aylesbury Vale District Council) who are themselves constrained by the national Government agenda to increase housing in Buckinghamshire. As such, the new developments have been largely outside the control of the Parish Council and our task has been to try and make the new developments as good as they can be and to minimise the possible loss of amenity for existing residents. While many existing residents regret the loss of fields and open spaces, as a Council we have no choice but to accept the changes and work to make them better and more acceptable. We have successfully persuaded developers and Buckinghamshire Council to make hundreds of changes over the year, ranging from the layout and design of major developments to the details of restoration of listed buildings. The parish council is sometimes also requested by the local planning authority to provide street names for new developments and we have been delighted that the parish's Paralympic connection and the names of local people who have fallen in wars have been reflected in street names given to two of our large recent developments.

Sadly, major house building in Stoke Mandeville parish is not finished, with between 1000 and 1600 homes planned for the 'Aylesbury Garden Town 1' development between Lower and Wendover Roads and a further 500 – 600 houses in the 'Aylesbury Garden Town 2' near Hawkslade.

Despite the completion of those multiple dwelling sites being approved there is no time for complacency as we remain mindful that there are other further significant major planning applications on the horizon. See table below:

Proposed Development		
West Lower Road	Lands Improvement	750 dwellings
Land at South West Aylesbury (Hawkslade)	Gleeson	1,400 dwellings (500 in the Stoke Mandeville Parish)
SEALR (South East Aylesbury Link Road)	Buckinghamshire Council	New dual carriageway link road, linking the Lower Road to the Wendover Road.

The Parish Council has on your behalf, lodged objections to all these planning applications, and has recently written to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Robert Jenrick MP, asking for the design of the SEALR to be determined at a national level rather than by Buckinghamshire Council.

Last, but by no means least, the Parish Council also has overarching responsibility for the Neighbourhood Plan which has ultimately to be agreed by the Council and the Local Planning Authority, Buckinghamshire Council before a local Referendum can be undertaken and then submission to the Planning Inspectorate for final agreement.

The Planning Committee considered 44 domestic and 2 major planning applications from 1st April 2020 to the end of March 2021.

Andrew Clark,
Chairman

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

It has been another extremely busy year for the Stoke Mandeville Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Our focus remained firmly on working towards producing a physical document entitled "*The Stoke Mandeville Neighbourhood Plan*" that we can present to the Stoke Mandeville Parish Council and Buckinghamshire Council planning department.

During the year, members of the group have met very regularly and put considerable effort into the development of the Plan, and we feel that the end of this phase is now in sight. This has involved the production and review of many evidence and policy documents covering a variety of topics appropriate to the Parish and its future. Thanks are due to the Councillors and members of the public involved. We also thank the previous Chair of the group, Laurence Prestage, whose diligent work over recent years has got us to this position.

The next phase of the work will see the drafting of the Plan itself and its publication as part of the first round of public consultation. We hope to do this in the next couple of months. The group issued a publicity leaflet in January to residents of the Parish to remind them of the principles underpinning the Neighbourhood Plan, and further publicity work will take place when the public consultation begins.

During the year, the group has been ably supported by Angie Bamford in her administrative role and by Liz Alexander, our external consultant. They have attended meetings (both internal and external) as required, and have contributed sound advice to keep us on track with delivery.

It is important to mention that the Neighbourhood Plan is one of a number of documents which will influence the future of the Parish. It forms part of the overall planning system followed by national and local government, but it allows us considerable discretion to shape the character, quality and feel of our own local area. In producing the Plan, the group has given much thought to the future, and the intention is that soon we will share those thoughts under the working title 'A Vision for Stoke Mandeville'.

AGT1 and the Gardenway

Many residents will be familiar with the major housing development proposed for AGT1, the area (currently farmland) south of Stoke Mandeville Hospital and Stoke Grange, and north of the village. Workshops have taken place in recent months between the consortium of developers, Buckinghamshire Council, technical experts, and representatives of your Parish Council. We have contributed very fully to these, despite challenging and often unrealistic deadlines, making our views clear where we think the proposals are inappropriate or could be improved, but never opposing just for the sake of it. It remains to be seen to what extent our contributions are incorporated in the final plans, but we will continue to represent the interests of those who may be impacted by the proposals.

