

**PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at  
The Village Hall, Russells Water on  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

<u>Present</u>	Mr.T. Dunn	Chairman
	Mr.S.Stracey	Vice-Chairman
	Mr.R.Collett	
	Mr.S. Haq	
	Mr. R. Hunt	

No members of the public present.

- 1/17 Apologies and reasons for absence None.
- 2/17 Declarations of interests (existence and nature) with regard to Agenda Mr.Collett declared an interest in Planning Application P16/S2816/FUL, Marigay, Russells Water (next door neighbour).
- 3/17 Public participation session with respect to items on the Agenda. No public present.
- 4/17 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 These were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 5/17 Matters Arising
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| a) <i>Mobile phone mast</i>                               | Mr.Hunt reported that the mast is probably to be in the wood behind Upper Assendon Farm. The Land Agent is currently dealing with the proposal.                  | b/f   |
| b) <i>Installation of laptop+scanner</i>                  | Mr.Haq has uploaded the necessary programs and the hardware will be installed at the Clerk's home shortly. Mr.Haq was thanked by the Chairman for his hard work. | SH/PP |
| c) <i>Stonor bus shelter and replacement notice board</i> | Removal was discussed; replacement notice board to be considered at next meeting.  | b/f   |
- 6/17 Planning Applications
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| P16/S1140/FUL | Longwood, Maidensgrove   | PC continues to object. SODC Planning Committee will take place on 1 <sup>st</sup> February at which approval is recommended. PC to reiterate objection to SODC prior to Committee Meeting. | PP/TD |
| P16/S2816/FUL | Marigay, Russells Water  | SODC decision awaited.  |       |
| P16/S4287/FUL | Land N.old Church,Chr.Cm | PC no strong views, SODC decision awaited.  |       |

Multi-Parish meeting on development of Chalgrove Airfield

Mr.Collett had attended this meeting on behalf of the Parish Council, held to gauge Parish reaction and form an action group to fight the proposed development for as many as 3000 houses at Chalgrove airfield.

SODC will commence a 6 week consultation in March 2017. There was strong opposition to this development from all the parishes present, principally because the planners see this and other sites as a solution to Oxford City's housing problems, whereby the green belt is preventing more local development. The parishes feel that Government is now more flexible on green belt development and building in the countryside is unsupportable from an infrastructure standpoint. It seems likely that an action group will be formed in the next few weeks.

Mr.Collett was thanked by the Chairman.

6/17 Planning Applications (cont).

Consultation on SODC Statement of Community Involvement This documentation had been emailed to councillors on 11/1/17. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to complete the survey on behalf of the Parish Council. PP

7/17 Finance

Bank balance stands at £3691.94 in the Community Account and £6.76 in the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday account.

Cheque drawn from Community Account since last meeting:

Ch.no: 100493 Proacumen Ltd (purchase of laptop,mouse,scanner, MS Office setup/support) £656.52

Cheques drawn at meeting:

Ch.no: 100494	Nettlebed Good Neighbour Scheme (quarter bus subsidy)	£ 67.00
100495	Village Hall Russells Wtr (mtg hire 2 hrs @ £12ph)	£ 24.00
100496	P.A.Pearce (Clerk's wages, 13/11/16-22/1/17(10 wks @ £72pw) +£3mnths tel exp £30)	£750.00

Following discussion and unanimous agreement:

100497	Pishill Church (graveyard donation)	£150.00
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Clerk's employment status The Clerk had contacted HMRC and had completed the preliminary steps to register the Parish Council as an employer.

Further documentation will be received from HMRC in due course. PP

8/17. Parish Communications- Local Broadband

Mr.Haq summarised the Broadband meeting with Village Networks which took place at The Crown, Pishill on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017:

The Village Networks microwave broadband solution is ready to launch. Mr. Ed Stracey (from White Pond Cottages, Stonor) is the launch customer and is up and running.

Customers whose properties are in the line of sight of the mast can be connected immediately. Stonor will be the first village to be connected once the node is installed on the Evelyn Estates barn at Upper Assendon Farm.

