

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting held at The Village Hall, Russells Water on
Tuesday, 19th March 2013**

Present Mr.T.Dunn Chairman
Mr.S.Stracey Vice-Chairman
Mr.P.G. Godfrey
Mr.R. Hunt
Mrs. D. Newell
Mrs. P. Pearce Parish Clerk

Also present: Cllr. Angie Paterson (South Oxfordshire District Councillor),
3 parishioners: Miss M. Burley, Mrs. S. Reed, Dr. B. Snell

1. Apologies and reasons for absence County Councillor Caroline Newton (meeting elsewhere).
2. Declaration of interests (existence and nature) and dispensations with regard to items on the agenda
None.
3. Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda Noted.
4. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd January 2013 These were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
5. Matters Arising
16(a) Broadband provision The Clerk had approached Mr. and Mrs. A. Evans, and Mr.S. Haq with regard to the Broadband Champion initiative by OCC. Mr. and Mrs. Evans had declined but could offer occasional back-up; Mr.Haq had agreed to investigate the full implications of the role. If Mr Haq is unable to commit to this, the Clerk will enquire elsewhere. PP
Councillor Newton (OCC) had reported that negotiations should be concluded by the end of March and Cabinet will consider and hopefully sign off in late May. OCC has applied to central government for extra finance, a decision on which should be received by 22nd March.
6. Planning Applications
 - a) P13/S0031EX Hawthorn Hse, M'gve PC approved; SODC permission granted 8/3/13.
 - b) P13/S0168HH Marigay, RW Amendment 3: PC no strong views; SODC decision awaited.
 - c) P13/S0402HH Honeysuckle Cttd, Mgv PC refusal; SODC Planning Enforcement (Mr.T. Small) is investigating the erection of a new building on the site, prior to planning consent being considered.
 - d) PE.00237/10 Cookley Hill Farm,Mgv No news at present. b/f
 - e) P11/E1701 Beech Barn, RW Verge damage; construction work continues b/f
 - f) SODC Core Strategy This has been received and is designed to protect the district by restricting new development to designated areas.
 - g) Container at rear of The Crown The field is to be sold and the owner confirms that the container issue 'will be sorted' at the time of sale.
 - h) Repair to barn adjacent to Dower Batchelor Monkhouse (agents to Evelyn Trust) confirm that these essential repairs are being carried out by Mr.Ian Latter (builder) with their knowledge. Coping stones to the boundary wall have recently been stolen.
 - i) Watlington Neighbourhood Plan Cllr. Paterson reported that work on the plan is currently stalled, awaiting advice from the Dept of Communities & Local Government on how to manage the issue of sites excluded from consideration when they are not part of the parish. b/f

