

PISHILLWITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at The Almshill Room, Quince Tree, Stonor on Tuesday 22nd January 2013

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

Also present: Cllr. Caroline Newton (County Councillor), 1 parishioner: Lord Camoys.

1. Apologies and reasons for absence District Councillor Revd. Angie Paterson (meeting elsewhere), Sgt. Graham Pink (Thames Valley Police) road traffic accident.
2. Declarations of interests (existence and nature) and dispensations with regard to items on the agenda
Dispensation forms had been completed by all Parish Councillors effective from 2013-2017 inclusive, to be retained by the Clerk. PP
3. Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda Item 9(d).
4. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 20th November 2012 These were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
5. Matters Arising None
6. Planning Applications

P12/S2420/HH Badgers, Stonor	SODC approval.	
PE.00237/10 Cookley Hill Farm, Maidensgrove	No news at present; bring forward.	b/f
P11/E1701 Beech Barn, Russells Water	Verge damage: construction work continues	b/f

Watlington Neighbourhood Plan - No further news at present. TD
South Oxfordshire District Council Core Strategy was adopted on 13th December 2012.
7. Communications

a) Parish Council Website	The Clerk showed monthly analysis sheets provided by SKP, indicating 27 visitors to the site and other information. (Included in Information Pack). The Clerk is to receive further instruction on the use of website and was asked to implement the provision of a 'subscribe/unsubscribe' option for Parish Council emails.	PP
b) Notice board for Pishill	Mr. Godfrey showed a plan of the proposed notice board and reported that he had been able to source a suitable backing material. The Parish Council thanked him for his work to date. The invoices will be settled by Mr. Godfrey, who will be reimbursed by the Parish Council accordingly. (See Finance item 8)	PGG
8. Finance

a) Precept 2013/14	Dispensation forms effective for the period 2013-2017 had been completed by each Parish Councillor and are to be held by the Clerk. The Parish Council confirmed that the Precept should be set at the same rate as 2012/2013: £4800.00, and the Clerk is to return the form to SODC accordingly.	PP
b) Charitable donations	Letters of thanks had been received from the Citizens' Advice Bureau and Pishill Church.	
c) Clearing of ditches in Stonor	The County Council is not carrying out the work requested. The Parish Councillors unanimously agreed to fund this work to a value of £200.00. (See item 9(a))	.. /2

8. Finance (cont)

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| d) | Provision of salt | Discussion took place regarding the possible need for further salt supplies this winter; expenditure agreed unanimously. (<i>See item 9(e)</i>) | |
| e) | Provision of Pishill Notice board | It was agreed that Mr. Godfrey will present the invoices for the costs he incurs to the Parish Council for reimbursement. (<i>See item 7(b)</i>) | |

The Clerk reported that the balance at Barclays Bank stands at £2053.42.

Cheque drawn at the meeting:

Ch.no: 100404 P.A. Pearce (Clerk's wages, 9 weeks @ £52.50 + £20 tel. exps) £492.50

Confirmation of the closure of the Barclays Bank Parish Jubilee Account has been received.

(Account no: 6373691, Sort Code 20-39-53).

The Parish Council has received a cheque for £245.40 after its successful application to the County Councillors' Community Fund (part of the Big Society initiative) for the provision of a tree guard for the Jubilee tree to be planted on Maidensgrove Common, by kind permission of Lord Camoys.

