

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at The Village Hall, Russells Water on Tuesday, 25th January 2011

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

Also present: Mr.Keith Stenning, Oxfordshire County Council Highways Department.
No members of the public.

Mr.Dunn welcomed Mr.Stenning on behalf of the Parish Council.

1. Apologies and reasons for absence Mrs.D.Newell, unwell.
2. Declarations of interests (existence and nature) with regard to items on the Agenda. None.
3. Public participation session with respect to items on the Agenda No public present.
4. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 16th November 2010 These were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
5. Matters Arising None.
6. Planning Applications

P10/E1273	9 Russells Water	SODC approval.	
P10/E1413	Stonor Arms	SODC approval.	
P10/E1425/1426lb	Stonor Arms	SODC approval.	
P10/E1447/1449lb	Stonor Arms	SODC approval.	
P10/E1503lb	Stonor Arms	SODC approval	
P10/E1505ret	Oak Tree Farm, Ch.Cmn	PC refusal; SODC decision awaited. This is now the subject of an appeal. The Parish Council resolved to write to the Planning Inspectorate to reiterate its original views that the application be refused.	PP/TD
P10/E1671	Little Doveswood, Mgv	PC refusal; SODC approval	
P10/E1715	7 Stonor (Keepers Cottage)	PC approval; SODC approval.	
P10/E1892	Bluebell Cottage, 63 Pishill	PC approval; SODC decision awaited.	
P10/1907	Armshill Wood Ctg., Stonor	PC no strong views; SODC decision awaited.	
P10/E1990	The Orchard, RW	PC no strong views; SODC decision awaited.	
P11/E0048	Lodge Farm Cottage, M'gve.	Mr. Godfrey and Mr.Stracey will visit and report prior to PC decision.	PGG/ SS
E/00237/10	Cookley Hill Farm, M'gve.	The Clerk reported that SODC Enforcement (Mr. John Bedford) has agreed enforcement with the owners and the legal documentation is currently being produced. SODC hopes that demolition of the bungalow will have taken place by late Summer 2011.	
APP/Q315/C/10/2136156	Honeysuckle Cottage, RW	Decision of appeal awaited.	
Oxfordshire Core Strategy Review:		Mr.Dunn reported on the current position.	
7. Electoral Review of Oxfordshire This will run from 11th January to 3rd April 2011, when views must have been submitted. It is proposed that every county councillor in each division of the county represents the same number of electors. There are currently 75 members of Oxfordshire County Council and the Review proposes to reduced this to 64 elected members. The Parish Councillors will consider these proposals and report back at the next meeting. (Ref: www.lgbce.org.uk)