The Gardenway is the 18km orbital park that will encircle Aylesbury, which will be delivered in phases over several years. The route will connect with existing walking and cycling routes providing a green corridor to surrounding villages and the local countryside. Part of the Gardenway will pass through the Parish, and again we have taken part in meetings and workshops to suggest to the Buckinghamshire Council team how best this could be delivered in Stoke Mandeville. We await their proposals with interest.

Both these projects are complex and highly constrained by external factors such as HS2, the existing railway line and road networks, and the proposed SEALR. But those in authority have the responsibility to ensure they are delivered in the best way possible and we will hold them to account.

Andrew Clark, Chairman.

HS2

Residents will be well aware of the work which has been undertaken during the year by HS2 and its lead contractors, whether that is the construction activity in the fields outside Hawkslade and Stoke Mandeville, or the archaeological work at site of the old St Mary's Church next to Risborough Road.

Your council has held regular meetings with them during the past year. These have been of interest, but not always of great use. They have tended to focus on what HS2 would like them to focus on (the archaeology) rather than the disruption to rights of way and traffic, the damage to local ecology, and the prospect of construction traffic exceeding their original estimates. In fairness to HS2, and that's not a phrase in regular use, it is harder for them to inform residents and run engagement events in the current pandemic. But we think they could do better.

Accordingly, your council has agreed to join a group of seven parishes, extending from Aylesbury in the north to Missenden in the south, in order to have a more powerful voice when talking to HS2, its contractors and Buckinghamshire Council. This allows the pooling of resources and information and we hope it will be beneficial in terms of mitigation. We do not, sadly, have a realistic hope that HS2 will now be stopped.

Separately, we are beginning work with HS2 to design and part fund a new burial ground situated in Marsh Lane. This will receive the bodies exhumed from the old church site, so that they remain within the parish in an appropriately marked setting. Part of the site will be used for that purpose with the larger remainder used for new burials, as our current burial ground reaches capacity.

Membership of external bodies

The Parish Council enjoys membership of a few external bodies to which nominated Councillors attend as elected representatives to represent the views of their communities as follows:

Community Boards 2020/2021

As a result of the establishment of a single Authority for Buckinghamshire, sixteen Community Boards have been created, each one led by a Councillor from the new Buckinghamshire Council. Parish and Town Councils and businesses are invited to attend. Due to the “lock down” of Covid19 the new Boards only started to meet midway through the year. However, the boundaries of these new groupings (which were subject to considerable consultation) have been changed from those of the previous Local Area Forums and Stoke Mandeville Parish is now within the Wendover and Villages Community Board with Aston Clinton, Buckland, Bierton, Buckland, Drayton Beauchamp, Halton, Hulcott, Kingsbrook, Wendover and Weston Turville, and therefore no longer links with Aylesbury Town.

- **Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils [BMKALC]**

BMKALC is the County member organisation providing support, information and training for member Parish and Town Councils. It links into the National Association for Local Councils [NALC] which acts on behalf of parish and town councils with Government. Membership to these organisations is not obligatory. BMKALC is led by an Executive Committee comprising thirty-four Councillors elected by their peers. A quarterly Parishes Liaison Forum is organised by BMKALC when two Councillors from member Councils are invited to attend. These meetings are well subscribed by both Parishes and Officers of the county authority and there is an opportunity for Parish and Town Councils to raise issues for discussion through the agenda.

- **Stoke Mandeville and Other Parishes Charity**

Barbara Ezra is nominated by the Parish Council to serve on the Board of the Stoke Mandeville and Other Parishes Charity and is also the elected Chairman. The Board of Trustees are nominated by the Parish Councils of Stoke Mandeville, Prestwood and Great Hampden, which are partners within the Charity.

- **ARLA Liaison Group**

Pat Wood is the Parish Council’s representative on the liaison group, which serves to benefit local communities.

