



Stoke Mandeville Parish Council

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Thursday 4th June 2020. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the meeting was held remotely via a video link.



Present: Cllrs G Stewart (Chair), A Clark, B Ezra, J Hunt, S Pluckwell, L Prestage, J Robinson and P Wood.

Public Attendance: one member of the public.

Absent: Cllrs R Butler & S Kirve

Clerk: A Skeggs Assistant Clerk: A-M Davies.

No.	Description	Action
20/48	APOLOGIES There were no apologies.	
	OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Pluckwell raised the issue of the sale, by online auction, of two plots of open space on Hawkslade. The clerk informed the meeting that the issue was due to be discussed at the Finance & Governance meeting on the 9th June 2020. • A member of the public requested to see the SEALR paper that had been circulated at the start of the meeting. Cllr Clark said he would send a copy. 	Cllr Clark
20/49	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) There was no declaration of interests. b) There were no new requests for dispensation. 	
20/50	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on 19th May were AGREED and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record. b) Action Plan The action plan was reviewed, with completed actions being removed. 	
20/51	SEALR (South East Aylesbury Link Road) The reason for the special council meeting was to agree a response to the application for the construction of the SEALR submitted by the Buckinghamshire Council. Cllr Clark had submitted a paper just prior to the start of the meeting, listing objections to the application. This was used as the basis for discussion. The following are the main points listed in the paper: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application was a premature application. • The scheme was undeliverable. • It was strategically misguided. • The design conflicted with the Neighbourhood Plan policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Does not positively contribute to the Neighbourhood Plan. ▪ Does not meet Garden Town planning policy – visual eyesore and environmental blight. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Does not contribute to good transport routes and reduces connections within the parish. ▪ Does not support the land use policy of the Neighbourhood Development Areas Within the Neighbourhood Plan. ▪ Does not offer open space, green landscape or protect the wards in the North. ▪ Design does not meet North/South and East/West connectivity for the parish. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflicts with the NPPF and does not take account the needs of increased transport from new housing developments. <p>It was noted that the SEALR was originally seen as a relief road to take traffic away from the village, particularly Station Road, but now it is seen as making space for the new developments.</p> <p>The design needed to be to be challenged to protect the residents in the wards most affected and so the paper needed to be split between Principals and Design. It was noted that there had been no leaflet distribution and so there were no resident comments to consider.</p> <p>Following a discussion on the above points, there were three options available to the parish council – make No Comment, Support, or Oppose.</p> <p>Having received no second for the proposal to make “No Comment”, the chairman then proposed that the parish council either “Supports with reservations” or “Objects” to the application. The vote was three (3) in favour of “Supporting” the application and five (5) in favour of “Objecting” to the application. The parish council response would be to “Object” to the application based upon the reasons detailed in the paper but amended to include additional comments on Design.</p> <p>The amended paper to be circulated to the council before the response was submitted to the Buckinghamshire Council.</p>	
20/52	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE</p> <p>a) The following planning applications were considered: 20/01372/APP – Lower Road – Net increase of 7 dwellings – No objection 20/01496/APP – 6 Hampden Road – Single Storey Extension – No objection 20/01653/APP – 19 Diane Close – Garage Conversion, First Floor Extension and New Porch – No objection.</p> <p>b) It was AGREED to accept the suggestion from Ridgpoint Homes to name the streets on the Eskdale Road development – Eynesford Road (local landowner family name from 12th Century). Kirkeby Close (local landowner family name from 14th Century).</p> <p>c) It was NOTED that the following applications had been considered since the last planning committee on the 27th February. Considered via email. 20/00796/APP – 9 Isis Close – No Comment, 20/00849/APP – 43 Kingsland Road – No Comment, 19/02728/APP – 117 Wendover Road – Objection (application withdrawn), 20/00942/APP – 87 Wendover Road – No Objection. Considered on the 30th April remotely.</p>	<p>Assistant Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>20/01121/APP – 34 Risborough Road – No Objection, 20/00774/APP – Quilters Way, Triangle Business Park – No Objection, 20/01164/APP – 2 Elizabeth Close – No Objection.</p> <p>d) It was NOTED that a TSN (Temporary Stop Notice) had been served on Chiltern View Nurseries / Skip Hire for the period 22nd May to the 19th June.</p>	
20/53	<p>ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTS RETURN (AGAR)</p> <p>a) The bank reconciliations for all three accounts as at the 31st March 2020 were AGREED and signed by the chairman.</p> <p>b) Section 1 of the AGAR (Annual Governance Statement) was tabled and considered, and it was NOTED that item 5 showed a negative response as the risk register had not been reviewed during the year. The chairman and the clerk signed the Annual Governance Statement once completion of the section 1 had been AGREED.</p> <p>c) The clerk presented the Annual Accounts for the 2019/20 financial year for consideration. It was AGREED to approve the accounts as presented.</p> <p>d) Section 2 of the AGAR (Accounting Statement 2019/20) was tabled and considered. It was AGREED to approve the Statement as presented. This was duly signed by the Chairman.</p>	
20/54	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council would be Tuesday 16th June 2020 starting at 7.30pm. Once again this would be held remotely.</p> <p>The chairman reminded the councillors of the forthcoming meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9th June – Finance and Governance Committee, 7.30pm. • 10th June – EKFB / HS2 via Teams, 3.00pm. • 11th June – Abbeyhomes on site at Lower Road, 2.00pm. 	

The chairman thanked everyone for their contributions during the evening. Cllr Hunt congratulated the chairman on his handling of the meeting.

The meeting finished at 9.10 pm.

Signed.....

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Chair Date: 4th June 2020

Appendix 1 - Actions

Date	Minute	Action	By whom	Status
19/11/19	19/148 20/04	To prepare a monthly Construction Bulletin. Contact Developers. Delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions.	Clerk / Assistant	On hold
17/12/19	19/170	To prepare a Community Engagement strategy.	Cllr Stewart	In Progress
18/02/20	20/23	Obtain two more quotes for extending the car park. Delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions.	Assistant	On hold
19/05/20	20/37	SEALR - prepare a leaflet for residents.	AC & LP	Outstanding
19/05/20	20/43	Contact Haddenham PC regarding a visit to their Community Orchard. Delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions.	Clerk	On hold
04/06/20	Open	Supply a copy of the SEALR paper to member of the public.	Cllr Clark	
04/06/20	20/52a	Load planning decisions onto Buckinghamshire Council website.	Assistant	Completed 5 June
04/06/20	20/52b	Inform Abbey Homes and Buckinghamshire Council of acceptance of street names.	Clerk	Completed 5 June