

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at the Village Hall, Russells Water, Monday 29th June 2015

<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	Parish Clerk

Also present Cllr. S. Harrod (Oxfordshire County Council), Cllr. Anna Badcock (South Oxfordshire District Council).

1. Apologies and reasons for absence Mr.Stephen Haq.
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 No public present.
4. Address by Oxfordshire County Councillor, Cllr. Steve Harrod
Cllr.Harrod reported that the Assendon Spring ditch is a 'long-term project'.
The B480 will be repaired shortly using a 'Dragon Patcher', which operates using a flail and is therefore unsuitable for areas where cars are parked. When areas requiring repair have been paint-marked, the County Council is liable for any damages to vehicles for 28 days after a road inspection.
Cllr.Harrod also said that he will be tabling a resolution at OCC to regulate sportive and other cycling events.
5. Address by South Oxfordshire District Councillor, Cllr. Anna Badcock
Cllr.Badcock reported that it is possible that faster broadband speeds will be available in the Parish during 2017. Connect8's contact, Mr. William Perrin, hopes to negotiate the use of a microwave radio on the ex-Ministry of Defence mast at Christmas Common, or alternatively on the police mast at Britwell Hill. Negotiations are proceeding with the Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police. Mr.Dunn pointed out the possible availability of a mast at the top of Hollandridge Lane, of which Cllr.Badcock was unaware. The Parish is in the 'last 5%' of areas where broadband will be made available, and Ed Vaizey, MP for Wantage and Minister for Business, Innovation and Skills, has a mandate to deliver broadband to these areas.
Following the fire, SODC is moving to Milton Park for the next 4 years, with the Planning Department remaining at Howden Park (next to former SODC offices). Best contact method is via email.
In view of the SODC Five Year Housing Supply Position, Cllr.Badcock suggested that the parish councillors should consider producing a Community-Led Plan as, in view of the failure of SODC to allocate sufficient building land, the parish could be vulnerable. An AONB offers no protection from developer applications in these circumstances.. There is to be a meeting held at Steventon Village Hall on 15th July to assist with information on such plans. ALL
6. Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 11th May 2015. These were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
7. Matters Arising from Annual Meeting
 - a) Evelyn Trust trees Mr.Dunn read a letter from Batcheller Monkhouse stating that an inspection had been made and work on the trees adjoining Pishill Church will be undertaken, but the trees near to Longwood, Maidensgrove, are not considered to require attention at this time.

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- a) Mobile phone mast There is no recent news
 - b) Verges in Pishill Mr. Godfrey is to meet Mr. S. Ducker, Hundred Hills Vineyard owner (Bank Farm), to discuss verge trimming. It was suggested a 'walker's path' could be trimmed, leaving a substantial area of verge untrimmed in order that wild flowers can continue to grow and to discourage car parking. PGG
10. Planning Applications
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| P14/S4113/FUL | Old Church, Christmas Common | SODC decision awaited. |
| P15/S1152/HH | New boundary wall, 22+23 Stonor | SODC permission 5/6/15. |
| P15/S1300/HH | Longwood, Maidensgrove | SODC permission 19/6/15. |
| P15/S1956/FUL | Beech Barn, Russells Water | Application received, parish cllrs to consult neighbours and respond. ALL |
- SODC Five Year Housing Supply Position (letter circulated to Cllrs) This was discussed and it was agreed that the councillors would investigate Community-Led Plans. ALL
11. Local Broadband see Cllr. Badcock's address item (5).
Mr. Godfrey reported that Mr. S. Duckett, Hundred Hills Vineyard, is lobbying strenuously, but our Broadband Champion, Mr. Stephen Haq is not fully convinced of the 2017 promise.
12. Finance
- The Clerk reported that the balance at Barclays Bank stands at £3856.26, which includes a repayment from HMRC VAT of £144.32, received since the last meeting.
- Cheque issued since last meeting:
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| Ch.no: 100460 | RJS (IA) internal auditor | £150.00 |
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- Cheques issued at the meeting:
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| Ch.no: 100461 | Vision ICT (website hosting and support 2015-16) | £288.00 |
| 100462 | Village Hall, Russells Water (mtg hire 2 hrs @ £12 ph) | £ 24.00 |
| 100463 | SODC (uncontested election fee) | £ 85.00 |
| 100464 | P.A. Pearce (Clerk's wages 8 wks @ £60 + 2 mnths tel exps £20) | £500.00 |
| 100465 | Chiltern Society (Ann. don.) | £ 25.00 |
- Douglas Tonks Payroll Service*
- The Clerk reported that OALC had issued a warning in their June newsletter (p.14) that there are 'continuing problems with the Douglas Tonks payroll service' and OALC suggests that their performance is reviewed. The councillors agreed that the Clerk should contact an independent PP accountant to provide this service.
13. Roads
- a) Parish potholes See OCC Cllr. Report, item 4
 - b) Assendon Spring See OCC Cllr. Report, item 4. Mr. Hunt had nothing further to add.
 - c) B480 cond. generally See OCC Cllr. Report, item 4
 - d) Balham's Lane ditch See OCC Cllr. Report, item 4. 'Little Balham's has recently been sold, and the Clerk was asked to draw this to the attention of the County Councillor. PP
 - e) 'Henley Highwayman' No adverse comments received; see also OCC Cllr. Report, item 4. The 'Wiggle Chilterns Classic' event held on 27th June did cause considerable inconvenience locally.
14. Commons Report
- a) Driving on Maidensgrove /Russells Water Common Nothing to report.
 - b) Driving through fields Nothing to report.

14. Commons Report (cont)
c) Commons Signs It had been suggested that two further signs be erected and Lord Camoys had granted permission. Mr. Richard Hunt will liaise with Mr. Michael Hunt and Mr. Pearce. RH
15. Footpaths Report Nothing to report.
16. Refuse & Waste Management Nothing to report
17. Mobile Library The Clerk reported that the route had been altered and the Library van will now call at Middle Assendon and Maidensgrove, omitting Stonor, in spite of there being only one subscriber at Maidensgrove, but between 3-5 in Stonor. The mobile library will be arranging for an elderly householder in Stonor to receive a personal delivery. The councillors considered that this route change seems inexplicable.
18. Any other business
a) Winter Salt Supplies Details had been received for Winter 2015. A further single bag is to be requested. Following discussion, the Clerk was asked to enquire whether another salt bin, in green, could be provided for Park Lane. Mr.Stracey will also make enquiries. SS/PP
b) Tree guard for Jubilee tree, M'gve A park guard is to be ordered for the Jubilee tree, as it is out-growing the original temporary guard. Mr.Stracey and the Clerk to liaise. SS/PP
c) OALC Ann.Mtg Mr. Hunt hopes to attend. RH
6/7/15, Didcot
7-7.30-9.00
d) Laminated Planning Notices The Clerk was asked to investigate whether these notices are still required. PP
19. Date, place and time of next meeting September 2015 at The Quince Tree, Stonor.
To be confirmed.
20. Close of meeting
There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

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Chairman