

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting
held at The Village Hall, Russells Water
on Monday 11th May 2015**

<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	Parish Clerk

Also present: 4 parishioners, Mr. and Mrs. R. Andrews, Mr. S. Haq, Mr. P. Peggie

- 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 and commitment of Mr. Dunn and proposed that Mr. Dunn should continue as Chairman for the forthcoming year. Mr. Hunt seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously; the necessary form was signed and witnessed.
- Election of Vice-Chairman Mr. Dunn proposed and Mr. Godfrey 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.
- Signing of Declaration of Office Forms by all Councillors The necessary forms were completed by all returning Councillors, who continue in their posts as a result of the uncontested recent election. (Register of Interest forms are to be completed and returned to SODC by 8th June 2015).
- 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 previous Meeting held on 25th March 2015 These were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
- Matters Arising

Mobile phone mast	Mr. Dunn reported that it is likely that a mobile phone mast will be situated at Coxlease, but although this is making progress there is no definite date for its installation.	TD
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- Planning Applications

P14/S4113/FUL	Old Church, Christmas Common	PC refusal, SODC decision awaited
P15/S0127/FUL	Bank Farm, Pishill septic tank etc.	PC approved; SODC approved 9/4/15
P15/S0371/FUL	Bank Farm, Pishill chalk deposit etc	PC approved; SODC approved 9/4/15
P15/S4016/FUL	Whitfield Bungalow, Russls Wtr	PC no strong views; SODC aprv24/4/15
P15/S0838+839/LB	Lodge Farm Cottage, Maidnsgrve	PC refusal; SODC refusal 30/4/15
P15/S1152/HH	New boundary wall 22+23 Stonor	PC approved; SODC decision awaited
P15/S1300/HH	Longwood, Maidnsgrve,	PC refusal; SODC decision awaited.

9. Finance and Insurance

The Clerk reported that the balance at Barclays Bank stands at £4726.71.

- a) Insurance renewal The current insurer Aviva (via Came & Company, brokers) quoted £278.95 inc. 6% insurance premium tax, If a long-term agreement is entered into, this can be reduced by 5% to £265.00p.a., (an excess is £250.00 for any claim).
Aon quoted £592.12 including 6% insurance premium tax, with 5% reduction for a long term agreement.
It was unanimously agreed to accept the Aviva offer and to take up a Long Term Agreement until May 2018. PP
- b) Annual Accounts These had been circulated to the Parish Councillors and were approved. Summary of Receipts and Payments were duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk. Cash book also signed.
- c) Annual Return and Governance Statemnt Agreed and duly signed by Chairman and Clerk.
The Clerk will take the accounts to the internal auditor on 15th May 2015.
- d) Pishill Church graveyrd maintnce A donation of £150.00 for graveyard maintenance was discussed and unanimously agreed.
- e) Hire of Vill.Hall,RW Notification had been received by the Clerk that the hire charge had risen from £6.00 to £12.00 per hour.

Cheque issued since last meeting:

Ch.no: 100455	Henley Standard (display advertisement for ann.mtg)	£ 28.70
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Cheques issued at meeting:

Ch.no: 100456	P.A. Pearce (Clerks wages 30/3/15-10/5/15 6 wks @ £60 + 1 mnth tel.exps £10.00 + Petty Cash £50.00)	£420.00
100457	Village Hall, Russ.Wtr (mtg hire @ £12ph - 1 ½ hrs)	£ 18.00
100458	Pishill Church Graveyard Maintenance	£150.00
100459	Broker Network (Insurance renewal from 1/6/15-31/5/16)	£265.00

10. Broadband

Mr. Stephen Haq reported that there had been no recent developments. Swyncombe PC, like Pishill with Stonor PC, are looking at other providers and have contacted Countrywide Broadband who provide a microwave service which should result in 15 meg. This does require 'line of sight' to the transmitter, which could be problematic for properties in Pishill with Stonor.

The monthly charge would include the transmitter charge.

Woodcote Parish is enquiring whether Thames Valley Police would permit use of their transmitters, which could help with availability and costs. If it were possible to use a police transmitter, Pishill with Stonor and Swyncombe Parish could benefit.

If and when the mobile phone mast is completed, this would assist with provision although there will be a certain degradation of the signal and the range ability is vague.

Connect8 have contacted Countrywide Broadband on the basis that their service would be less expensive than satellite. Connect8 have requested that potential users complete another on line questionnaire indicating willingness to commit to a monthly charge. The questionnaire can be accessed through the parish council website, www.pishillwithstonorpc.co.uk

Another provider, Broadband Wherever, could offer a solution, but although adequate the delivery is not fast.

Mr.Haq had no information on the service being put in place through the Nettlebed exchange. Mr.Dunn thanked Mr.Haq on behalf of the parish as a whole for his continued assistance with broadband information.

11. Roads

- a) *Assendon Spring*
Mr.Hunt had attended a meeting with Bix & Assendon Parish Council, from which it transpired that OCC considers the open ditch to be the responsibility of landowners. Mr.Hunt, as tenant, will not take responsibility for maintenance of the ditch alongside the B480 until OCC has excavated the ditch to the correct depth. This work may not be undertaken until the Assendon Spring causes problems. Mr.Dunn thanked Mr.Hunt for his ongoing commitment to this important matter. RH
- b) *Parish potholes*
It was noted that there are large potholes in the track across Maidensgrove Common towards Island Cottage. Two surveyors had visited Maidensgrove and examined the lane across the Common to Russells Water to ascertain whether its condition is serious enough to warrant re-surfacing.
- c) *B480 generally*
The potholes brought to the attention of OCC Highways still require attention. PP
- d) *Balham's Lane and Stonor Park ditch*
These still require attention. PP
- e) *Henley Highwayman*
Representatives from the Henley Highwayman event met Lord Camoys with Mr.Dunn and Mr.Stracey, who consider that the route may be rather ambitious in view of the single track lanes planned to be used as part of the route.

12. Commons Report

- a) *Driving on commons* Nothing to report.
- b) *Driving through fields* Quiet for the past two months, although joy-riders were seen in a field in Pishill recently. It was suggested that such events should always be reported to Thames Valley Police. ALL

13. Footpaths Report

Mr.Godfrey reported that the stile at Pishill (FP21) remains unrepaired, but is causing no problem to walkers.

14. Any other business

- a) *Air Ambulance charity request to Village Hall*
Mr.Collett had dealt with a request received by the Parish Council from the Chilterns Air Ambulance to place a charity clothing bank in the Russells Water Village Hall car park. The charity had subsequently been informed that the car park is privately owned and is locked unless there is an event being held in the hall itself. The Village Hall committee also donates a portion of the annual Tennis Tournament proceeds to the Air Ambulance appeal.
- b) *UK Cycling Event - "Wiggle Chilterns Classic", 27th June 2015.*
Notification of this event had been received by the Clerk and will be publicised on the parish council website. PP
- c) *Verges in Pishill*
The Parish Council was asked, and subsequently agreed, to contact Bank Farm Vineyard to request that, if practicable, a portion of the verges outside the premises be left to promote wild flower regeneration. TD/PP

15. Date, place and time of next meeting

At the meeting the suggested date was 15th July, but this has subsequently had to be altered. The revised date is Monday, 29th June at The Village Hall, Russells Water, at 7.00 p.m..

16. There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

.....Chairman

