

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting
held in The Almshill Room at The Quince Tree, Stonor,
on Wednesday, 28th January 2015**

Present Mr.T. Dunn Chairman
Mr. R. Collett
Mr. P.G. Godfrey
Mr. R. Hunt
Mrs. P. Pearce Parish Clerk

Also present: Oxfordshire County Councillor Mr.S.Harrold; 1 parishioner: Mr.S. Haq.

1. Apologies and reasons for absence Mr. S. Stracey, prior engagement.
2. Declarations of interest (existence and nature) and Dispensations with regard to the Agenda
None.
3. Public participation with respect to items on the Agenda Item 7, Broadband
4. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 26th November 2014 These were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
5. Matters Arising
 - a) Capacity of ditch alongside B480 Mr. Hunt reported that, as a result of the relatively dry winter so far, the ditch is not excessively full at present.
 - b) Mobile phone mast Mr. Dunn reported that Harlequin had confirmed the potential of the proposed mast position near to the Coxlease Gate is acceptable as it covers the whole of Stonor and their report has now been submitted. There is still a lot of work and surveys to be done. No timescale has been given. Mr. Dunn has enquired whether Pishill is also covered, and awaits a reply.
The cost will be subsidised by central government and it is likely that the intervention of our MP, Mr. John Howell has had an influence on the potential provision of the mast.
Mr. Dunn will ascertain whether the proposed mast will be 3G or 4G - 4G being preferable for broadband access.
6. Planning Applications

P14/S3470/HH	The Dower House, Stonor	SODC approval, 5/1/15
P14/S3735/FUL+3736LB	Bank Farm, Pishill	PC approval; SODC decision awaited.
P14/S4022/FUL+4023/LB	The Wool House, Strn Pk	PC approval; SODC decision awaited.
P14/S4106/FUL	Stonor Park visitor centre	PC approval; SODC decision awaited.
P14/S4113/FUL	The Old Church, Chr. Cmn	PC refusal; SODC decision awaited.

Watlington Neighbourhood Plan Up-to-date information can be obtained from the website: www.watlingtonnp.org.uk)
7. Local Broadband

Since the last Parish Council meeting, volunteers have delivered details of an initiative - 'Connect8' - inviting parishioners to respond to a brief survey to establish the number of local businesses and private households requiring broadband service, in order to bring pressure to bear on BT for its provision. The survey is also being delivered in other local communities in order to achieve a more persuasive estimate of the numbers likely to require faster broadband.

7. Local Broadband (cont)

Results of the survey are not yet known. It is unclear what Connect8 will do with the information they receive, but it is likely that they will use this to bring pressure to bear on OCC and SODC for provision of 'in-ground' cabling.

Mr. Stephen Haq showed an email he had received from Gigaclear (22/1/15), a broadband provider, stating that "unfortunately we are unable to help you. Stonor is too small an area on its own and there is nothing in the vicinity we could build to that would improve the business case for us", which is disappointing news.

Satellite provision may be the best solution eventually for individual households, but the technology does not currently exist where one satellite could cover more than one pair of semi-detached homes.

With BT it may be possible to receive 2Meg. (For information, parts of Henley currently receive 80 meg). The subsidiary of BT, Open Reach, undertakes the cabling work, but BT must deal equally with all providers and cannot differentiate between, for example, Open Reach and Sky.

Cllr. Steve Harrod is trying to obtain concrete information on when each locality will receive broadband and how much speed will result but, although more money is becoming available, there still appears to be no firm plan.

8. Finance

The Clerk reported that the balance at Barclays Bank stands at £3582.71, which included the grant payment from OCC of £429.00 in respect of the replacement of the Maidensgrove and Russells Water Commons signs.

Cheque drawn since last meeting:

Ch.no: 100450 Evans Graphics Ltd (M'gve&RW Commons signs £357.50+£71.50VAT) £429.00

Cheque drawn at meeting:

Ch.no: 100451 P.A.Pearce (Clerk's wages 8 wks @ £60pw+2 mnths tel exps @ £10) £480+£20
Total: £500.00

Clerk's PAYE arrangements The Clerk had received the necessary forms from the accountants, Douglas Tonks Ltd., and it was agreed that wages should be paid bi-monthly in order to facilitate the necessary calculations. The cost of this service will amount to £120.00 p.a., plus VAT. Mrs. Pearce will complete the forms and send them to Douglas Tonks Ltd. PP

Electoral Register The Clerk had received the draft electoral register for 2015 and had informed SODC of one small alteration.

