

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

**Annual Meeting held at The Village Hall Russells Water on
Tuesday 17th May, 2016**

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

Also present: Mr.S.Haq (Broadband Champion); Mrs. P. Godfrey, Mr. D. Leedham, Dr. B. Snell.

- Election of Chairman Mr. Thomas Dunn stepped down and Mr.Stracey assumed Chairmanship for this agenda item. Mr.Stracey paid tribute to the hard work, planning expertise and commitment of Mr.Dunn and proposed that Mr. Dunn should continue as Chairman for the forthcoming year. Mr.Godfrey seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously; the necessary form was signed and witnessed. Mr.Stracey also thanked the Clerk for her work during the year.
- Election of Vice-Chairman Mr. Dunn proposed and Mr. Hunt seconded that Mr.Stracey should continue as Parish Council Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year. Mr.Stracey accepted the position; the necessary form was signed and witnessed.
- Apologies for absence None
- Declarations of interests and Dispensations (existence and nature) in respect to items on Agenda
None.
- Public participation session with respect to items on the Agenda The Chairman invited comments from members of the public.
- Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd March 2016 These were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
- Matters Arising:
 - Mobile phone mast Investigations are underway for the possible provision of a mobile phone mast on Evelyn Trust land at Upper Assendon Farm.
 - Jubilee tree guard Mr.Stracey reported that this is now in position.
 - HM The Queen's Birthday Party (12/6/16 at 12.30 White Pond Farm, Stonor)
Invitations have been delivered to all parishioners and replies are being received. Offers of salads and puddings are being made and balloon provision arranged. It was agreed not to provide a celebratory cake on this occasion.
One w.c.is being supplied by an outside contractor.
A meeting to finalise the Risk Assessment and other details is to be held at White Pond Farm on 6th June at 6.00 p.m. ALL
- Planning Applications

P14/S4113/FUL	Old Church, Chr. Cmn.	SODC refusal 20/1/16.
P16/S0001/FUL	Children's play pk, Strn Pk	SODC approval 5/5/16
P16/S1140/FUL	Longwood, Maidensgrove	PC refusal, SODC decision awaited.
- Finance

Audit progress: The Parish accounts had been vetted by the internal auditor and returned. The Chairman and Clerk signed the Receipts & Payments Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2016; the Annual Governance Statement was agreed and signed by the

9. Finance (cont)

Chairman and Clerk, and the Accounting Statements 2015/16 were also agreed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

The Exercise of Public Rights period commences on 13th June until 22nd July.

It was suggested by Mr.Stracey that the Receipts & Payments Accounts should also be published on the parish website and this was agreed unanimously. Clerk to insert details accordingly. PP

Risk Assessments:

a) *HM The Queen's Birthday Lunch:* This had been sent to the Councillors prior to the meeting and will be agreed at White Pond Farm on 6th June 2016. ALL

b) *Parish Council Annual Risk Assessment:* This was agreed unanimously.

Grant availability for computer, scanner etc: Under the Transparency Code it is now possible for the Parish Council to apply for grant funding towards provision of a website, plus computer and scanning equipment. The Parish Council will accordingly apply to OALC for an independent PP computer and scanner grant.

VAT Claim for refund The Clerk had made a VAT refund claim for £153.96

Cheques drawn since previous meeting:

Ch.No:100477	Henley Standard (Ann.Mtgs display ad)	£28.70
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Cheques drawn at meeting:

Ch.No:1004478	Vision ICT (website hosting & support) £240.00+£48 VAT)	£288.00
100479	Chiltern Society (annual subscription)	£ 30.00
100480	Village Hall, Russells Water (Ann.Mtg.hire 2 hrs @£12 ph)	£ 24.00
100481	P.A. Pearce (Clerks wages 6 wks @ £60 + £10 tel.exps + £100 underpaid from 2014/15 - per int.aud. comments)	£470.00
100482	Petty Cash	£ 50.00
100483	R.J.Symes (£150.00 int.audit fees + fees for 2014/15 chq no: 100453 for £150.00 not cashed)	£300.00

10. Parish Communications

Local Broadband (Mr.Stephen Haq - Parish Broadband Champion)

Mr.Haq reported on the progress made over the past twelve months, which has been encouraging. The Connect8 group has met on a number of occasions. The main priority now is to have an alternative to BT and the Connect8 group is talking to an organisation called 'Village Networks', who have been instrumental in gaining broadband coverage in Hambleden, Bucks.

