

STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Stoke Mandeville Annual Parish Meeting held
at Stoke Mandeville Community Centre, Eskdale Road on
Tuesday 14th April 2015 at 7pm.**

PRESENT:

Cllr B Adams	Cllr R Butler
Cllr A Clark	Cllr B Ezra
Cllr J Hunt (Chair)	Cllr M Rogers
Cllr S Pluckwell	Cllr D Starr
Cllr R Swinney	Cllr P Wood

1 member of public

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The Chairman extended a warm welcome to Councillors and members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received, all Councillors were present.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th April 2014 were unanimously approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Report of the Chairman had been previously circulated. In presenting her Report the Chairman spoke of the achievements of the Council during the previous year and gave details of plans for development during the coming year.

The Chairman expressed thanks to fellow Councillors and the Clerk for their support and hard work.

The report of Chairman was accepted and a copy would be uploaded to the Council's website.

3. STOKE MANDEVILLE AND OTHER PARISHES CHARITY.

Chairman of the Charity, Barbara Ezra, provided an update on the work of the Charity and reminded everyone that grants are available to residents of the parish. A new initiative for 2015 was a family day trip to Thorpe Park which would be on 4th August.

The Senior Citizens New Year Lunch remained very popular and well attended.

The accounts for the charity were available from the Administrator and published in the Parish Magazine.

4. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Cllr Rogers gave a talk about Neighbourhood Plans and the benefits to producing one. Neighbourhood Plans are part of the formal planning structure and are referred when planning applications are considered. The Secretary of State had made decisions that aligned with current Neighbourhood Plans when considering planning appeals.

Neighbourhood Plans are not about stopping development but identifying the best places for development for local communities.

The Parish Council had agreed to pursue a Neighbourhood Plan for Stoke Mandeville and the Planning Committee would take it forward. Volunteers from the community were invited to get involved.

5. OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS

There were no matters raised and the meeting was closed at 7.45pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____