

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at The Village Hall, Russells Water on Tuesday, 29th November 2011

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: Thames Valley PCSO Colin Boyes.
9 members of the public: Mr. and Mrs. R. Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Drucker, Mr. and Mrs. D. Reed,
Mr. and Mrs. M. Messenger, Dr. B. Snell.

The Chairman welcomed PCSO Colin Boyes and all the members of the public.

1. Apologies and reasons for absence None.
2. Declarations of interests (existence and nature) with regard to items on the Agenda None.
3. Public participation session with respect to items on the Agenda Members of the public had noted in the book provided that they wished to participate in items 5, 7, 9(d), 11, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21.
4. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 27th September 2011 These were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
5. Matters Arising from Parish Council Meeting held on 27th September 2011 None.
6. Thames Valley Police - PCSO Colin Boyes.

PCSO Boyes opened by explaining that he is part of a three-person team who will be responsible for 12 local parishes, under Superintendent Barbara Taylor. PCSO Boyes outlined the current speeding procedures using the Sentinel vehicle, which has number plate and speed recognition features. The Speed Indicator Device (SID) has not been used within the Parish recently. Regarding Neighbourhood Watch and crime reduction, information regarding these services can now be sent to individuals by email, free of charge, using www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org. PCSO Boyes asked the Parish Council to endeavour to encourage individuals to act as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators for Stonor, for Pishill and for Russells Water. It is understood that Mr. John Scullard continues to act as co-ordinator for Maidensgrove. PCSO Boyes also requested that names of any vulnerable local people be given to the police, in order that visits can be made regularly to check on their welfare. (The Clerk will collect information and forward accordingly) PCSO Boyes also requested details of local farmers.

The Parish Council drew attention to the poor response rates for reporting deer-chasing. Additionally, the Dogwatch Scheme has delivered security and crime prevention information more rapidly than the Thames Valley Police, which took 36 hours to report the theft of lead from Nettlebed Church.

Finally, PCSO Boyes pointed out that the Thames Valley Police non-emergency telephone number has been changed to **101**. (The emergency number remains as 999).

The Chairman thanked PCSO Boyes for his attendance at the meeting, and also for the useful information provided.

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RH/SS/PP
7. Communications - The way forward for the Parish Council

Mr. Dunn thanked the working group, comprising Cllr. Godfrey, Mrs. Sue Reed and Dr. Barbara Snell, for their very considerable commitment, resulting in the comprehensive report distributed to parish councillors prior to the meeting.

He invited Cllr. Godfrey to outline the findings for the members of the public. Cllr. Godfrey also paid tribute to the working group, who had contacted 137 households in the Parish, out of a

7. Communications - the way forward for the Parish Council (cont)

possible 148. 85% of the replies were returned, and some are still arriving. Of those received, 91% felt that a parish council website would be useful and 93% indicated that they would be prepared to pay towards its provision.

The working group considered that the above response gave a mandate to provide a suitable website, and the finance connected to this should be provided by the parish council. (*See Finance - 9*).

It is now necessary to ascertain which type of website to provide. It was considered that the website must be of good quality and easy to use. It was felt that it would be helpful to co-opt a knowledgeable person to assist with this part of the process.

It is proposed that the website will be monitored and, at the end of the first year of operation, comments would be invited as to how, if necessary, it could be improved.

8. Planning Applications

P11/E0981	8 Russells Water	SODC approval.	
P11/E1283RET)	Cookley Hill Farm, M'gve	Application withdrawn. SODC report that an Enforcement Notice is to be served within the next two days. There will then be eighteen months for compliance, so that the Five Horseshoes can find alternative accommodation for their employees ("therefore helping the small business").	b/f
PE.00237/10)	Cooley Hill Farm, M'gve		
P11/E1701	Beech Barn, RW.	SODC Planning Officer Mrs. Bowerman is minded to grant this application, which has the support of District Councillor Revd. Angie Paterson. Swyncombe PC (in whose Parish Beech Barn is situated) feels strongly against the proposals and has proposed a meeting with the neighbours and SODC, to which Pishill with Stonor PC has been invited. Cllr. Doreen Newell will attend.	DN
P11/E1771/EX	Whitfield Bungalow, RW	PC no strong views; SODC decision awaited.	
Also	Brackenhurst, RW	Confirmation had been received that the owners of Brackenhurst had been granted permission by Lord Camoys to deposit spoil into a dip on Maidensgrove Common. It was suggested that the owners should first clear this with SODC Planning, and Cllr. Newell will liaise.	DN

