

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held at The Crown Inn, Pishill on

13th May 2019

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| <u>Present</u> | Mr.T.Dunn | Chairman |
| | Mr. S. Stracey | Vice-Chairman |
| | Mr. R. Collett | |
| | Mr. S. Haq | |
| | Mr. R. Hunt | |
| | Mrs. P. Pearce | Parish Clerk |

Also present: Oxfordshire County Councillor Mr. S. Harrod,
Four parishioners: Mrs. C. Downing, Mr. E. Emmett, Mr. and Mrs. A. Phipps

16/19 Apologies for absence None received.

17/19 Welcome by the Chairman: Mr. Dunn welcomed all those present and invited Cllr Harrod to address the meeting.

18/19 Address by Oxfordshire County Councillor, Cllr. Steve Harrod

Mr. Harrod, who has responsibility for Children's and Family Services, outlined the work carried out by the County Council over the past year.

The proposed unitary government changes are currently on ice.

The County Council Budget was passed on 12th January 2019, with £1M available over the next two years available for Youth Services. Schools, transport, street lighting etc, will continue to receive subsidies. There will be no bus subsidies.

Government Funding under the "Growth Deal" will assist the Highways infrastructure. The County will be able to invest more in highway maintenance and 37 additional miles were resurfaced last year.

There has been a 19% reduction in bed blocking and Health Watch is assisting in adult social care.

The Oxfordshire Expressway details will be available later in the year, when Highways England have announced the routes.

The Joint Strategic Spatial Plan will cover the whole of Oxfordshire by 2050, with all districts combining.

Oxfordshire is the Best Performing County with regard to recycling, nationwide.

Mr. Harrod reported that some road repairs on the B480 would take place prior to the OVO Women's Cycling Event on Wednesday 12th June. The peloton will only take 20 minutes to pass through the Parish and full details of the route and timings are available very shortly.

Mr. Harrod then answered questions from the public:

Q: How soon with the B480 be resurfaced?

A: This is not going to happen in the short term.

Q: Have you any news at all on the Exressway route?

A: The decision is expected at the end of 2019, but it could go either way.

Q: Is there any news on the Watlington by-pass?

A: This is related to the construction work currently in progress on three sites. The Chalgrove development may not go ahead. The company, Martin Baker, will not agree to alter the terms of their Lease and a compulsory purchase is unlikely.

Q: Could something be done about the soil piled up in Balham's Lane, Stonor, following the ditch clearance?
Also, the pond in Stonor Park was supposed to be cleared and this work has not been done.

A: Mr. Harrod will check this with the Highways Department.

Mr. Dunn thanked Mr. Harrod, who left the meeting in order to visit a parish meeting elsewhere.

19/19 Address by the Chairman, Mr. T. Dunn

Planning applications

27 applications were received during the year, between January 2018 and January 2019. and replacing it with no objection. During the year, SODC changed the way in which parish decisions could be made, removing the section 'Approval' and 'No strong views', and adding 'Fully supports', 'No objection' and 'Objection'. The Parish Council approved 4, and had no objection to 14. The Parish Councillors objected to 5, and had no strong views to the remaining 4.

SODC Approved 23 and refused 2. Two were withdrawn prior to decision,

There is currently an appeal relating to land adjacent to The Orchard, Russells Water to which the Parish

There is also a planning query in Russells Water relating to Thatcher's, Green Patch and Rose Cottage, this is currently being dealt with by SODC.

The Stonor Park Entertainment and Alcohol License

Last year there was local concern and objection regarding the license. However, in response to this, Mr.Stonor has undertaken to inform Bix & Assendon Parish Council and Pishill with Stonor Parish Council whenever there is to be an event at which there will be more than 1000 attendees for large, ticketable events.

Barking dogs at Nuttalls Farm – reports had been received by the parish council and relayed to SODC Environmental Health and Planning Enforcement for their advice and action if necessary.

The Data Protection Audit was organised by Mr.Haq and the Clerk, outlining information held, where it is kept and for how long. The Parish Council has added an assurance that data information will not be given to a third party. The members of the original distribution list were all contacted by letter asking for written confirmation that they were willing to be included in the replacement list, which is now in operation. The Parish Data Protection audit was completed in time for the General Data Protection Regulations.

Broadband 2 cabinets in Stonor had been connected by February 2018 with Russells Water following almost immediately afterwards. Maidensgrove connections 'came live' in March and Pishill in July. Hollandridge still remains out of the system. Some households are now receiving super-fast broadband.

The Mobile Mast in Stonor is still being operated by a generator.

Roads

Roads in the parish are in a poor condition generally. The B480 and the road across Maidensgrove have received some attention, but the parish council is aware the this is a continuing problem and is constantly in touch with Oxfordshire County Council Highways Department in an attempt to have remedial work undertaken.

