

**PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at The Village Hall, Russells Water  
on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

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

4 parishioners: Miss M. Burley, Mr.S.Haq, Dr. B.Snell, Mr. L.Vockins

1. Apologies for absence Mr. S. Stracey (away), Mrs.D.Newell (unwell), Cllr. C. Newton (other commitments), Cllr.Revd. Angie Paterson (other commitments).
2. Declarations of interests (existence and nature) and Dispensations with regard to Agenda None.
3. Public participation session with respect to items on the Agenda Items 6, 8 and 14.
4. Minutes of Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2013, and Minutes of Planning Application Meeting P13/S1186/FUL, Quince Tree, Stonor, held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013  
All agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
5. Matters Arising
  - a) From Annual Meeting None
  - b) From Annual Parish Meeting 7a) Broadband provision: Mr.Haq informed the meeting that this was likely to take between 2-4 years to roll out to rural communities. Only one national provider has been chosen, i.e. BT, which gives a lack of competition. After discussion it was agreed that a parish survey should be conducted to ascertain lack of broadband coverage, whether parishioners are aware of alternative facilities and whether parishioners would be prepared to pay towards provision. The Clerk is to liaise with Mr. Haq in the production of the survey, which will be hand-delivered and, if possible, placed on the parish council website. PP/SH ALL
  - c) P13/S1186/FUL Quince Tree Mtg. No decision has been reached by SODC.
6. Planning Applications

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| P13/SO402HH Honeysuckle Ctge., M'gve              | SODC decision awaited.  |
| P13/S0717FUL The Five Horseshoes, M'gve           | SODC approval 28/5/13.  |
| P13/S0763LB The Crown PH, Pishill                 | SODC approval 21/5/13   |
| P13/S1165FUL Beech Barn, RW                       | PC no strong views; SODC approval 21/6/13   |
| P13/S1186/FUL The Quince Tree, Stonor             | PC approval, SODC decision awaited.   |
| P13/S1419HH Island Cottage, M'gve                 | PC no strong views; SODC approval 8/7/13  |
| P13/S1858/FUL Marigay, Russells Wtr               | PC objection, letter sent to SODC;<br>SODC decision awaited.  |
| P13/S1566HH Thatch Cottage, RW<br>and P13/S1567LB | Mr.L.Vockings addressed the meeting, explaining the planned extension, which lies outside the Parish. Councillors considered the proposals and agreed to state no strong views; SODC decision awaited.  |
| Cookley Hill Farm, enforcement                    | The Clerk had spoken to Mr.Robert Cramp at SODC Enforcement; the final date for demolition is 31/7/13. Mr.Cramp confirmed that a demolition contractor had been in contact with SODC and will visit the site on or shortly after 31/7/13. b/f ..2 |

6. Planning Applications (cont)

Whitelands, Pishill

Whitelands lies in Watlington Parish. Preliminary documents had been received from the Agent. Members of the parish council felt that there was an element of urbanisation in the proposals, which may be inappropriate. Mr.Stracey to see documents for further comment.

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Orchard House, Pishill

Mr.Godfrey reported that a new fence had been erected outside this property. The Clerk will inform Watlington parish.

PP

b/f

Consultation on SODC Local Plan:  
Sites and General Policies

This was considered by the PC, but would appear to be more relevant to larger villages and towns.

7. Finance

The Clerk reported that the balance at Barclays Bank stands at £2571.16.

Cheques drawn since last meeting:

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| Ch.no: 100417 Village Hall, RWtr (mtg hire 20/5/13,1½hrs @ £6.00ph) | £ 9.00  |
| 100418 Broker Network (Aviva) Insurance policy no: 24414511CHC      | £265.00 |
| 100419 RJS (Internal Auditor)                                       | £150.00 |

Cheques drawn at the meeting:

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| Ch.no: 100420 Chiltern Society (annual donation 2013-14)   | £ 25.00 |
| 100421 P.A.Pearce (Clerk's wages 9 wks @ £60 pw+2 mnths tel exps @ £10pm)  | £560.00 |
| 100422 Petty Cash  | £100.00 |
| 100423 Village Hall, RWtr (mtg hire 9/7/13 1½hrs @ £6.00ph)  | £ 9.00  |
| 100424 LexisNexis (purchase of Charles Arnold-Baker "Local Council Administration" 9 <sup>th</sup> edition - agreed by Parish Council) | £ 65.45 |

The Annual Return had been agreed by the internal auditor and submitted to the external auditor, BDO Stoy Hayward.