Potential subscribers should register with <http://www.villagenetworksconnect8.net/> This will allow the supplier to plan the network - please note the following:

- i) Not all houses in Stonor can be connected immediately as they do not have line of sight to the barn. A further node site is required
- ii) Costs are (approx.) for a 24Gb (unlimited downloads) service:  
£220 for connection (Please note: It may be possible to get this paid for via a voucher scheme – Information to follow)  
Following connection the likely cost will be £40 per month.
- iii) Pishill needs to find an additional, one-off investment of £9,000 before work can start on the network there and Village Networks is looking for someone from Pishill to act as a facilitator to help with this.

Mr.Haq considered that the current BT interest has been sparked as a result of the Village Network involvement and that BT enthusiasm will slow considerably if Village Networks do not continue with installation. Mr.Haq feels that BT is unlikely to be in a position to connect customers for the next eighteen months.

The Chairman thanked Mr.Haq for his continued commitment to this initiative.

9/17 Commons Report

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| a) | Driving on Maidensgrove Comn/<br>Russells Water Common | Nothing to report |
| b) | Driving through fields                                 | Nothing to report |

10/17 Roads

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| a) | Parish potholes | General situation is largely unchanged although pothole repair has been carried out on the B480 on the approach to Stonor. |
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10/17 Roads (cont)

- b) Balham's Lane ditch Finally this has been undertaken by OCC, however strong clearing and Stonor complaints were made at the indolence of the workers and Park ditch the councillors instructed the Clerk to make enquiries, if necessary by using the Freedom of Information process, on the cost of carrying out the work, which took considerably longer than was necessary. PP
- c) Verge cutting maps Scanned copies had been received by the Clerk on the day of from OCC Highways the meeting. These were too indistinct for clarity and the hard copy maps will be discussed at the next meeting. OCC can continue to undertake grass cutting, but would give a grant of approx. £300 for urban grass cutting (in Stonor) and approx £50 for rural cutting. Mr.Stenning has offered to attend the March meeting. b/f

11/17 Footpaths Report Nothing to report

12/17 Refuse & Waste Management

The 2017 Litter Blitz 2017 was discussed and the weekend of 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> March agreed. Mr. Dunn and Mr.Stracey will organise from White Pond Farm to Pishill inc. Hollandridge TD/SS  
Mr. Haq will organise the area from Park Lane, Stonor, to Maidensgrove and Park Lane junction to White Pond Farm. SH  
Mr. Collett will contact Mr.Warner to request his help with the organisation of litter collection RC  
in Russells Water and on Maidensgrove.  
Mr. Hunt will organise the area from Stonor to Warmcombe Lane. RH  
The Clerk will contact Biffa for delivery of litter bags, etc., and collection of refuse. PP

13/17 Any other business

- a) Landscaping to garden at Russells Water  
The Parish Council had been contacted by a concerned resident regarding this, and Mr.Collett had made enquiries. The matter was discussed by the councillors and it was concluded that planning permission would not have been required.
- b) Gates on Common Land  
Mr. Collett had investigated the installation of two gates on what is believed to be common land owned by Lord Camoys. The matter had been reported to Mrs. Gill, Stonor Park Administrator, who had visited the area outside Horseshoe Cottage. Mrs. Gill will inform Lord Camoys, and the Clerk was asked to write to Stonor Park also. PP  
Swyncombe Parish Council has also been contacted with a complaint and is being kept informed by the Clerk.  
The gates can be opened, but the obstruction gives the impression that this is no longer a right of way, resulting in pedestrians walking on the road around the dangerous corner opposite Russells Water pond.
- c) Proposed removal of parish telephone boxes  
BT is proposing removing the telephone box in Russells Water and in Stonor, citing lack of use. With signals from mobile phones and electricity supplies not being reliable in the parish, BTs proposal is regretted. The Clerk was asked to request reconsideration. PP

14/17 Date, place and time of next meeting To be confirmed: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017, The Village Hall, Russells Water, 7.00 p.m. Clerk to invite County and District Councillors. PP

15/17 Close of meeting There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

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Chairman