The soakaway in Church Lane, Pishill, was cleared and the lane repaired. Following a severe storm last May the parish council arranged for the B480 Stonor junction to be cleared of loose stones and gravel.

During the Autumn, Mr.Hunt had contacted Philip Shaw to arrange the digging-out of the Balham's Lane ditches.

Extra small black Salt Bins were provided during the winter by Mr. Stracey for the benefit of Pishill Bank residents. Winter gritting was organised through Derek Cheriton Limited, at £140 per visit, and covered the area from 10 Russells Water to B480 in Stonor. The costs were reduced by £40 per visit due to the fact that the Parish Council already has supplies of salt left over from previous years.

Footpaths Last year, Mr Hunt arranged with the Chiltern Society for the clearance of PS9, Maidensgrove to White Pond Farm. Gated footpath at RW is being dealt with by Lord Camoys, as by law, it is not permissible to obstruct Common Lane.

19/19 Address by the Chairman, Mr. T. Dunn (cont)

There are two cycle events in the parish – The Ridgeway Rouleur which took place in April and the OVO Energy Women’s Tour taking place on Wednesday 12th June - details will be put on to the website when available.

Fly tipping is becoming a problem. It began with settee being left near Warmcombe Lane last summer, and has continued throughout the year. The contact details for removal of fly-tipped rubbish is available on the parish council website.

The Litter Blitz was successfully completed on weekend 9th/10th March. Mrs.Brenda Phipps kindly co-ordinated Russells Water and Maidensgove with the assistance of Mrs. Susie Chown, and Mr.Richard Hunt co-ordinated Pishill and Stonor with help from the parish councillors. This is a marvellous annual effort and the continued support of the parishioners is very much appreciated.

Election – This was uncontested for the parish councillors. The District Council Election saw Cllr. Anna Badcock being successfully returned as our local District Councillor.

Regarding SODC, the parish council is pleased to report that the Precept has remained at £4800.00 for the current year – exactly the same as 2018/19. The Parish has benefited recently from payments of the Community Infrastructure Levy which should allow some flexibility in funding for general maintenance for our community. The Community Infrastructure Levy is payable by contractors undertaking construction projects within the parish.

The CIL will assist in the funding of a replacement Notice on Maidensgrove, which initially disappeared and then was discovered badly damaged, and which is to be manufactured to the original specification and re-installed.

The “Battles Over” World War 1 Commemoration Event was held on 11th November last year. The Parish Council gave £100 donation. Mr.Richard Hunt kindly organised the beacon on Bix Common, which was lit by Mr.James Hunt and his son Charlie, together with the Vockins family from Swyncombe Parish in recognition of their predecessors having lived in the parishes at the time of the Armistice. At 7.00 p.m., bells were pealed at St. James’s Pishill and Pishill Church.

300 people attended the event, which was more than expected.

Defibrillators

In February 2018 it was initially thought that it would be necessary to invite donations from parishioners. A letter was delivered to all parishioners (except those in Russells Water) enquiring whether they would be prepared to contribute to the funding, and this had produced a very generous response, with £1400 being promised. Russells Water was excluded from the process as the Village Hall Committee decided to raise funds themselves and the parish council had then only to provide defibrillators in Maidensgove, Pishill and Stonor.

County Councillor Mr. Steve Harrod had recommended £500 for each defibrillator in Maidensgrove Pishill and Stonor through the Councillor Priority Fund, which resulted in £1500 towards the cost.

The Parish Council approached the Doris Field Charitable Trust, who generously donated £1000. With help from District Councillor Ms. Anna Badcock SODC has recently promised to donate £2850.00.

Funding is now in place and Mrs. Sarah Roberts, of Millie’s Dream, has been contacted regarding the eventual supply of three defibrillators, one at The Five Horseshoes, Maidensgrove, one at The Crown Inn, Pishill and one to be installed on the wall of Upper Assendon Farm barn.

The Parish Council is greatly appreciative of the help from Cllr. Harrod, Cllr. Badcock, the Doris Field Charitable Trust and the publicans at The Five Horseshoes and Crown, and also to Mr. Richard Hunt and Mr. Patrick Evelyn. We look forward to the installation of all three defibrillators shortly and there will be a small celebration to mark the event.

19/19 Address by the Chairman, Mr. T. Dunn (cont)

The Chairman invited comments and/or questions from the parishioners:

Comment: Flytipping – this is similar to what is currently occurring in Nettlebed, being mostly bathroom fittings etc. It appears it is being dropped by an Iveco or Mercedes van, single wheeled.

Comment: The Ridgeway Rouleur cycle event was cancelled due to bad weather.

The Chairman ended his report by sincerely thanking his colleagues on the Parish Council and the Clerk.

This section of the meeting closed at 7.05 pm and was followed immediately by the Annual Meeting.

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Chairman