Council Finances

Unaudited summary of the Council’s financial performance

Opening balance as at 01/04/2020 -	£140,538
Total Income	£318,987
Total Expenditure	£241,832
Closing Balance as at 31/03/2021 -	<u>£217,693</u>

Total receipts for the year were £318,987, which included:

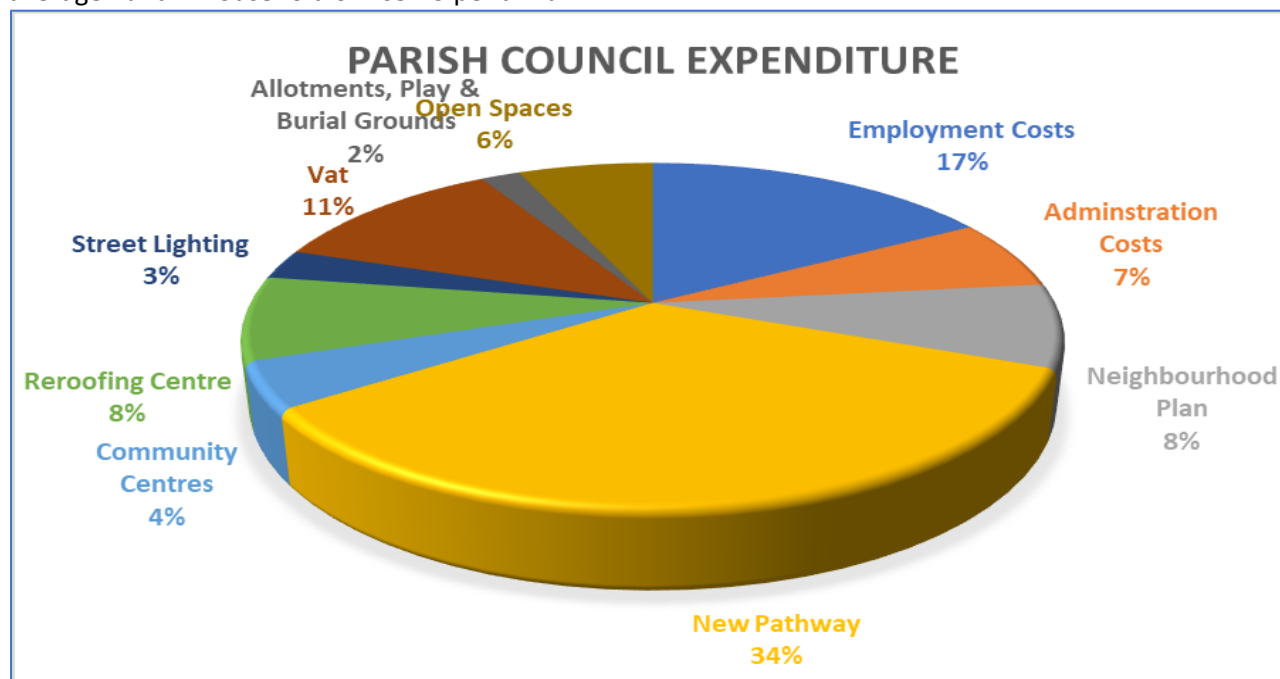
- Precept - £166,000
- Charity grant - £12,000
- Allotment Rents - £1,005
- Section 106 funds - £82,895
- Reclaimed VAT - £55,399

Total Expenditure for the year was £241,832; the highest expenditure items were:

- Employment of clerk and assistant clerk - £40,328,
- Development of the Neighbourhood Plan - £18,896,
- Installation of Pathway around the Eskdale Road playing field - £82,960,
- Reroofing of the Eskdale Road community centre - £19,037,
- Grounds maintenance around the parish and mowing of the playing field - £12,428,
- Grants towards the running costs of the two community centres - £9,000.
- VAT on Payments - £27,671.

How Stoke Mandeville Parish Council spent your Council Tax

The work of Parish Councils is funded by the precept which is collected by Buckinghamshire Council through the Council Tax levy. For 2020-21 Stoke Mandeville Parish Council's precept represented a charge to an average Band D household of £65.13 per annum.



