

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at The Village Hall, Russells Water on
1st February 2018.

Present: Mr. T. Dunn Chairman
Mr. S. Stracey Vice-Chairman
Mr. R. Collett
Mr. S. Haq
Mr. R. Hunt
Mrs. P. Pearce Parish Clerk

Also: South Oxfordshire District Councillor Ms. A. Badcock; 2 parishioners Mr. and Mrs. T. Walton

1/18 Apologies and reasons for absence County Councillor Mr. S. Harrod, prior commitment.

2/18 Declarations of interest (existence and nature) with regard to Agenda None.

3/18 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 30th November 2017 These were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

4/18 Matters Arising

- a) Mobile Phone Mast Mr. Hunt reported that the electricity supply was still not installed and therefore the mast is not connected.
- b) Data Protection Officer The Clerk reported that it remains unclear as to whether she can undertake this role. Further clarification is expected from OALC shortly. If it is necessary to employ an outside agency, the costs for this are likely to be in the region of £150.00 p.a. Initially it is necessary to carry out a Data Protection Audit identifying the information held by the parish council, and implement a Data Protection Policy (a pro forma is available from the OALC solicitor). Mr. Haq and the Clerk will liaise to achieve the statutory requirements before 28th May 2018, when the Act is to be enforced.

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5/18 The Chairman invited South Oxfordshire District Councillor Ms. Anna Badcock to address the meeting. Ms. Badcock spoke on "Go Active Gold" an over-60s initiative to encourage village activities which have funding availability; "County Lines", a police operation targeting young people being groomed as drug 'mules'; the Community Lottery which is running a lottery to benefit voluntary community courses. Cllr. Badcock told the meeting that there is a strong likelihood that the district council will rebuild the council offices destroyed by fire, and that South Oxfordshire and The Vale District Councils will both use the new buildings at Crowmarsh Gifford. Regarding Planning, Cllr. Badcock encouraged the parish councillors to attend District Council Planning Committee meetings in the event of the parish council returning an 'objection' to planning applications. This would give more weight to influence District decisions. Cllr. Badcock said that Oxfordshire County Council would need to construct more roads to cope with any possible housing development on the Cuxham side of Watlington. Regarding the proposed redevelopment of Chalgrove air field for housing, Cllr. Badcock reported that this land could be subject to a central Government compulsory purchase order. The company, Martin Baker Limited, has a lease for the entire site, which it will not relinquish. The Martin Baker decision jeopardises the South Oxfordshire Local Plan. The Chalgrove site is currently not 'sustainable', having no proper infrastructure in terms of roads, schools etc., and other areas could be preferable, i.e. at Barton, near Oxford, and Grenoble Road, south of Oxford. Cllr. Badcock reported that the Local Plan comments have been received and are being assessed at the moment. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Badcock for attending the meeting and being so informative, after which she left.

6/18 Defibrillator(s) in Parish

At the Chairman's request, the Clerk outlined the recent increased local interest in the provision of defibrillators within the Parish, resulting from a basic first aid course held in the Village Hall. The defibrillators would require heated cabinets, increasing their cost to approximately £1500.00 each. Batteries and pads require periodic replacement (approx. every 4-5 years) at a cost of approximately £200 and £80 respectively. OALC had advised that it is permissible for the parish council to fund 'life-saving equipment', but the parish council budget had not taken expenditure on defibrillators into account, which would therefore make it difficult to fund

6/18 Defibrillator(s) in the Parish (cont)
 defibrillators entirely and would require community assistance. There are defibrillators installed in Bix, Britwell and Watlington, and the Clerk was asked to contact the relative clerks of these parishes. Discussion followed, resulting in the Clerk being asked to draft a letter to all parishioners outlining the proposals and inviting donations. Mr.Haq advised that it is possible to organise this through Pay-Pal, which means that, in the event of the defibrillators not being supplied, donations can be returned without difficulty. Mr.Haq will liaise with the Clerk on this aspect, prior to the letter being distributed.

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7/18 Planning Applications

P17/S3613/FUL	Land adjacent to The Orchard, R.Wtr	SODC refusal 17/1/18
P17/S3699/HH	Chestnut Cottage, Maidensgrove	SODC approval 11/12/17
P17/S3823/HH	Cromwell Cottage, Stonor	Withdrawn prior to determination by SODC.
P17/S3871/FUL	Longwood, Maidensgrove	SODC approval 20/12/17
P17/S4052/HH	The Old Almshouse, 27 Stonor	SSODC approval 10/1/18
P18/S0122/HH	The Pheasantry, Pishill	PC no strong views; SODC decision awaited.
	Chalgrove Development proposals	See Cllr Badcock report, item 5, para 5.

8/18 Finance

Bank balance:

The Clerk reported that the Barclays Bank Community Account stands at £3391.43; and the Queen’s Birthday Account at £6.76.

The Parish Council had received an email from Mariah Splawska of the Oxfordshire Citizens Advise Bureau thanking the councillors for their donation of £50.00.

