



Stoke Mandeville Parish Council

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL** meeting held on Tuesday 21st
July 2026 at the Community Centre, Eskdale Road.



Present: Cllrs Theobald (Chair), M Broad, B Ezra, D Field, S Kirve, A Lennard, K Middleton, L Prestage, G Shrivastava, and P Wood.

Buckinghamshire Council: Cllrs Bateman and Strachan.

Absent: n/a

Clerk: A Skeggs

Assistant Clerk: B Hotya

Public Attendance: Eighteen

No.	Description	Action
26/83	APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Gates and Shanahan.	
	OPEN FORUM FOR RESIDENTS - Cllr Field explained the rationale behind the donations and then each Councillor presented a cheque for £500 to the following charities: Hawkslade Playgroup, Dans Community Group, Mini Beasts Rescue, Weston Turville WI, Aylesbury Vale Autistic Society, Rotary Club, Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide, and Hope After Harm. - There were no questions from the floor. - Cllr Bateman reported on the Local Plan for her area, the consultation for e-scooter parking bays in Stoke Leys, and the need for an additional bus shelter at the hospital entrance. She was asked whether there would be any public meetings on the Local Plan consultation. Cllr Strachan was waiting to hear whether there would be pedestrian access across the Station Road bridge whilst it was closed to traffic.	
26/84	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION a) There were no new declarations for interest. b) There were no requests for dispensation.	
26/85	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS a) The minutes of the meeting of the 16th June were unanimously AGREED. b) The action plan was reviewed which showed a number of completed actions.	
26/86	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN Cllr Prestage reported the result of the referendum, which was a resounding YES vote in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan. There had been 915 votes of which 834 (91%) were YES with 81 (9%) NO. This represented a turnout of 16%. The Plan had become a legal document on the 10 th July 2026 and now carries full weight when all applications are considered.	
26/87	PLANNING COMMITTEE a) Local Plan – The consultation for a Local Plan for Buckinghamshire would start on the 23rd July and run until the 6th September. It was unclear how the consultation would work but the public needed to be made aware and encouraged to comment. Viewing the interactive map would show areas of potential development. Cllr Theobald had produced a summarised version relating to Stoke Mandeville which would be circulated to Councillors. b) Appeal – Cllr Prestage gave an update. The VALP and the Neighbourhood Plan will carry their full weight although Buckinghamshire Council does not have a five-year	

land supply. He asked whether the Council should have legal representation at the hearing. Cllrs Prestage and Theobald would be meeting with Greg Smith MP on the 27th July.

- c) Membership – The Planning Committee only had four members and was inquorate for the last meeting. Ideally, the membership should be at least five. Cllr Broad indicated that he was willing to join.
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26/88 CAPITAL PROJECTS WORKING GROUP

Cllr Kirve gave an update on the working group:

- Connecting Bridge – Three companies had visited the site, the Clerks were waiting for quotes to be supplied.
 - War Memorial – The work was due to start on the 3rd August. The wording on the memorial needed to be agreed by Councillors. Neighbouring properties to be informed of the work.
 - Toilet Block – It was **AGREED** to end the contract with Tulu and replace the toilet with two toilets, one accessible, with twice a week cleaning.
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26/89 COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

- a) Cllr Field presented the draft minutes of the Communities Committee held on 14th July. After consideration these were **NOTED**.
- b) After consideration the meeting concurred with the recommendation of the Communities Committee to include a MUGA as part of the Eskdale Road playing field improvement project.
- c) After consideration it was felt that the agreement with the football club needed review and so the item was deferred until the August meeting. The Capital Projects group would look at a storage solution. The Clerk was to arrange for a specialist to inspect the playing field and carry out repairs. In the meantime warning signs and stakes were to be put up advising the public to be aware of holes.
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26/90 FINANCE

- a) Payments made since the last meeting were **APPROVED**. See appendix 1.
- b) The Vice-Chair reviewed and signed the bank statements up to 19 June 2026 for the current and deposit accounts.
- c) It was **NOTED** that the following inter-account transfers had been performed since the last meeting in March:
- 29 June – £15,000 from deposit account to current account.
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26/91 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerks report was **NOTED**.