7. Communications
- a) Parish Council Website The Clerk presented analytics details received from SKP Solutions. The website is being used and it was suggested that reminders of the website address should be placed on the notice boards and within the Minutes. PP
A 'subscribe/unsubscribe' option is now included on the website to enable the parish council to send out occasional information. This facility is being handled by SKP.
- b) Notice board for Pishill Mr. Godfrey reported that the timber has arrived for the new board, but posts are still to be sourced. Work is in hand. PGG
8. Finance
- a) The Clerk reported that the balance at Barclays Bank stands at £1806.32.
Cheques drawn at the meeting:
Ch.no: 100405 Oxfordshire Assoc. of Local Councils annual sub 2013-14 £133.07
100406 Oxfordshire Rural Community Council annual sub 2013-14 £ 30.00
100407 SKP Solutions (website training) £ 72.00
100408 Cancelled
100409 P.A.Pearce (Clerk's wages to 31/3/13 £488.20+ £20.00 tel exps) £508.20
100410 Village Hall, Russells Wtr (hire for meeting 19/3/13, 2 hrs @ £6)£ 12.00
- b) Subscriptions and charitable donations None
- c) Ditches in Stonor Mr. Hunt reported that he had negotiated a fee of £80.00 with Mr. Philip Shaw to clear the blocked ditches in Stonor. (*see Roads 9a*)
9. Roads
- a) Ditches in Stonor Mr. Hunt has asked Mr. Philip Shaw to clear these (*see Finance 8c*)
Cllr. Paterson suggested that Mr. John Howell's Office may be able to assist in connection with a contact to the Environment Agency, who may be willing to undertake the work in future.
Clerk to send details to Mr. Howell's office. PP
- b) Potholes in Russells Water/Maidensgrove Mrs. Newell reported that these remained bad and requested that Mr. Shaw also be asked to examine the ditch on the corner by 'Snowball Hill', Russells Water. It was agreed that this could be done following the satisfactory clearing of the Stonor ditches. RH
- c) 'Lodge Farm Lane' potholes Nothing done yet but OCC are aware and have assured the Clerk that inspection will take place soon.
- d) Hollandridge Lane The County Council is not responding to requests for help. Mr. Dunn is obtaining a quotation for repair work personally and Mr. Hunt agreed to contact Mr. Keith Stenning (OCC Highways) for a supply of planings should these be required. RH
- e) Balham's Lane Repairs were marked, but snow fell and the markings disappeared. PP
- f) Triathlon 8th September A letter has been sent to Oxfordshire County Council from two local lawyers pointing out that it is possible that the previous and proposed events may be illegal under Road Traffic Acts. The matter is being brought to full Cabinet at OCC on 2nd April and County Cllr. Caroline Newton urges those affected to attend. ALL
- g) Salt supplies It is hoped that the remaining salt supplies will be sufficient.
- h) Temporary Road Closure, B480 Pishill Patemore Lane, Pishill from 15th-20th April. Included on website.
- i) Temporary Road Closure, Watlington Cllr. Paterson drew the attention of the meeting to a road closure on Sunday, 24th March, which will completely close the centre of Watlington. Clerk to put details onto website. PP
- i) Speedwatch The Clerk had received some information from Thames Valley Police (Sgt. Graham Pink), regarding speeding in the Assendons, but there is insufficient detail. She will contact Sgt. Pink again. PP

10. Commons Report
- a) Driving on commons Mrs.Newell reported that there was some evidence of this, but she had not observed any vehicles responsible.
 - b) Motor cycles on Maidensgrove Cmn. This had been reported recently and the police are aware, but no further details have emerged.
 - c) Dog walking responsibilities Fouling is becoming an increasing problem. The parish council has received a report that, following a return from holiday, a local resident had removed 34 bags of dog faeces in one day alone. The Clerk was asked to write to the Henley Standard accordingly. PP
 - d) Driving through fields Mr.Hunt reported that a vehicle had entered a field adjacent to Upper Assendon Farm, following cutting of the wire fence. No one was apprehended.
 - e) Jubilee Tree Planting Due to inclement weather this had not yet taken place but is scheduled for Friday, 22nd March 2013 at 5.30 p.m. Mr.Stracey is to contact Lord Camoys to invite him to attend, and to organise the provision of a tree guard. SS
11. Footpaths Report
- a) Generally Mr.Godfrey reported that there are no issues with any of the footpaths at present.
 - b) OCC Consultation on RoWIP1 and RoWIP2 Mr.Godfrey had read the consultation documents and felt that the local footpaths are well maintained.
12. Refuse & Waste Management
- a) Litter Blitz 2013 Mr. Hunt reported that the litter blitz had gone smoothly and thanked all those parishioners and councillors who had so kindly given their time. Clerk to place note of thanks on to the website. PP
 - b) District 'Deep Clean' Cllr. Paterson reported that SODC will be organising a 'Deep Clean' operation this year, which aims to collect as much rubbish from publicly inaccessible places as possible.
13. Townlands Hospital Update Nothing to report at present.
14. Information Pack Circulated.
15. Any other business
- a) Thefts A number of thefts had taken place locally in Russells Water and Park Corner. Residents are advised to be vigilant. Clerk to post on to website. PP
16. Items for Parish Magazines Report of meeting; date, place and time of Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting. PP
17. Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting:
Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting - to be confirmed: Thursday, 2nd May, 2013, The Almshill Room, Quince Tree, Stonor at 7.00 p.m. PP

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

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Chairman.