2021-22 Precept

For the next financial year starting on 1 April 2021, there will be no increase in the precept of the Parish Council. The Council decided not to have an increase due to the effects that the pandemic may have had on the finances of residents. The reserves we hold have increased over the year (although this is partly due to the early receipt of reclaimed VAT). Over the next few years, we have a number of high-cost projects to be completed as listed below:

- completion of a Neighbourhood Plan to manage the future growth and development of our Parish.
- continued delivery of services devolved from Buckinghamshire Council with reducing subsidy.
- development of a future burial ground for the Parish.
- extension of the community centre car park.

Stoke Mandeville & Other Parishes Charity Grant

The Charity continues to support the community during the pandemic. Unfortunately, many of the planned events had to be cancelled due to the Government restrictions in place. However, we hope that “normality” will return as soon as possible.

Barbara Ezra
 Chairperson
 8th April 2021

Stoke Mandeville Community Support Group

Back in March 2020, the Parish Council along with a few residents formed a Community Support Group to assist those people affected by the lockdown. Over 3,500 leaflets were distributed to the residents aware of the Support Group, and a dedicated email address and telephone number was set up to aid the co-ordination of requests. The help took the form of collecting prescriptions, shopping, and providing a befriending service. Many volunteers answered the call for help. The Support Group has been available every day since it was established and during that time it has directly handled 232 requests, volunteers have given over 150 hours of their time, and provided a befriending service for 14 residents. In addition, volunteers delivered food from the Hawkslade Co-op and Wendover Budgens as well as collecting and distributing food boxes on behalf of Buckinghamshire Council.

The Support Group was recognised by Buckinghamshire Council when it was awarded the Local Impact Award as part of the Proud of Bucks Awards.



Parish Council clerk, Tony Skeggs, and Support Group organiser, Beth Stark with the awards.

The parish council would like to thank the members of the Support Group and all the volunteers who made this initiative such a success.

Looking Ahead

The following table is an extract from the Council’s Development Plan and demonstrates the work the Council will be focusing on in 2021-22.

Burial Ground	Develop the site in Marsh Lane, now that planning permission has been granted, in conjunction with other agencies. e.g. Thames Valley Water Authority, Buckinghamshire Council Planning Authority and the Environment Agency.
Resilience Planning	Produce a resilience plan for Stoke Mandeville.
Neighbourhood Plan	The completion and publication of the Neighbourhood Plan for Stoke Mandeville Parish.
Website	Develop a new informative, user friendly website.

Meetings of Stoke Mandeville Parish Council 2021

The proposed meeting dates for the remainder of 2021 are as follows:

As a result of the Covid-19 outbreak, face-to-face meetings stopped, to be replaced by remote meetings. Central Government have stipulated that remote meetings will not be allowed past the 7th May 2021 and so parish councils should return to face-to-face meetings.

STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL – SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FROM APRIL 2021

Venue: Community Centre, Eskdale Road, Stoke Mandeville HP22 5UJ

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend

Month	Date	Time	Meeting
April	20 th	7.00 pm	Annual Parish Meeting
	20 th	8.00 pm	Parish Council
	27 th	7.30 pm	Planning Committee
May	18 th	7.30 pm	Annual Council Meeting (AGM)
	25 th	7.30 pm	Planning Committee
June	1 st	7.30 pm	Communities Committee
	8 th	7.30 pm	Finance and Governance Committee
	15 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council
	22 nd	7.30 pm	Planning Committee
July	13 th	7.30 pm	Communities Committee
	20 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council
	27 th	7.30 pm	Planning Committee
August	24 th	7.30 pm	Planning Committee (provisional)
September	7 th	7.30 pm	Communities Committee (Budget)
	14 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council
	21 st	7.30 pm	Planning Committee
October	12 th	7.30 pm	Finance and Governance Committee (Budget)
	19 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council
	26 th	7.30 pm	Planning Committee
November	9 th	7.30 pm	Communities Committee
	16 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council
	23 rd	7.30 pm	Planning Committee
December	7 th	7.30 pm	Finance and Governance Committee (Precept)
	14 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council
	21 st	7.30 pm	Planning Committee (provisional)

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