Stonor Bus Shelter Repair to the window was discussed. It was agreed that both windows should be removed and the bus shelter redecorated. An estimate to be requested from Mr.K. Pearce.

PP

Stonor telephone box Mr.Haq gave details: the cost of a red 'original' telephone box is likely to be £2000-£2500, which is a figure in excess of what could be afforded by the Parish Council; it would be necessary for Stonor residents to assist with funding, the Parish Council may then consider offering a donation. The County Councillor's Community Fund could also be approached.

BT will not install telephone equipment in the box and therefore the red box would have to have an alternative use. The siting could become an issue, as it would not be possible to use the existing area. Mr.Haq is in contact with a retired BT executive who may be able to assist.

When further information is received, the Parish Council will enquire from Stonor residents whether they would wish to have an alternative facility, i.e. defibrillator, etc.

8. Roads

a) Balham's Lane

No further progress; Clerk to contact OCC again.

PP

b) Triathlon update

In spite of Just Racing's submission to Thames Valley Police that roads could re-open at 2.00 p.m., OCC have issued a Special Event Notice permitting 12-14 hours closure of roads on the route; this has met with widespread dismay and is being challenged by affected parishes.

PC to write to Mr. P. Ronald (OCC) expressing serious concern at this change of plan.

TD/PP

County Councillor Caroline Newton is contesting this change on behalf of the local residents.

c) Speedwatch

Sgt. Pink (Thames Valley Police) has been unable to arrange a survey in Stonor, but will attempt to arrange a Speed Camera Van to visit. Clerk to chase.

PP

d) Parish potholes

These still cause concern; the Clerk has contacted OCC again but insufficient funds/staff are available for an immediate response.

Prof. T.Kempner of Maidensgrove has requested that the PC write in support of the purchase of a Jetpatcher to assist with maintenance.

PP

Dr. Snell mentioned that the tar is coming through the surface dressing

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8. Roads (cont)
- d) Parish potholes (cont) of the B480 between Hollandridge Lane and ‘The Crown’ at Pishill; the Clerk will report this to OCC. PP
- e) Assendon Spring The Clerk has received enquiries from Mrs. Claire Dunk, Parish Clerk, Bix & Assendon PC. Bix & Assendon residents are being pressed to acknowledge that riparian owners should be responsible for the maintenance of the drainage ditches and grips along the B480, which they dispute. An initial meeting is proposed between SODC, OCC, Monson (SODC contractors), Environment Agency, county councillors, district councillors, Bix & Assendon parish councillors and clerk, and Pishill with Stonor parish councillors. It is hoped to finally establish ALL responsibilities. (Proposed date for meeting is Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> August). PP
- f) Rock Salt Supplies Clerk to request one free bag of salt to be delivered as in 2012. PP
9. Oxfordshire Emergency Planning Survey The Parish Councillors agreed to distribute the booklets produced by OCC, and the Clerk will complete the survey on behalf of the PC. ALL PP
10. Commons Report Nothing to report.
11. Footpaths Report Nothing to report.
12. Refuse & Waste Management Nothing to report.
13. Parish Communications Mr. Godfrey suggested that the PC advertise the website again; after discussion it was agreed to add a flyer to the next copy of the Benefice ‘Link’ to be delivered in Stonor and Pishill, and also to place a small item within the Link magazine itself. PP
14. Any other business
- a) Change of property name: Walnut Tree Cottage, Pishill is now to be known at ‘Willow Cottage’, The Old Road, Pishill, RG9 6HS.
- b) Town & Parish Forum, SODC This event will take place on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 5.30-9.00p.m., councillors are invited to submit topics. ALL Councillors and Clerk are invited to attend.
- c) Thames Valley Police Report Dr. Snell requested that Sgt. Pink be asked to submit a crime report prior to each parish council meeting; Clerk to enquire whether this would be possible. PP
15. Date, Place and Time of next meeting Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2013, in The Almshill Room, The Quince Tree, Stonor, at 7.00 p.m.

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

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Chairman