

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at
The Village Hall, Russells Water on
Tuesday 5th July 2016**

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

Also present: Mr. M. Williams (RW)

1. Apologies and reasons for absence Mr. S. Haq (Broadband Champion) prior engagement
2. Declarations of interests (existence and nature) with regard to Agenda None.
3. Public participation session with respect to items on the Agenda Mr. M. Williams - Item 12(c).
4. Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 17th May 2016 The were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
5. Matters Arising from Annual Parish Council Meeting None.
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7. Matters Arising from Annual Meeting
 - a) Mobile phone mast Mr.Hunt reported that a survey was carried out in June, but neither he, nor Mr.Dunn, have had any further news as yet. TD/RH
 - b) Hundred Hills Vinyd Mr.Godfrey had contacted the owner, Mr.S.Duckett, who has requested that any complaints or comments regarding the vineyard should be addressed to him directly. In the meantime, Mr.Duckett has agreed not to use noisy equipment before 9am at weekends and bank holidays.
 - c) HM The Queen's 90th Birthday (12/6/16) Mr.Dunn responded on behalf of the parish councillors and parishioners, thanking Mr. and Mrs. Stracey for all their hard work in making the Party such a memorable event.
 - d) Unitary Workshop Mr.Hunt had represented the Parish at this workshop at which it became obvious that Town Councils and Parish Councils expect very different outcomes from the devolution of powers. Town Councils appear keen to utilise the revenue from car parking etc., for the provision of, for example, children's play areas, libraries etc., whereas Parish Councils wish to use the revenue for pot hole repair, grass cutting etc. Mr.Hunt felt that any devolution would not take place before next year and that the responsibilities involved would require the Clerk, plus a Parish Councillor, to take on the resulting extra work. Mr.Hunt felt that the meeting was very confused with a number of differing opinions.
8. Planning Applications

P16/S1140/FUL	Longwood, Maidensgrove.	A number of neighbour's objections had been sent to SODC; SODC decision awaited.
South Draft Design	Mr.Dunn had received this report but had no observations to make.	

10. Parish Communications

a) Broadband (cont)

as to timing, but it is important to note that this is updated quarterly by virtue of progress and funding boosts from clawbacks and other mechanisms. This has the effect of changes in schedules.

Connect8 would welcome an e mail to confirm support for the backhaul fibre proposal at Stonor Park and we are trying to establish whether a nicely disguised pole at the brow of the hill hidden in a copse, but providing essential infrastructure, does require planning consent and Roger Carey from VN has met with Thomas Dunn to explain more of this in detail”

The Parish Council agreed to send the requested email confirming support to Connect8. TD/PP

b) Communications link for interested parishioners

The Clerk reported that a number of parishioners had replied to the Queen’s Birthday Party invitation including their email addresses and these had been put into an email contact group. The Clerk had subsequently sent all contact group members details of the parish council meeting, indicating that the agenda was available on the website.

11. Roads

a) Parish potholes

The general situation has not improved. Clerk to chase, including Park Lane and Russells Water. PP

b) Balham’s Lane and Stonor Park ditch

Work still not completed. On 1st July, the Clerk had received a telephone call from Mr. James Freeman of OCC Highways, who promised to speak to Mr.Gordon Hunt regarding the grips and Stonor Park ditch. PP

c) Possibility of Parish Council organising pot hole repairs in future

The Clerk had attempted to obtain a ‘ball park’ estimate of pot hole repairs from Hazell & Jeffries, but a reply had not been received. Mr. Hunt will contact Hazell & Jeffries also. RH/PP

12. Commons Report

a) Driving on Maidensgrove

/Russells Water Common Nothing to report.

b) Driving through fields Nothing to report.

c) Verge damage at Russells Water

Representations had been received from Mr. M. Williams, who was present at the meeting, regarding the damage to a verge at Russells Water. Mr. Williams was invited to address the Parish Councillors and was assured that, when the work to Beech Barn was nearing completion, the Parish Council would contact the owner, Mr.H.Cobbold, requesting reinstatement of the verge. RC/PP

13. Footpaths Report

Nothing to report.

14. Refuse & Waste Management Nothing to report

15. Any other business

a) Proposed bus service Watlington to Henley

The Clerk reported that Mr. Peter Richardson had contacted the Parish Council requesting a volunteer to assist in the introduction of a bus service linking Watlington and Henley. Mr.Ricardson has been told that there are 70 buses which are used only for part of each day and suggests a service running twice in the morning and twice in the afternoon with an additional stop at Stonor Park. It seems likely that the M1 service from Watlington to Reading via Nettlebed will be lost. Mr.Bob Clements from Stonor had volunteered to assist Mr. Richardson, but the Parish Councillors felt such a service was unlikely to be frequently used. ..4

15. Any other business (cont)
 - b) SODC Town & Parish Summer Forum Unfortunately no one was available to attend this event.
16. Date, place and time of next meeting To be confirmed: Tuesday, 13th September 2016, at The Village Hall Russells Water, 7.00 p.m.
17. Close of meeting There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

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Chairman