

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held at The Almshill Room, Quince Tree, Stonor
on Thursday, 20th September 2012

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

Also present: 3 Parishioners, Miss M.Burley, Mrs.S. Reed, Dr.B.Snell.

1. Apologies and reasons for absence County Councillor Mrs. Caroline Newton (away), District Councillor Revd. Angie Paterson (meetings elsewhere), Parish Councillor Mr. P. Guy Godfrey (prior arrangement).
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 As there were so few members of the parish present, the Chairman invited brief comments throughout the agenda.
4. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 25th June 2012 These were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising

- a) OALC Planning Training The Chairman and Clerk had attended this briefing, which advised on planning responses. A briefing note had been prepared and a copy handed to each councillor at the meeting.

6. Planning Applications

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| P12/S0438 | Old Dairy, Stonor Pk. | PC approved; SODC approval | |
| P12.S0515 | Pineridge, Stonor | SODC approval. | |
| P12/S0843LB | Wool Loft, Stonor Pk. | PC approved; SODC has now exceeded its time limit, the officer is away but should deal with this on his return. | |
| P12/S1786/HH | Deers Leap, M'gve | PC approved; SODC decision awaited | |
| P12/S0189HH | Old Farmhouse, RW | PC approved; SODC decision awaited. | |
| P12/S1934HH* | Island Cottage, M'gve | PC to finalise decision. | |
| PE.00237/10 | Cookley Hill Fm,Mgv | News should be received shortly, bring forward. | PP |
| P11/E1701 | Beech Barn, RW | Verge damage: The contractor is aware of local concern and damage will be rectified at the end of the contract. | |

* *Application received since agenda published.*

Neighbourhood Planning Briefing, 3rd July: Mr.Hunt attended and reported to the meeting. It appears that this is aimed at larger villages and towns. Parish Councils are being encouraged to produce their own neighbourhood plans, but this is a time-consuming and high cost operation. One member of the Parish Council would need to be fully involved. To be monitored.

Watlington Neighbourhood Plan, Meeting 12th September Mr.Dunn attended and reported that Watlington Parish Council are deciding upon the area which they wish to cover and will then contact parishes accordingly. Swyncombe Parish Council wishes to liaise with Pishill with Stonor regarding any proposals.

7. Communications

- a) Parish Council Website The Clerk reported that the Contract from Vision ICT has been received and she will be meeting Mrs. Pullen of SKP Solutions for training on 26th September 2012. There are some minor teething problems, which are being resolved. Suggestions were made as to the content of the website, possibly to include a 'notice board' section where items of local interest could be displayed for a limited time. All items will be subject to input by the Parish Council. Guidelines will be put into place over the next few months

7. Communications (cont)
- b) Notice board for Pishill The Clerk had received a quotation from Greenbarnes Ltd for £328.29; MLS Limited had written to say that they only supply aluminium boards; Parish Councillor Mr. Godfrey had offered to make the new notice board himself for the cost of materials alone, amounting probably to around £150, plus the cost of posts if needed.
It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Godfrey should be thanked for his extremely generous offer, which the Parish Council wishes to accept, and Mr. Stracey volunteered to assist with posts etc. PGG
SS
8. Finance
- a) Annual Accounts The external auditor, BDO, had returned these as satisfactory. In future years the bus shelter is to remain valued at £1685.00 - only changes in the value would be due to additions or disposals, and will not reflect depreciation. The Annual Return was accordingly approved and accepted by the Parish Council.
- b) Secondary (Jubilee) Bank Account The Parish Council discussed and agreed that the remaining balance of £132.34 should be divided equally between the Help for Heroes charity and the Village Hall, Russells Water.
- c) OALC Briefing on Proposed Council Tax changes The Clerk had attended this briefing on 19th September, and subsequently produced notes for the Parish Councillors. The Parish Council will respond to the consultation to the changes on <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/localpreceptconsult> which is also open for response by members of the public. (Closes 9/10/12)
- The Balance at Barclays Bank stands at £1260.42.
Cheques drawn since last meeting:
100393 Mrs. Z. Dunn (soft drinks for Jubilee party) £ 52.00
Cheques drawn at meeting:
100394 BDO LLP (external audit) £ 60.00
100395 Monkhouse & Bannisters (Stonor bus shelter licence) £ 10.00
100396 P.A. Pearce (Clerk's wages Aug/Sept + £20 telephone exps) £492.50
100397 P.A. Pearce (Petty Cash) £ 50.00
9. New Register of Interests These had been completed and returned to SODC.
10. Roads
- a) Ditches near Stonor Mr. Hunt had contacted Mr. Keith Stenning (OCC Highways) who had promised action within six weeks; this had not been forthcoming. Mr. Hunt will contact Mr. Stenning again. RH
- b) Potholes at Russells Water/Maidensgrove County Cllr. Caroline Newton and Mrs. Newell were to meet Mr. Stenning but, as the work had already been carried out, the meeting was deferred. There are some potholes which have been missed and Mrs. Newell will contact OCC to arrange repair. DN
- c) 'Lodge Farm' lane Work still not carried out. Prof. Kempner is in constant touch with OCC, as is the PC, but nothing has been done. OCC to be contacted by Clerk. PP
- d) Triathlon Proposals 2013 Mr. Dunn had attended a meeting prior to the event, at which it was stated that the cycle element would be located elsewhere from 2013. Comments were received regarding the organisation of the 2012 event; signs indicated 'Stoner', 'Pishill' and 'Hambleton'; the signage was totally ineffective at Balham's Lane; Duke of Edinburgh Award walkers were abused at Christmas Common; Buckinghamshire was hosting a cycle race on the same day. It was felt that, with the increased numbers of participants, the popularity of the event means that it has out-grown the route through the Stonor Valley. (cont). ..3

