PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

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

Mr. T. Dunn Chairman Present

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)

- Apologies and reasons for absence Mr. S. Haq (Broadband Champion) prior engagement 1.
- 2. Declarations of interests (existence and nature) with regard to Agenda None.
- Public participation session with respect to items on the Agenda Mr. M. Williams Item 12(c). 3.
- Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 17th May 2016 The were agreed as a true record 4. and duly signed by the Chairman.
- Matters Arising from Annual Parish Council Meeting None. 5.
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7. Matters Arising from Annual Meeting

Mr. Hunt reported that a survey was carried out in June, but a) Mobile phone mast neither he, nor Mr. Dunn, have had any further news as yet. TD/RH

Hundred Hills Vinyd Mr. Godfrey had contacted the owner, Mr.S. Duckett, who b)

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.

HM The Queen's 90th Mr.Dunn responded on behalf of the parish councillors and c) Birthday (12/6/16) parishioners, thanking Mr. and Mrs. Stracey for all their hard

work in making the Party such a memorable event.

Mr. Hunt had represented the Parish at this workshop at which Unitary Workshop d)

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.

9. <u>Finance</u>

a) Bank balance The Clerk reported that the bank balance stands at £3459.96.

Cheque drawn since previous meeting:

Ch.no: 100484 Came & Company Broker Network Insurance

(1/6/16-31/5/17)

£276.49

Cheques drawn at meeting:

Ch.no: 100485 Pishill with Stonor PC (transfer of SODC Queen's 90th birthday

party grant from main a/c to Queen's Party account) £186.00 100486 Village Hall Russ. Wtr (mtg hire 1½ hrs @ £12 ph) £ 18.00

100487 P.A. Pearce (Clerk's wages 7wks @ £60pw [£420]+2 mnths

£490.00 tel.exps £20 + Petty Cash £50)

b) VAT receipt

The requested refund of £153.96 had been received

c) Audit

BDO LLP, the external auditor, had contacted the Clerk with two queries; (1) whether the tree guard and salt bin purchased recently are 'fixed assets' and (2) whether the Parish Council had contacted

HMRC regarding the need to be the employer of the Clerk.

The Clerk had responded (1) that neither tree guard nor salt bin are physically 'fixed' to the ground, or any object, and she would appreciate the advice of BDO on this matter, and (2) that she had written to HMRC on this matter on 24th May 2016 and is awaiting a reply, after which she will contact BDO accordingly.

d) Transparency Code

Notification had been received that the grant application of £673.50 towards purchase of a laptop and printer to provide Parish Council with the necessary equipment for implementation of the Transparency Code had been approved by NALC. Monies will be released via OALC and transferred to the Parish Council shortly.

e) HM The Queen's Birthday Party accounts

These were presented to the Parish Councillors. Total income was £1176.00, total expenditure was £989.24, leaving a balance of £186.76. If no other expenditure requests are received, Mr.Stracey suggested that the balance should be divided between the Village Hall at Russells Water and Stonor Cricket Club. Decision to be finalised at next meeting. **ALL**

f) Charity requests

None received.

g) Clerk's wages

Mr.Stracey proposed that the Clerk's hours should be increased from 5 to 6 per week, carried unanimously. The Clerk thanked the Parish Councillors.

10. Parish Communications

a) Local Broadband

Mr. Haq was unable to attend the meeting but had arranged for a report to be sent from Mr.P.Richardson. This is shown below:

"Connect8 have made further progress on two fronts - agreement has been reached with Stonor Park to use existing fibre connections to link to a special "telegraph pole" style of distribution point that will have line of sight to the Britwell Hill masts. This should allow Village Networks (VN) to commence delivery of wireless broadband as from September. At the same time, this facility at Stonor Park will provide a benefit to Stonor itself and through a link to Pishill, subject to further investigation.

At the same time we have been talking extensively to the OCC Better Broadband team, who do appreciate that the VN wireless provides an additional layer of connectivity for those premises that will not benefit from the two cabinets at Stonor and one at Pishill that are now scheduled. The OCC Better broadband coverage map should now give detailed information

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. PР

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

c) Verge damage at Russells Water

Nothing to report.

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

Footpaths Report Nothing to report.

14. Refuse & Waste Management Nothing to report

15. Any other business

13.

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 liking 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. <u>Date, place and time of next meeting</u> 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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