After discussion it was unanimously agreed to send a cheque for £150.00 in support of graveyard maintenance to the Parochial Church Council of Pishill.

Cheques issued at meeting:

Ch.no:	100526	The Village Hall, Russells Water (mtg hire 2 hrs @ £12 ph)	£24.00
	100527	Cancelled	-----
	100528	Clerk’s wages (9 wks @ £84pw + tel exps £20, postage £14.52)	£790.52
	100529	The Parochial Church Council of Pishill (graveyard maintenance)	£150.00

9/18 Parish Communications

- a) Broadband Mr.Haq reported that the two cabinets in Stonor (Cabinet 5 near White Pond Farm and Cabinet 8 at the junction of Park Lane and the B480) had both been connected to Broadband. The Park Lane cabinet was ‘live’ at the end of December 2017.
 Mr.Haq had emailed a questionnaire to parishioners in Stonor. Of 26 questionnaires sent, 14 had replied, one who did not require high speed broadband, 5 who have already upgraded to high speed broadband, 7 who have slow broadband but will upgrade in due course, 1 who is with Village Networks and will remain with them, and none who have high speed broadband with Village Networks who will be upgrading to another provider.
 Pishill is likely to have fibre available in early summer. There is currently no definite time-scale for provision.
 Russells Water is scheduled for delivery of high speed broadband by 28th February. Maidensgrove is scheduled to go-live around the end of March 2018.
- b) Request from The Village Hall Committee, Russells Water for the Parish to circulate VHRW notifications through the parish council distribution list. This request was discussed, but it was felt that under Data Protection regulations there may be difficulty in complying. As a compromise, Mr.Collett will ascertain a suitable email contact from the Village Hall Committee and the Clerk will email all those on the Parish Distribution List inviting them to request Village Hall information direct from the Committee member.

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10/18 Roads

- a) Maidensgrove & Russells Water The road surface is very poor, in particular near to the Five Horseshoes Public House. The potholes have already been reported by the Clerk. Clerk to chase.
- b) B480 The surface is very poor, with potholes at the verges being dangerous. These have also been reported by the Clerk. Action awaited from OCC Highways.

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10/18 Roads (cont)

- c) Request by parishioners for extra salt bins at Pishill Bank and Maidensgrove, plus help with clearing icy roads
- Discussed by the parish councillors. Mr.Stracey volunteered to obtain estimates for provision of one new salt bin (grey/black) for the Pishill Bank area. Agreed that the Clerk should request OCC should replace the yellow salt bin at the top of Park with a green salt bin, free of charge.
- The Clerk had enquired whether OCC could add Maidensgrove Common to the gritting schedule, but OCC replied that this is not feasible.
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11/18 Commons Report

- a) Driving on Mdnsgrrove/Russ.Wtr Cmn Nothing to report
- b) Driving through fields Mr.Hunt reported that this has dramatically increased recently, although it is hoped that the perpetrator has been apprehended.
- c) Right of Way – gates at Horseshoe Cottage, R. Wtr The Hon. William Stonor has instructed Simmons & Sons to deal with the matter on his behalf.
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12/18 Footpaths Report

Nothing to report.

13/18 Refuse & Waste Management

- a) Litter Blitz date 2018
- Generally nothing to report.
- This will take place on the weekend of 24th-25th February 2018.
- Mr. Hunt and Mr. Haq will liaise on the organisation of the collection.
- The Clerk will contact OCC Waste Management to arrange litter pickers and Hi-Visibility vests. She will arrange for the litter to be collected from Upper Assendon Farm.
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14/18 Any other business

- a) World War I Commemoration Day
- Arrangements for this event to be held on 11th November 2018 on Bix Common and at Bix Village Hall are well in hand with the Bix Branch of the British Legion and Bix & Assendon Parish Council. It has been proposed that a firework display could be incorporated but this is dependent upon cost. The Parish Council may be prepared to contribute financially towards the event.
- Pishill with Stonor Parish Council is willing to use the beacon obtained for the Queen’s Jubilee Party, but Mr. Hunt will contact Mr. Chris Lloyd-Rogers to check that the beacon he houses will not be used as there will be no requirement for two beacons.
- RH
- b) London Oxford and RAF Brize Norton Airport Consultations
- Mr.Godfrey had kindly looked at both of these consultations at the request of the Parish Council and considers that neither will constitute a problem to the parish as a whole.
- c) Fallen tree clearance
- Mr.Collett asked for clarification on the procedure to adopt in the event of fallen trees blocking parish roads. Initially this would be the responsibility of the landowner, failing which OCC Highways Authority should be contacted. (Tel: 0345 310 1111).
- d) Clearance of ditches at Balhams Lane and Hollandridge.
- Mr.Hunt will contact Mr P. Shaw to ask him to carry out this work on behalf of the parish council.
- RH

15/18 Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

To be confirmed: Thursday, 5th April 2018, 7.00 p.m., at The Village Hall, Russells Water.

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

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Chairman