9. Finance

The Clerk reported that the balance at Barclays Bank stands at £2310.83, the 2nd instalment of SODC Precept having been received on 30th September 2011.

The Clerk requested that an up-to-date copy of Charles Arnold Baker 'Local Government Administration' be purchased, the cost not to exceed £74.00 - agreed. PP

The Clerk drew Councillors' attention to the 'de-lamination' of the backing board to the Maidensgrove notice board, which is in need of renewal. The Clerk was asked to seek a suitable supplier and estimate. PP

The Parish Councillors considered the budget prepared by the Clerk, given to members prior to the meeting. In response to the presentation by the website working group (*see item 7*) and following discussion, it was agreed that an additional £300.00 be requested from SODC, with the intention that this will provide funds towards the provision of a Parish Council website up to a maximum of £750.00.

It was therefore resolved that the Precept request for 2012/2013 should be £4800.00.

The Clerk to advise SODC. PP

In response to a request from South & Vale Carers Centre, it was agreed to donate £50.00 for 2011/12, in respect of the support given by them to a voluntary carer in the Parish.

9. Finance (cont)
 Cheques drawn at the meeting:
 Ch.no: 100373 Village Hall R.Wtr (2 meetings hire: 27/9/11 2 ½ hrs+29/11/11 2hrs @ £6.00 ph) £ 27.00
 100374 P.A. Pearce (Clerk's wages Oct+Nov @ £202.15pm + £20 tel exps) £424.30
 100375 South & Vale Carers (donation) £ 50.00
10. SODC Corporate Plan Consultation Passed to Cllr. Stracey for comment and return. SS
11. Roads
- a) Provision of planings These continue to arrive when available; item to be removed from agenda. PP
- b) Surface water flooding The Clerk had been contacted by OCC Highways giving information that the Environment Agency now had monitoring equipment for the rise of surface water and enquiring whether the Parish Council would prefer to be alerted by OCC or the EA. The Councillors decided that OCC should inform the Parish Council on the basis that they will then be aware of the need to assist. Clerk to inform OCC. PP
- c) Ditches near Stonor The Parish Council has been informed that OCC intends to re-cut the grips in December 2011. To be monitored. RH/PP
- d) Potholes in Hollandridge Lane A letter from a resident was read to the meeting, stating that potholes at the Christmas Common end of Hollandridge Lane have recently been filled. The Clerk was asked to enquire why only one end has been rectified. PP
- e) Potholes at RWtr and M'gve Cllr.Newell reported that only the deeper potholes have been filled, leaving the smaller ones to expand during the winter. The Clerk is to request another remedial visit. PP
- f) Lodge Farm lane potholes A copy of a letter to OCC has been received from a resident who has been constantly requesting assistance with this area (as has the Parish Council). The problem now lies with the road edge. Clerk to request assistance again. PP
- g) Triathlon proposals for 2012 The Chairman reported that he had received a reply to the Parish Council's letter of dis-satisfaction and suggestions for future Triathlon arrangements sent to Cllr. Rodney Rose (OCC). The Clerk read a letter from Watlington Parish Council seeking views on the Triathlon. The Clerk was instructed to send a copy of the letter addressed to Cllr.Rose, and to offer the attendance of Cllr. Godfrey at the proposed meeting to discuss the 2013 Triathlon arrangements. PP
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- h) Removal of hoarding at The Quince Tree The Chairman received a request from residents that the hoarding to the roadside bordering the Quince Tree, Stonor, be removed, since it is in danger of blocking the road during high winds. TD
 The builders' sign is also blocking drivers' sight-line and removal of this is also to be requested. TD
12. Commons Report
- a) Driving on commons No activity at present.
- b) Driving through fields Cllr.Hunt reported that a vehicle broke through a field gate near Middle Assendon and exited by driving through the hedge and over the bank into the B480. No evidence of deer injury was found.
 Activity of a similar nature was found at Hollandridge.

