

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting
held in The Almshill Room at The Quince Tree, Stonor,
on Wednesday, 25th March 2015**

<u>Present</u>	Mr. T. Dunn	Chairman
	Mr. S. Tracey	Vice-Chairman
	Mr. R. Collett	
	Mr. P. G. Godfrey	
	Mr. R. Hunt	
	Mrs. P. Pearce	Parish Clerk

Also present: Oxfordshire County Councillor Mr. S. Harrod;
South Oxfordshire District Councillor Mrs. A. Badcock;
4 members of the public: Lord Camoys, Mr. S. Haq, Ms. J. Blunden, Mr. B. Charlesworth

- Apologies and reasons for absence None.
- Declarations of interest (existence and nature) and Dispensations with regard to Agenda None.
- Public participation with respect to items on the Agenda Items 6, 7, 10(e).
- Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 28th January 2015 These were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
- Matters Arising
Mobile phone mast Testing has been undertaken recently in the Coxlease area. TD
- Planning Applications

P14/S3735+3736/LB	Bank Farm, Pishill (Farmhouse)	SODC approval 2/2/15
P14/S4106/FUL	Stonor Park Visitor Centre	SODC approval 17/2/15
P14/S4022+4023/LB	Wool House, Stonor Park	SODC approval 13/2/15
P14/S4113/FUL	Old Church, Christmas Common	PC refusal, SODC decision awaited.
P15/S0127/FUL	Bank Farm, Pishill (septic tank etc)	PC approval, SODC decision awaited.
P15/S0371/FUL	Bank Farm, Pishill (chalk deposit)	PC approval, SODC decision awaited.
P14/S4016/FUL	Whitfield Bungalow, Russells Wtr.	Neighbours had been consulted and dimensions of the proposed garage height had been obtained. PC no strong views, SODC decision awtd.
P15/S0838+839/LB	Lodge Farm Cottage, Maidensgr've	Hard copy of application awaited; the Councillors noted objections raised by near neighbours.

Neighbourhood Planning Conference - Not relevant to Pishill with Stonor Parish.
Watlington Neighbourhood Plan - Watlington Parish Council is evaluating information already received. b/f
Community Infrastructure Levy Draft - Mr. Dunn outlined the proposals, which are not likely to come into effect before May/June 2015. Developments over 100 sq. metres will be subject to levy of £150 per sq. m., which will assist the District Council to provide sufficient schooling, road maintenance, etc. Cllr. Badcock reported that in areas such as Pishill with Stonor that do not have a Neighbourhood Plan, 10% of any amount raised will be given to the parish. Areas that do have a neighbourhood plan would receive 25%, but Cllr. Badcock did not consider that Pishill with Stonor would benefit from such a plan, on the basis that parishes in an AONB are unlikely to be permitted development.
SODC Local Plan 2031 refined options - Noted.

7. Local Broadband

Cllr.Badcock urged parishioners to register with the Connect8 initiative. Some areas of Christmas Common will receive faster broadband, as will Watlington and Nettlebed. Distance from a BT 'cabinet' will be key to broadband speed. It is unlikely that BDUK will have sufficient funding to cover the parish and individual satellite provision may be the best option, as our area is considered to be 'rural and rich'.

Mr.Haq commented that it has been reported that central Government will 'prioritise small communities' but, in practice, he feels this is now unlikely. He said that there are difficulties in sharing satellite connections, as reception can be compromised. Mr.Haq will contact Connect8 to ascertain the current situation, a meeting of which is to be held on 26th March.

8. Finance

The Clerk reported that the balance at Barclays Bank stands at £2653.71.

Precept SODC has agreed the precept of £2600.00 for 2015/16 and there may be a further Parish Grant of £33.00 in addition.

Clerk's PAYE arrangements These are in hand with Douglas Tonks Ltd., who will be dealing with the matter after 6th April 2015.

Oxfordshire Rural Community Council The annual subscription to the ORCC will now amount to £50 annually, having risen from £30. After discussion it was agreed unanimously to discontinue membership.