9. Roads

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| a) | Ditches near Stonor | Mr. Hunt reported that these had still not been cleared. After discussion it was decided that the Parish Council should look into the costs of clearing the ditches independently of OCC. Mr. Hunt agreed to investigate. The Parish Council agreed to fund such work to a value of £200.00 (<i>See Roads item 8(c)</i>) | RH |
| b) | Potholes in Russells Water/ Maidensgrove | These are now bad again. Clerk to inform OCC. | PP |
| c) | 'Lodge Farm lane' potholes | Very bad. Clerk to inform OCC again. | PP |
| d) | Hollandridge Lane | Very bad. Cllr. Newton was asked to look into this again. | CN |
| e) | Rock salt provision | Mr. Hunt and Mr. Stracey have been filling the small bins and the yellow bin in Park Lane. Supplies are now low and Mr. Stracey and the Clerk were asked to locate suppliers as the County Council is unable to supply further salt to Parish Councils. The Parish Council agreed to fund further salt supplies if necessary (<i>See Roads item 8(d)</i>) | RH/
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PP |
| f) | Speed Watch | As Sgt. Pink (Thames Valley Police) had been prevented from attendance at the meeting, there is no further news. | b/f |
| g) | Quince Tree parking | A parishioner had contacted the Parish Clerk with regard to the possible provision of double yellow lines to prevent parking in Stonor alongside the Quince Tree and also on the opposite side of the road. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain OCC regulations governing double yellow lines. It was reported that the Quince Tree is making efforts to regulate parking alongside its premises, but has no authority to do other than advise its customers to park with consideration. | PP |
| h) | Triathlon proposals for 2013 | Cllr. Newton had contacted Cllr. Rodney Rose (OCC Deputy Leader). Cllr. Newton was shown an indistinct map of the proposed Route 4, which will affect Rotherfield Peppard, Swyncombe, Sonning Common, Stoke Row, Nuffield and Watlington Parishes, but will avoid Henley. Lord Camoys questioned the Health & Safety issues, and has requested a copy of the risk assessment carried out by OCC prior to the previous year's events, which has not been forthcoming. It was suggested that this could be accessed using the Freedom of Information legislation. Mr. Peter Clark (OCC County Solicitor) has been responsible for ensuring the legality of road closures for the event. The Parish Council decided to attempt to identify a Solicitor or QC who may be willing to give pro bono advice and Lord Camoys | CN/
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9. Roads (cont)
 h) Triathlon proposals for 2013 (cont)
 offered to contact Mr. Michael Macfadyen, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant. The Parish Council agreed to encourage residents to stress their strength of feeling, including using the results of the recently conducted opinion poll.
 It was decided that a meeting of all affected Parish Councils should be arranged, in order to discuss the general view. TD
 A letter* condemning the undemocratic nature of the decision is to be sent from the Parish Council to Mr. John Howell MP, TD/
 copied to the Henley Standard, members of OCC and SODC, PP
 and to the affected local parishes. *(See attached letter of 22/1/13)
10. Commons Report
 a) Driving on commons Nothing to report.
 b) Dog walking responsibilities The Administrator at Stonor Park had contacted the Clerk with reference to dog fouling on the commons. This can be most unpleasant during the months when hay making takes place and the Parish Council was asked to consider whether any action could be taken to minimise the effects. After discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Hunt would contact Mr. Michael Hunt to request that he identifies the commercial dog walkers if possible in order that the Parish Council may write to request that a more responsible attitude be taken re: fouling, particularly during April and May each year. RH
 c) Driving through fields Only one incident recently, reported by Mr. Stracey using '999', but there was no response from Thames Valley Police until 11.30 pm. PP
 d) Jubilee Tree Planting and Big Society fund application A tree donated by Mr. Richard Hunt is to be planted as agreed at some time before the end of February. Lord Camoys has offered a squirrel-proof guard and will officially plant the tree. Due to the vagaries of the weather, it was decided that the planting should take place informally before the end of February and those who wish to attend will be welcome. Mr. Hunt and Mr. Stracey are willing to make the appropriate arrangements. RH/
 SS
 Mr. Hunt will inform Mr. Michael Hunt of the chosen position. RH
 The County Councillors' Community Fund has donated £245.40 towards the purchase of the metal tree guard (See item8) and Cllr. Newton was thanked for her assistance in this respect.
 e) Southern Area Scout Challenge Walk 2013 The Administrator at Stonor Park has informed the Parish Council of a Scout Challenge Walk to be held on 16th February 2013, which will use the Commons as a 'staging post' to check the health of the walkers and to provide refreshment.
11. Footpaths Report
 a) OCC Consultation on Rights of Way Mr. Godfrey is examining the content of this consultation. PGG
 b) Right of Way for pedestrians along B480 Stonor to Pishill Mr. Godfrey had been asked to ascertain the Parish Council view on whether it would be possible to provide a pedestrian path alongside the B480 connecting Stonor and Pishill. This proposal had been examined in the past, when the landowner had declined to offer such a facility and it is understood that his position is unchanged.
12. Thames Valley Police Alert
 A new community messaging service is available from Thames Valley police. Persons wishing to register may do so by contacting www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk. Details to be given on the PC website. PP

13. Refuse and Waste Management
a) Litter Blitz arrangements 2013 Mr. Hunt brought the Litter Blitz 2013 to the attention of the Parish Council. The weekend agreed is 16th-17th March, 2013 and details are to be placed on the Parish Council website. All Parish Councillors will be involved in the litter blitz, which will be co-ordinated by Mr. Hunt. The Clerk will arrange for collection bags to be delivered to Upper Assendon Farm, and also for collection of the resulting refuse. ALL
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PP
14. Townlands Hospital Update Funding for the new hospital is currently under review.
15. Information Pack New pack circulated.
16. Any other business
a) Broadband provision Mr. John Howell MP is to meet BT. District Cllr. Angie Paterson is aware of the meeting arrangements and the Clerk was asked to enquire whether the PC should participate. PP
b) OCC Budget Cllr. Newton reported that County Council funding was cut more severely than anticipated by central Government (reduced by £130m). One of the financial casualties is likely to be that of the Highways Area Local Stewards, resulting in less ditch clearing etc.
17. Items for Parish Magazines Report of meeting; litter blitz; Thames Valley police 'Alert'.
18. Date and Place of next Meeting
Tuesday, 19th March 2013, 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