

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting held at The Village Hall, Russells Water, on
Thursday, 28th November 2013 at 7.00 p.m**

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

Sargeant Graham Pink (Thames Valley Police) and colleague.

3 parishioners: Dr. B. Snell, Mr. and Mrs. W. Watson.

1. Apologies and reasons for absence Mrs. D. Newell (unwell), Cllrs. Caroline Newton and Angie Paterson (prior commitments).
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 Item 6 (Bank Farm, Pishill)
4. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 26th September 2013 These were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
5. Matters Arising
 - a) Broadband questionnaire This had been sent for publication to the two Parish Magazines and had been put onto the Parish website for completion by 8th January 2014, when the results will be assessed. Two responses received to date.
 - b) SODC Town&Parish Forum The Clerk had attended the Forum and reported briefly on the proceedings. Details included in information pack.
6. Planning Applications

P13/S1186/FUL	The Quince Tree, Stonor	Noise report received by SODC; independent noise report undertaken by parish council resulting in continued support by PC. SODC decision awaited.
P13/S1858/FUL	Marigay, Russells Water	SODC confirmed that amendments are awaited, when the PC will be contacted again.
P13/S2359/HH	Orchard House, Pishill	SODC refused permission for fencing "inappropriate and intrusive".
P13/S3036/FUL	Stonor Park, visitor centre	PC approval; SODC decision awaited.
P13/S3037/38/LB	Stonor Park, Wool Loft conversion	PC approval; SODC decision awaited.
P13/S3357/FUL	Beech Barn, Russells Water	PC refusal; SODC decision awaited.
P13/S3226/FUL	Bank Farm, Pishill)	The Chairman invited comments from parishioners. The PC agreed to approve the applications, and will send a letter supporting the decision and requesting that sympathetic consideration is given to brick and tile colour and also that any lighting is kept to a minimum in order to avoid unnecessary light pollution in the AONB. Lighting should be inward and downward, if possible.
P13/S3227/LB	Bank Farm, Pishill)	

Watlington Neighbourhood Plan The Watlington Parish Area has been approved by SODC as the Watlington Neighbourhood Plan Area; a group is being formed to carry out the necessary work.

7. Finance and Insurance

The Clerk reported that the balance at Barclays Bank stands at £3241.71.

Cheques drawn at the meeting:

Ch.no: 100427 P.A.Pearce (Clerk's wages 8 wks @ £60pw + 2mnths tel.exps @ £10pm) £500.00

100428 Mr. P. Godfrey (Pishill notice board expenses - see *below) £276.09

Budget for 2014-2015

The Clerk presented the Budget for the forthcoming year. After discussion it was agreed unanimously that the Precept to be requested from SODC should remain the same as the current year, i.e. £4800.00.

New notice board - Pishill:

The Clerk had made an application for a grant from the Chiltern Society Don Millar Fund. This has resulted in a grant of £150.00, with the proviso that acknowledgement of the Don Millar Fund contribution is visible on the board. The Clerk will deal with the necessary paperwork. PP
The total cost of the board is £276.09, which the Parish Council agreed to pay Mr. Godfrey, thanking him for all his considerable skill and hard work. *Ch.no: 100428

Stonor bus shelter repair & redecoration.

An estimate of £396.00 has been received from Tectus Ltd It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Education Authority to enquire whether the school/college buses are likely to resume use of the bus shelter stop in the future, as at present students are being collected from outside the Quince Tree. Following the Education Auth. response a decision will be made on continued bus shelter maintenance. b/f
None.

Charity applications

Mr.M. Lakey - 'Boiler Juice'

A former resident of Pishill, Mr. Michael Lakey had contacted Mr. Godfrey on receiving a payment of £28.00 from 'Boiler Juice', which resulted from group oil purchase. Mr. Lakey requested that the Parish Council should nominate a charity to receive this sum and it was unanimously agreed that Pishill Church should benefit. Mr. Godfrey will thank Mr. Lakey and make the necessary arrangements. PGG

8. Roads

a) Parish potholes - general

Potholes generally have improved following recent maintenance, but Mr. Stracey reported that only some of the Balham's Lane potholes had been filled, following which the sub-contractors contacted him offering him reduced rate tarmac. The Clerk was asked to report this to OCC Highways. PP

b) Triathlon

It has been confirmed that the Triathlon for 2014 will be relocated to Weymouth, Dorset. The Chairman suggested that a careful watch should be maintained against its possible return in the future.

c) Speedwatch

Sgt. Graham Pink (TVP) reported that the speed camera van may visit either Pishill, Stonor, Middle or Lower Assendon as it has been established that speeding does take place along the B480. No specific date has been arranged.

d) Maidensgrove

Prof. T. Kempner had been in touch with the Clerk reporting that progress had been made; he had written again to the County Council (Cllr. D. Nimmo-Smith) requesting further maintenance to the junction at the top of Park Lane.

e) Assendon Spring - Update

Mr. Hunt reported that he had attended a meeting with Bix & Assendon Parish Council, OCC and Mr. Stephen Verge of Middle Assendon, who maintains careful records of the Assendon Spring. It appears that the County Council will be obliged to maintain drainage pipes which they had

8. Roads (cont)

- e) Assendon Spring (cont) installed, but some pipe work is very narrow. Some Bix and Assendon residents are likely to be asked to maintain pipe work running across the entrances to their homes. The Stonor land owner could ultimately be requested to take responsibility for the ditches running from Stonor to Middle Assendon, as the old ditch is legally deemed to be the responsibility of the landowner, with the new ditch falling under the OCC remit. Currently it seems that the legal position is in OCC's favour. Mr.Hunt considered that there was little that could be done directly by Pishill with Stonor PC, but he will attend the next meeting and will report accordingly. RH
- f) Winter salt provision Mr.Hunt reported that the winter salt supply had not yet been received. Clerk to check. PP

9. Commons Report

- a) Generally Nothing to report
- b) Damage to verge on The Green, Russells Water The Clerk had met the agent for Beech Barn, Mr. Warner and Mr. Williams at Russells Water and pointed out the damaged area which, the agent promised, would be reinstated more satisfactorily. Lord Camoys has kindly given permission for small stakes to be inserted to stop vehicles driving over the newly reinstated area.

10. Footpaths Report Nothing to report.

11. Refuse & Waste Management Nothing to report.

12. Parish communications Website appears to be satisfactory.

13. Any other business:

- a) Crime in general Sgt. Pink (TVP) reported that the new Superintendent is enthusiastically attempting to reduce rural crime and he encourages parishioners to dial 999 in the event of any suspicious vehicles seen locally. A number of poaching and 'hunting' (i.e. deer) incidents have taken place and the police are attempting to reduce these crime numbers. Vehicles frequently visit the area during day light hours in order to select 'targets'.
- b) Noise pollution, Pishill Mr.Godfrey had reported that neighbours had complained of tree felling and related noise located around Bank Farm, Pishill, taking place on Sundays but not during the week, The Parish Council had responded by notifying the owner of the complaints by email and requesting that work be carried out at other times instead. The owner replied that that there is a great deal of work to be done prior to the spring planting, but endeavours would be mad to reduce noise on Sundays.
- c) Village Hall during winter: Mr.Godfrey made a suggestion that, as the heaters used in the Village Hall are noisy, consideration should be given to asking the Quince Tree if the Almshill Room could be used during winter months, transferring to the Village Hall, RW, during the summer time. To be considered at next meeting b/f

14. Date, place and time of next meeting: Tuesday, 4th February 2014, 7.00pm in the Almshill Room, The Quince Tree, Stonor.

.....Chairman