The fact that a meeting of the Culture, Media & Sports Select Committee took place at the Village Hall, Russells Water, in April, has brought our local area more to the attention of BT and there seems to be a rise in planning applications from them for 'green boxes' to be installed locally, which will facilitate fibre connections. The Connect8 group will continue negotiations with Village Networks, but BT will also be attending the meeting on 7th June 2016 at 7.30 p.m. It will be useful to have a discussion with both organisations regarding the possible provision of broadband via fixed and wireless services.

Thames Valley Police have agreed for the Britwell Hill mast to be used, and transmitters can therefore be installed there. 'Back haul' is now required, which was planned to come from RAF Benson, but this is not unlikely. An alternative would be from Stonor Park where a former tenant paid for a high speed connection. It seems that the Hon.William Stonor may be keen to allow the use of this facility - Village Networks will need more than 25-30meg supply and Mr.Haq thinks that there may be an availability of up to 100 meg at Stonor Park. It is possible that BT may agree to subsidise this provision.

On the less positive side, central Government may reduce its commitment to provision of broadband for all, unless a community proves demand.

Mr.Haq is hopeful that our area will be supplied, possibly within the next 12 months. A 12 meg supply would give a decent service, BT have noted that even in cities, the take up of superfast broadband has not been universal.

Regarding mobile phone services, broadband provision will have no effect unless a box is added to the individual's computer system.

10. Parish Communications (cont)

Mr.Hunt reported that a company has approached Upper Assendon Farm to investigate the installation of a mobile mast in the field behind the farmhouse.

Communication link for parishioners As planned, the Clerk had added a section on H.M. The Queen's Birthday Lunch invitation for completion by those wishing to be included on a direct emailing list to receive occasional notifications direct from the Parish Council. There had been a good response to this and a 'group' email will be installed following the party on 12th June.

11. Roads

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| a) | Parish potholes generally | No change. Clerk will continue to chase. | PP |
| b) | Ditch in Stonor Park | Mr. Stracey reported that this work has still not been undertaken. | SS |

12. Commons Report

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| a) | Driving on Maidensgrove/
Russells Water Common | Nothing to report | RC |
| b) | Driving through fields | Mr.Hunt reported that he believed one incident had occurred on Mr.Carr's field. | RH/SS |

13. Footpaths Report

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| a) | PS17/PS22 Bridlepath post renewal by Chiltern Society | Mr. Godfrey reported that this work had been carried out by the Chiltern Society. | |
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14. Refuse & Waste Management

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| a) | Littering of B480 reported by Mr.Mark Williams, RW | Mr. Williams had been in touch with the Clerk, SODC Environmental Health and Thames Valley Police regarding a considerable number of bottles and cans dropped along the B480 on two occasions. Some of the litter was in a bag containing a receipt from Chinnor Co-op. The police had reported back saying that it would not be possible to pursue those responsible, but were grateful to Mr. Williams for his public-spiritedness. The Parish Councillors had been informed throughout. | |
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15. Any Other Business

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| a) | Hundred Hills Vineyard - report rec'd of machinery working on Sundays/
Bank Holidays | The Clerk had been contacted by a Pishill parishioner on 8 th and 9 th May as machinery was being operated at the vineyard which was disturbing neighbours. Mr.Godfrey suggested that he should speak to the owner to enquire whether a considerate approach could be forthcoming when non-essential work was carried out at weekends and Bank Holidays. The Parish Councillors welcomed this suggestion. | PGG |
| *b) | Invitation to unitary workshop - Henley 7 th June, 7-8.30 p.m | Mr.Richard Hunt and Mr.Simon Stracey will attend this workshop on behalf of the Parish. The Clerk will enquire about the actual venue in Henley. | RH/SS
PP |
| *c) | Henley Handibus Service | The Handibus is now in operation again. Notices have been placed on the notice boards and on the website. Persons wishing to book a seat on the bus should contact Dr. Jim McQuirter on 01491 641609. The bus travels through Pishill and Stonor on every 2 nd and 4 th Tuesday each month at approx. 9.50 a.m. | |
| *d) | Broadband progress mtg. Tuesday 7 th June, 7.30 p.m. Village Hall, Russells Water | The Chairman, Mr.Richard Collett and the Clerk plan to attend this meeting, which is open to all. | TD/
RC/
PP |

16. Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting: Confirmed on Tuesday, 5th July, 2016, at The Village Hall, Russells Water, 7.00 p.m.
17. Close of meeting
There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked those present for attending and declared the meeting closed.

**Denotes items added following publication of Agenda.*

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Chairman