26/92 POINTS OF INTEREST

- Bucks Liaison Group – a number of councillors had attended.
 - Hawkslade Planters – Cllr Wood informed the meeting that she had replanted the containers in her ward.
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26/93 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th August 2026.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Signed _____

Dated: _____ 2026

Action List

Date	Minute	Description	By Whom	Status
20/01/26	26/05a	Open Buckinghamshire Building Society Account.	Clerk	Completed
21/04/26	26/46b	Book training course for Parish Warden.	Clerk	In Progress
19/05/26	26/60	Investigate cost of cricket nets in playing field.	Shrivastava	Outstanding
21/07/26	26/88	Cancel Tulu contract and replace with Enterprise.	Clerk	Completed
21/07/26	26/89	Review FC hire agreement before 11 th August.	Council	Completed
21/07/26	26/89	Contact pitch maintenance specialist.	Clerk	Completed
21/07/26	26/89	Put up warning signs and fill holes.	Assistant	Completed

APPENDIX 1 – Payments

LIST OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 21st JULY 2026

RECEIPTS						
<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Received from</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>			<u>Details</u>
12/06/2026	Buckinghamshire Council	nhb-2026-001	3,500.00	-	3,500.00	NHB Burial Ground Payment
17/06/2026	A Selwyn	rent	20.00	-	20.00	Allotment Rent Plot 34A
19/06/2026	A Saritha	hire	150.00	-	150.00	Playing Field Hire and Deposit
02/07/2026	CCLA	interest	245.23	-	245.23	Interest for June
02/07/2026	Dignity Funerals	interment	150.00	-	150.00	Interment of Ashes Sean Connolly
06/07/2026	SM&OPC	12026	30.00	-	30.00	Cost of Confidential Shredding
09/07/2026	Lloyds Bank	june	162.33	-	162.33	Interest for June
30/05/2026	NatWest Bank	may	179.90	-	179.90	Interest on Deposit for May
15/07/2026	Michael Bishop	deposit	125.00	-	125.00	Deposit for Plot 261 Swallow Lane
		Total Receipts	4,562.46	-	4,562.46	
PAYMENTS - From Current Account						
Direct Debits			Gross	VAT	Net	Transaction Detail
30/06/2026	Onecom	7838982	89.59	14.93	74.66	Office Phone to 31st May 2026
22/06/2026	Castle Water	10301812	114.72	-	114.72	Allotments Water 1 May to 31 May 2026
23/06/2026	Land Registry		28.00	-	28.00	Searches
07/07/2026	Lloyds Bank	488227987	8.50		8.50	Bank Charges to 9th June Current A/c
14/07/2026	BAS Associates	128642	205.20	34.20	171.00	Payroll Costs for Quarter Ending Sept 2026
15/07/2026	Lloyds Bank	489278338	8.50	-	8.50	Bank Charges to 9th June Debit Card A/c
19/07/2026	Peoples Pension	june	438.61	-	438.61	Pension Costs June 2026
			893.12	49.13	843.99	
Online Bank Transfer - Paid 29th June						
18/06/2026	Lock & Key	42523	99.00	16.50	82.50	Attending to PC external storeroom
12/06/2026	St John Ambulance	26002686	332.10	55.35	276.75	Provision of First Aid at Party in the Park
29/06/2026	Cllr Kirve	expenses	67.96	-	67.96	Indian Dancers at Party in the Park
08/06/2026	Keystone Law	268129	3,000.00	500.00	2,500.00	Legal Services for Sports & Social Club
31/05/2026	R Haines	May	285.00	-	285.00	Playing Field Bin Emptying / Litter Picking
29/06/2026	Olga Robertson	202604	60.00	-	60.00	Photographer at Party in the Park
29/06/2026	Cllr Field	expenses	179.50	-	179.50	Food & Drink for Performers at Party - Park
29/06/2026	Dayle Shaw	fees	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	Party in the Park Artist - SkaSouls
06/06/2026	Joseph Doran	6062026	399.82	-	399.82	Party in the Park Artist - Ed Sheeran
29/06/2026	S Annadurai	hire	100.00	-	100.00	Refund of Playing Field Hire Deposit
29/06/2026	Gardenforces	2026-06-099	132.00	12.00	120.00	Clearing Vegetation from Otway Close
29/06/2026	St Mary The Virgin	Ark2026/41	50.00		50.00	Hire of Ark for AITC Five Sessions in June
29/06/2026	Clerk	june	2,340.75	-	2,340.75	Salary for June 2026
29/06/2026	Assistant Clerk	june	965.63	-	965.63	Salary for June 2026
29/06/2026	Parish Warden	june	621.60	-	621.60	Salary for June 2026
29/06/2026	HMRC	Tax & NI	1,112.38	-	1,112.38	Tax and NI for June 2026
			11,245.74	583.85	10,661.89	
Online Bank Transfer - Paid 8th July						
08/07/2026	Milton Keynes Play Asso.	27202	734.70	-	734.70	Open Access Play Session in July
08/07/2026	Milton Keynes Play Asso.	27203	2,114.90	-	2,114.90	Open Access Play Sessions in August
08/07/2026	CDS	76499	9,179.28	1,529.88	7,649.40	Project Management Burial Ground (June)
08/07/2026	Village Society	grant	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	Grant towards the Stoke Brook Project
08/07/2026	Tulu Toilet Hire	52001	128.57	21.43	107.14	Portable Toilet for Playing Field - June
08/07/2026	Drax	1109495712	521.95	86.99	434.96	Street Lighting for June
			15,179.40	1,638.30	13,541.10	
From Clerks Debit Card Account						
23/06/2026	The Workplace Depot	296002	29.99	5.00	24.99	Convex Traffic Mirror for Swallow Lane
30/06/2026	JRB Enterprise Ltd	15095	36.48	6.08	30.40	Dog Waste Dispenser Refill Bags
08/07/2026	Blue Diamond	1787292	20.99	3.50	17.49	Four Bags of Topsoil
13/07/2026	RCF Windows & Glass	67967	258.00	43.00	215.00	Replacement window in Park Room
16/07/2026	Grounds Management Asso.	39313	93.00	5.66	87.34	Community Membership
16/07/2026	Stihl	192348	73.99	12.33	61.66	Six Nylon Spools for Strimmer
17/07/2026	Amazon	HQ5I	33.98	5.66	28.32	A3 Laminating Sheets and Envelopes
17/07/2026	Blue Diamond	1791492	120.00	-	120.00	Gift Cards for Best Front Garden Competition
			512.45	75.57	436.88	
		Total Payments	27,830.71	2,346.85	25,483.86	
This list of payments has been checked by the clerk and verified for payment.						
Signed	<i>A. Skeggs</i>		(Clerk)			
Date	16 July 2026					
The above list of payments was approved by the Parish Council at its meeting on 21st July 2026						
Signed	<i>J Theobald</i>		(Chair)			
	<i>This is an electronic signature - a hard copy with a wet signature is available.</i>					
Date	21 July 2026					