- d) Triathlon Proposals 2013 (cont) The Parish Council will write to the organisers, Mr. John Howell MP and OCC reflecting these views. TD/PP
- e) Rock Salt Bin and Winter Salt supplies The Parish Council decided to apply for one free bag of rock salt from OCC. There is a need for a rock salt bin at the top of Park Lane near the notice board; this can be obtained from OCC for £300 (incl. £50 VAT). Mr. Stracey is to investigate an alternative price for the supply of a bin and for further supplies of salt. If possible a green coloured bin is to be obtained, rather than yellow. The Clerk will request permission from Lord Camoys for the positioning of the salt bin at Maidensgrove. SS
PP
- f) Dial-A-Ride and Lifeline bus services Mr. Hunt had spoken to Mr. Neil Timberlake at OCC Highways & Transport. The Lifeline bus service is currently under review. Dial-A-Ride operates in the parish on Thursdays, travelling to Henley. Alternatively the Monday Dial-a-Ride service available to parishioners will access any location in South Oxfordshire, or travel to Abingdon or to Oxford City.
It is necessary to book between one week and two days before travelling. There is a £5.00 initial membership fee.
Details are available on the Oxfordshire County Council website, or by telephoning 0845 310 1111 . PP
11. Commons Report
a) Driving on commons Nothing to report.
b) Driving through fields Nothing to report.
12. Footpaths Report Mr. Godfrey was not present at the meeting.
13. Refuse & Waste Management Nothing to report.
14. Visit of Mr. John Howell MP to Parish Mr. Howell had requested that, for security reasons, the posters advising of his proposed visits should be removed from the notice boards. We will be informed of any planned visits nearer to the times. (*Visiting Stonor by the Quince Tree on 2nd October 2012 at 1.30 p.m.*)
15. Townlands Hospital Update Nothing to report.
16. SODC Town & Parish Forum 2012 The Clerk gave details of the Forum. Two places are available, and representatives from the Parish Council will attend. (Wednesday, 21st November, SODC Offices, 5.30-9.00 pm). ALL
17. Information Pack Distributed.
18. Any other business
a) Neighbourhood Plans ORCC AGM will include briefing on Neighbourhood Plans, 18th October, 2-4 pm, Eynsham Village Hall.
b) A resident has complained of excessive car parking at The Green, Russells Water; after discussion it was felt that this is a problem between neighbours, which cannot be resolved by the Parish Council. The Parish Council will write to the resident accordingly. PP
c) District Councillor Revd. Angie Paterson had sent details of 'Friends across the Fence', an initiative from SODC to assist with minor anti-social behaviour from neighbours. Residents who feel they are suffering anti-social behaviour can visit the SODC website at www.southoxon.gov.uk/friendsacrossthefence.co.uk.
d) Recycling batteries and small electrical items - SODC now has facilities for recycling these, residents should put batteries into a small plastic bag and leave this on the top of the green recycling bin. SODC will accept all regular batteries as well as mobile phone, laptop and lithium batteries. Visit the SODC website www.southoxon.gov.uk/householdwaste.co.uk
Items (c) and (d) to appear on Parish Council website via link. PP

19. Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting

To be confirmed: Tuesday, 20th November, 2012, The Village Hall, Russells Water at 7.00 p.m.

The Chairman thanked The Quince Tree for its hospitality for this meeting, and added that it was hoped that future Parish Council meetings could be held alternately at the Village Hall, Russells Water and at the Quince Tree, Stonor, in order to extend the available venues more evenly across the Parish.

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

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Chairman