13. Footpaths Report
 Cllr. Godfrey reported that he stile on FP20/BW22 has been repaired in order that the farmer will be able to keep sheep within the field. The stile design is difficult for larger dogs requiring to be lifted over, and therefore the farmer proposes replacing it with a 'kissing-gate'
14. Refuse & Waste Management
 a) Removal of asbestos near Hollandridge Lane OCC Highways have still not arranged removal, in spite of chasing by the Clerk. Clerk to contact Cllr. Roger Belson who, at the last meeting, had also offered to help to arrange the asbestos removal. PP
 b) Snow strategy Cllrs.Hunt and Stracey will arrange delivery of salt when and where required, but the quantity given by OCC is very small. Clerk to ascertain whether the annual roadside deliveries are also to be made this year. PP
15. SODC Town & Parish Council Forum Cllr.Newell reported on the Forum, which was also attended by the Clerk.
16. H.M. The Queen's Jubilee
 Cllr. Stracey kindly offered the use of White Pond Farm for a lunch to be held on Sunday 3rd June 2012, which was gratefully accepted. The Clerk is to ask Mr.Blumfield whether he would be willing to produce appropriate invitations for the event. (It is noted that this event will coincide with the Volkswagen Rally to be held at Stonor Park on the same day). PP
 On Monday 4th June a Beacon will be lit on Maidensgrove Common, by kind permission of Lord Camoys; the exact position of this is to be discussed at the next meeting, in order that 'registration' and the appropriate timing can be allocated by the national organisers. Insurance for this event is also to be discussed. ALL
 It was proposed that a commemorative mug, or similar souvenir, should be given to each child of 12 years and under, living in the Parish at the time of the Jubilee. Additional mugs for older children in the family are to be made available. Fund-raising for these souvenirs is to be discussed at the next meeting. Parish Councillors will endeavour to ascertain the numbers of souvenirs required. ALL
17. Townlands Hospital Update
 Cllr. Newell has had considerable difficulty in obtaining up-to-date information regarding the redevelopment of Townlands Hospital; latest news is that the Sue Ryder Hospice at Nettlebed is planning to re-locate to the Townlands site in due course. Mrs. Newell had attempted to make contact with Henley Town Councillor, Iain Reissmann, without success. (The value of this item on the agenda was queried, but it was agreed that it was a matter of considerable local interest and, as such, should remain). It was agreed that all Parish Councillors should endeavour to obtain information on the proposals. DN
 ALL
18. Information Pack Previous pack returned; current pack issued. ALL
19. Any other business
 a) The Revd. Elisabeth Lakey will shortly be retiring, and a special service is to be held at Pishill Church on Sunday, 4th December, when it is anticipated that the Bishop of Dorchester, Rt.Rev. Colin Fletcher, will be in attendance. Mrs.Snell kindly offered .../5

the use of her field near to The Crown public house if there is insufficient room available in the church car park.

- b) Mrs. Snell requested that meeting dates should be decided for the whole year. The Chairman responded that it is sometimes extremely difficult for members to commit to dates so far in advance, but that as much notice as possible would be given.

20. Items for Parish Magazines

- a) details of Thames Valley Police non-emergency number (101);
b) details of Jubilee lunch and proposed beacon lighting.

21. Date and Place of Next Meeting To be confirmed: Tuesday, 17th January 2012, 7 p.m.,
The Village Hall, Russells Water.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all those for attending and declared the meeting closed.

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Chairman.