9. Roads

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| a) | Potholes generally | There are numerous potholes; this is an ongoing situation of which OCC is aware. The Clerk will continue to chase. | PP |
| b) | Assendon Spring | Mr. Hunt reported that the ground water is rising slowly, at approx. ½ metre per month.
Rainfall in January 2014 was 204ml, this year it is approx. 77ml. Cllr. Harrod was urged to pursue the matter of ditch clearance with the Area Steward. | |
| c) | B480 condition | Poor, with a number of potholes between Stonor and Middle Assendon. Clerk to continue to chase. | PP |
| d) | Balham's Lane and Swale ditch Strn.Pk | The Clerk reported that the gullies had been partially emptied, but that Mr. Stracey had reported that the operatives had not completed their work in Balham's Lane and the swale ditch is still untouched. Cllr. Harrod will contact the Area Steward. | |
| e) | Henley Highwayman | The Chairman reported that this event is now finally scheduled for 5-7 June comprising of swimming, running and bicycling. The bicycling route has been decided, but details are not yet forthcoming.
Lord Camoys has been in contact with Mr. Dunn regarding the TD route and Mr. Dunn is attempting to ascertain further information from Savills, one of the sponsors of the event, who have promised to ask the organisers to send the map. | TD |

10. Commons Report
- a) Driving on commons There appears to be no activity at present.
 - b) Driving through fields There have recently been some arrests, which appears to have acted as a deterrent. Quiet at present.
 - c) Maidensgrove & RWtr signs Following the receipt of the grant application payment from OCC, an order has been placed for the replacement signs, pending a final decision on wording. The Chiltern Society will be contacted regarding the CRoW Act details and the Clerk will inform JR Evans Signs accordingly. PP
 - d) Obstruction at Russells Wtr. The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent from the Parish Council to all householders bordering the area of common land currently being obstructed, which it is hoped will solve the problem.
11. Footpaths Report
Footpath P6 from the B480 to Hollandridge is still partially overgrown, but this final area will be cleared before the end of February 2015.
12. Refuse and Waste Management
Mr. Hunt will co-ordinate the annual Litter Blitz to be held over the weekend of 14th-15th March and will organise the Stonor collection. RH
Mr. Stracey will organise from Hollandridge Lane to Park Lane, Stonor. SS
Mr. Dunn will organise Hollandridge Lane. TD
Mr. Godfrey will organise Pishill. PGG
Mr. Collett will organise Maidensgrove and Russells Water. RC
The Clerk will obtain litter bags and arrange collection of resulting refuse. PP
13. Community Action Plan
The Clerk had received confirmation from The Village Hall, Russells Water, The Crown Inn, Pishill and The Quince Tree, Stonor, that they would all offer assistance in the case of local need. Oxfordshire County Council will be informed accordingly. PP
14. Public Meeting on Aircraft Noise over Henley
Mr. Godfrey will attend this public meeting, to be held at 7.30 p.m., on 26th February in Room 2 of the Morris Suite, Christchurch Centre, and chaired by Mr. John Howell MP. PGG
15. Mobile Library Consultation
The Chairman had sent a letter on behalf of the Parish Council urging OCC to continue mobile library services to the Parish. No response has yet been received. TD
16. Parish Communications
The Clerk had contacted Vision ICT enquiring about the possibility of providing MailChimp services, in order to communicate directly with parishioners who had signed up to the parish council website. Awaiting further information. PP
17. Townlands Hospital redevelopment
An invitation to join the re-organised Townlands Hospital Steering Group had been received; after discussion it was decided that the parish councillors were satisfied with the arrangements already made and no further involvement by Pishill with Stonor is currently necessary.
18. Any other business None.
19. Date, Place and Time of next meeting
To be confirmed: Wednesday 25th March, Almshill Room at The Quince Tree, Stonor, 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all those for attending and declared the meeting closed.

.....Chairman.