Cheques drawn at meeting:

Ch.no: 100452	Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils (ann.sub 2015/16)	£133.07
100453	Swyncombe Parish Council (Broadband leaflet, 1/3 rd share)	£ 12.50
100454	P.A. Pearce (Clerk's wages 9 wks @£60pw+2 mnths tel exps @ £10)	
		£540.00+£20=£560.00

9. Election 2015 - 7th May 2015

The Clerk gave each Parish Councillor a Nomination Paper to be completed and returned by hand to the Elections Office, Old Abbey House, Abingdon, for validation between 25th March and 4 p.m. on 9th April 2015.

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10. Roads

- a) Potholes generally Numerous and continuing. Clerk will continue to chase OCC. PP
- b) Assendon Spring Mr. Hunt reported that there is no risk of the spring rising at present, but the Clerk was instructed to write again to OCC urging them to clear the ditches before they are filled with water. Mr.Hunt will attend a 'ditches' meeting with Bix & Assendon Parish Council during May. PP
RH
- c) B480 generally The Councillors regard the B480 to be in poor condition and therefore unsafe for cyclists. Clerk to inform OCC. PP
- d) Balham's Lane and Stonor Pk. ditch. Mr.Stracey reported that clearance work had not been completed. Clerk to write again. PP
- e) 'Henley Highwayman' 5-7 June 2015 The cycling element will use the B480 as part of the route. The road surface is poor and the Clerk was asked to write to OCC pointing this out. Questions were taken by Cllr. Badcock on the need for the granting of an event license, but it appears that there is no central government legislation in place at present which requires application for licenses from organisers of such events. Cllr.Badcock recommended that the Parish Council approaches Thames Valley Police pointing out local concerns. The Chairman will write on behalf of the Parish Council. PP
County Cllr. S. Harrod will take the matter up with OCC Highways regarding safety of the route, and will also endeavour to arrange a meeting with the organisers. SH
It was suggested that, in future, the Parish Council should lobby other parishes affected, together with Henley Town Council,

10. Roads (cont) particularly stressing concern regarding safety issues in connection with the route. b/f
Cllr. Badcock suggested that a letter should be sent to Mr John ALL
Howell, MP, requesting legislation to force cycling events to
be licensed, and stipulating that parish councils must be
consulted during the advance planning stage. TD
11. Commons Report
- a) Driving on Maidensgrove and Russells Water Commons Nothing to report.
 - b) Driving through fields Quiet at present.
 - c) Maidensgrove and Russells Water signs These have been collected and will be installed by Mr. Pearce, including the Thames Valley Police laminated Countryside signs.
 - d) Jubilee Tree This is growing well and is being watered by both Mr. J. Bowers and Mr. R. Hunt.
12. Footpaths Report
Mr.Godfrey reported as follows:
- a) Footpath P6 Pishill to Hollandridge This is now completely cleared and very favourable comments have been received.
 - b) Footpath P21 Kissing gate The gate has collapsed, which could be of concern to the farmer but is not causing problems for walkers.
13. Refuse & Waste Management
- a) Litter Blitz 2015 Mr.Hunt reported that this was extremely successful and thanked all those who had taken part. South Oxfordshire District Council collected all the rubbish on the Monday following the weekend Litter Blitz. Note of thanks is on the parish website.
14. Public Meeting with Mr.J.Howell MP re: Aircraft Noise over Henley Mr.Godfrey reported on this meeting, which established that during Easterly wind conditions (chiefly during Autumn months) the noise appears slightly louder, but that air traffic generally has not increased. Future technology will probably result in quieter engines, and there is a possibility that a steeper rate of descent will minimise the area of noise pollution.
15. Mobile Library consultation Mr.Dunn has had no further news.
16. Any other business
- a) Henley branch line user group Details of this group had been received. With the anticipated Cross Rail services the Henley branch line could become increasingly well supported. (The Cross Rail route will link Maidenhead with Tottenham Court Road).
17. Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting
To be confirmed: Monday 11th May, The Village Hall at Russells Water, 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all those for attending and declared the meeting closed.

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Chairman.