APPENDIX 2 – Clerks Report

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 / Lighting –

- Nothing to report.

Community Centre / Playing Field –

- Community Centre – Hole in Park Room has been inspected.

Environmental Issues – From Residents

- Otway Close – An area of overgrown verge cleared by the Parish Council, which was appreciated by the resident.
- Wendover Road – Three properties either side of the roundabout had overhanging foliage obstructing the pavement. All three were sent letters and all three have cut back the foliage to their boundaries.
- Chess Close – Overhanging foliage needs cutting back. Responsibility to be determined.
- Elizabeth Close – Abandoned heras fencing and overgrown hedgerow. Fencing reported to SEARL team and quotes being obtained for hedgerow work.

Environmental Issues –

- Station Road – Overhanging branches from a willow tree now causing a problem for pedestrians using the footpath. A letter has gone to the residents.
- Lower Road – Two properties than border the allotment entrance had overhanging foliage that was making it difficult for allotment holders to enter the site. Both were sent letters and both have cut back the foliage.
- Lower Road – Entrance to Right of Way has a fallen tree making access difficult. Quote bearing obtained

Allotments –

- Fencing – A section of post and rail fencing is being installed to mark the boundary between the allotments and the property in Marsh Lane.
- A questionnaire has been sent out asking whether the car park should be for tenants only and not used as a school drop off / collection point.
- The grass pathways have been cut by the Parish warden.

Burial Grounds -

- Nothing to report.

Other -

- E-Scooters – Stoke Leys ward councillors consulted on the siting of two new parking areas for the e-scooter scheme. Due to the suggested locations the view was that the areas were in the wrong position and so the suggestion was strongly opposed.

Parish Warden

- Clearing of footpath leading to the Hawthorns.
- Maintaining the hedgerow on Station Road railway bridge.
- Clearing the footpath that runs between Plough Close and the railway line.

SMVCA Related

- Tegen O'Neill has been confirmed in the role of administrator following her probationary period.