8. Election May 2011 The Clerk drew the attention of councillors to the fact that Parish Council elections in South Oxfordshire will take place in May 2011.
All councils are subject to election, whether or not the election is contested. Any councillor wishing to continue has to be nominated. The candidates at the election will be elected unopposed if the number of candidates is not greater than the number of available seats.
9. Finance
The Clerk reported that the balance at Barclays Bank stands at £1411.39. The expected VAT refund has not yet been received. b/f
The SODC Precept has been accepted and will be paid in two instalments during 2011-2012.
The Clerk read a letter from Came & Co., offering to provide a competitive quotation for Parish Council insurance; after discussion it was agreed that details should be sent to this company to establish whether the annual premium currently paid to AON Insurance could be reduced. PP
The Parish Council considered charitable donation requests from Oxon Ryder-Cheshire Volunteers, the Poppy Appeal and Henley & District Citizens' Advice Bureau. It was decided to support the Citizens' Advice Bureau again this year, but to reduce the donation from £35 to £30 on this occasion. PP
Cheques drawn at the meeting:
Ch.no: 100352 Village Hall, Russells Water (mtg hire, 25/1/11 1 ½ hrs @ £6.00 ph) £ 9.00
100353 P.A. Pearce (Clerk's salary + £30 tel exps) £555.00
100354 Citizens' Advice Bureau (donation) £ 30.00
10. High Speed Internet
The Clerk read a letter dated 24th January 2011 from Mr. John Howell, MP, requesting details of local broadband and mobile phone network access. The Clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Howells that considerable difficulty is being experienced in the parish, access for both broadband and mobile phones being generally non-existent or poor. PP
11. Roads
a) OCC Local Representative
b) Ditches near Stonor
c) Potholes at Hollandridge Lane: (Items all combined below):
The Chairman invited Mr.Keith Stenning, Area Steward, Oxfordshire County Council Highways Department, to address the Parish Council.
Mr.Stenning outlined the budget reductions from central government, resulting in a 40% revenue cut on general highway maintenance and a 50% capital budget cut to larger schemes, ie. dual carriageways etc.
All work is to be restricted to 'need'. To report hazardous defects - e.g. potholes of 2" (40mm) deep or more, the Councillors and Clerk and public are encouraged to telephone 0845 310 11 11 or email: highwayenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk.
With regard to salting, green bins for local use are available from OCC at £160.00+VAT per bin. Referring to Hollandridge Lane, Mr.Stenning reported that this had been inspected recently; after discussion, it was agreed that he would look into the possibility of providing 'planings' to be spread by local volunteers. No remedial action can be undertaken by OCC Highways at this time. If it is considered necessary, the implications and mechanism for the 'stopping-up' of Hollandridge Lane may be discussed with Karen O'Sullivan at the Highways Department, Mr.Stenning also agreed to investigate the blocked grips along the B480 between Stonor and Middle Assendon, where water is entering one drain but re-appearing through another on the opposite side of the carriageway. b/f
The Clerk was also asked to write to Mr. Stenning regarding the potholes at Russells Water near to 'The Lookout', and another, not in the Parish, but observed by Mr.Godfrey on the lane between Park Corner and Nuffield. PP
It was noted that some of these highway matters, of which Mr. Stenning was unaware, had already been raised with the County Council; Mr.Stenning agreed to investigate.
d) Speed monitoring, B480 Stonor This cannot be undertaken until the work at the Stonor Arms is complete - to be brought forward. b/f
e) Snow Guide OCC - The Clerk presented the Oxfordshire County Council Snow Guide, which indicates action which can be taken in the event of bad weather.

12. Commons Report
- a) Driving on commons This continues; the Clerk wrote to Thames Valley Police on 20th November 2010 requesting that the area be visited from time to time. The Clerk telephoned the police prior to the meeting and left a message, but there has been no response and therefore no updated information. b/f
- b) Removal of oak tree at Maidensgrove/Park Lane junction
There had been local sadness and concern at the removal of this oak tree. On investigation with Mr.Gulliford of the OCC Arboricultural Department it was established that the tree was suffering from Inonatus Dryadius, necessitating removal of the upper branches, which gave an indication of the extent of the disease. The tree has since been felled.
Mr.Hunt will approach the owners to see whether it would be possible for a replacement to be planted. RH
13. Footpaths Report
Mr.Godfrey advised that the collapsed stile at the junction of Footpath FP22 and Bridleway BR22 has been repaired.
14. Refuse and Waste Management
- a) Fly tipping at Hollandridge No further action can be taken by the Parish Council.
- b) Refuse bins Mr.Godfrey will draw the attention of Pishill residents to the recommendations from SODC regarding the time-scale for leaving rubbish bins on the highway for emptying.
- c) Litter Blitz After discussion it was agreed that the annual Litter Blitz would take place on the weekend of 12th-13th March 2010, and the usual arrangements for collection will apply. ALL
Mr.Hunt will co-ordinate the Litter Blitz and said that filled RH
bags may be left at Upper Assendon Farm for collection by SODC. The Clerk will arrange for empty collecting bags to be brought to the Parish and for the filled bags to be collected by SODC. PP
15. Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012
Mr.Dunn reported that he had received a kind offer from Lord Camoys suggesting that any celebration may be held in the office courtyard at Stonor Park. Mr.Dunn will write to Lord Camoys thanking him, and the matter will be discussed at forthcoming meetings. TD/
ALL
16. Townlands Hospital Update The Clerk read the latest newsletter to the Parish Council - noted.
17. Information Pack Returned and new information pack issued.
18. Any other business
- a) "Preparing for Emergencies" booklet Copies of these were handed to the Parish Councillors for distribution.
- b) ORCC Trading Details were given of this organisation, which plans to reduce the cost of oil to local residents if they are prepared to co-ordinate for deliveries.
19. Items for Parish Magazines Telephone number of OCC Highways for reporting potholes etc. PP
ORCC Trading telephone number and suggestion that a volunteer co-ordinator be appointed.
20. Date, Place and Time of next Meeting To be confirmed: Tuesday, 29th March 2011, 7.00 p.m., The Village Hall, Russells Water.

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

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