



Stoke Mandeville Parish Council

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL** meeting held on Tuesday
13th December 2022 at the Community Centre, Eskdale Rd.



Present: Cllrs J Magill (Chairman), B Ezra, D Field, S Kirve, D King, L Prestage, J Robinson, K Shanahan, D Smith, and P Wood.

Buckinghamshire Council Councillors: None in attendance.

Public Attendance: Five.

Clerk: A Skeggs

Assistant Clerk: P Rayner

Absent: n/a

No.	Description	Action
22/160	APOLOGIES Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Shirvastava and Willmer. The Buckinghamshire Council councillors also gave their apologies.	
22/161	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION a) There were no new declarations of interest made. b) There were no new requests for dispensation.	
	OPEN FORUM FOR RESIDENTS There were no questions from the floor.	
	REPORT FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL COUNCILLOR There was no Buckinghamshire Council councillor report.	
22/162	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING a) The minutes of the meeting held on 15 th November were AGREED and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. b) The action plan was reviewed and updated.	
22/163	2023/24 BUDGET AND PRECEPT a) Cllr Kirve presented the 2023/24 budget that had been proposed by the Finance & Governance Committee. He explained the contributions from HS2 for loss of plot income and future maintenance. He highlighted that a budget for Christmas lights and repairs to the playing field footpath had been included and that the budgets were sufficient for the Neighbourhood Plan. It was proposed by Cllr Kirve, seconded by Cllr Robinson that a budget of £228,380 be approved for 2023/24 financial year. This was unanimously AGREED . b) Cllr Kirve informed the meeting that the tax base figure had increased by 120.56 to 2,897.49. This meant that without any increase in the Band D tax figure of £71.48, the precept would be £207,110. Cllr Kirve talked through the reserves balance and highlighted that a proportion had been allocated to the Marsh Lane burial ground and solar panels for the Eskdale Road Community Centre. As the level of reserves was sufficient, he proposed that there be no increase in the Band D tax rate of £71.48, resulting in a precept of £207,110. This was seconded by Cllr Smith and unanimously AGREED . The chairman thanked the Finance & Governance Committee for their work on the budget.	

22/164 FORMER BCC S&S CLUB SITE LOWER ROAD

The chairman updated the meeting with developments since the November meeting. A meeting with Buckinghamshire Council had been cancelled by Buckinghamshire Council, so he had spoken with a local Buckinghamshire Council councillor who had informed him that a formal response would be made by Cllr John Chilver Cabinet, Member Accessible Housing and Resources. The parish council had responded to the planning application as had Sport England. Cllr Shanahan asked that, if possible, as many people attend the Buckinghamshire Council planning committee when the application is considered in the New Year.

Cllr Magill was hoping to meet with Buckinghamshire Council to discuss the site, which would include opening access to the public.

22/165 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Prestage made a presentation to the meeting that highlighted that some major changes were required to get the Neighbourhood Plan ready for a new Regulation 14 consultation or Regulation 15 submission by the end of January 2023. He highlighted the following four areas:

- Settlement Boundary – After speaking with Buckinghamshire Council he recommended that a Settlement Boundary be included within the plan. Any applications for housing within the boundary would be supported by the parish council. There were 15 developments currently within the area.
- Southern Boundary – This would not be included within the Settlement Boundary. Currently, Manor Oak Homes and Richborough Homes had schemes in place for this area, which was not within the VALP as an area for housing.
- Parish Centre – This was still aspirational but needed buy in from five landowners. A response was required by the end of January 2023. If not received, then it may have to be removed from the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Green Buffer – This was not set in stone but was within the VALP, although it wasn't subject to the same protection as a Green Space.
- The target date of the 20th December would not be met. It was **NOTED** that it was hoped that the Plan would be ready by the end of January 2023.

22/166 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The draft minutes of the meeting held on the 6th December were **NOTED**.

22/167 FINANCE

- a) The list of payments made since the last meeting, as circulated, was **APPROVED** (See appendix 2).
- b) The budget monitoring statement as at the 30th November was considered.

22/168 CLERKS REPORT

The clerk's report, attached as appendix 3, was **NOTED**.

22/169 POINTS OF INTEREST

HS2 / CDS – CDS had provided HS2 with costings for them to manage the HS2 part of the project. HS2 were still working on the legal documentation. The clerk was still waiting for a response from Socotec regarding the contaminated land removal specification.

APPENDIX 3

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 –

- Nothing to report.

Community Centre / Playing Field –

- Playing Field Footpath – Repair work to start in early January 2023.

Environmental Issues – Calls from Residents

- Oat Close – Overgrown hedging along path to Harvest Close has been cut back. In the process the parish council has found a new grounds maintenance contractor who can be used for future jobs.
- Parking – Continuing problem with customers of The Bull parking on the pavements. Referred to the PCSO asking for them to undertake more visits.
- Parking – Residents parking their cars on the grass verge next to their bungalows opposite the Post Office. Letter sent to Fairhive asking them to investigate.

Environmental Issues -

- Parking Reviews – Schemes for double yellow lines at the junction of Hampden Road and Orchard Close and single yellow line at Carters Ride and Dorchester Close submitted to Buckinghamshire Council.
- Trees – Ligo Avenue tree works scheduled for February 2023.
- Hedging – The overgrown hedge on the Wendover Road by the Station Road roundabout has been cut back.

Allotments –

- Nothing to report.

Other

- Eskdale Road Play Area – Planning permission finally received on the 2nd December. Order placed with Proludic. Pre-work site meeting arranged for early January.
- BT Damage Claim – BT has contacted the parish council indicating that they will be claiming for damage to a cover on the grass verge in Hawkslade. They stated that the damage occurred in August 2020.