

**PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in The Almshill Room, The Quince Tree,  
Stonor, on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

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

1 parishioner: Miss M. Burley

1. Apologies for absence Cllr.Revd. Angie Paterson (other commitments), Sgt. Graham Pink (Thames Valley Police), 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 None.
4. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013 These were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
5. Matters Arising
  - a) Broadband provision Mr.Haq had reported that there was no further news at present.
6. Planning Applications

P13/S0402/HH	Honeysuckle Cottage, M'gve	SODC approval 18/7/13.
P13/S1186/FUL	The Quince Tree, Stonor	Awaiting SODC decision on latest noise report.
P13/S1567/LB	Thatch Cottage, RW	SODC approval 8/8/13
P13/S1858/FUL	Marigay, RW	SODC decision awaited
P13/S2065/FUL	Whitelands House, Pishill	SODC approval 6/9/13
P13/S2333/HH	Orchard House	PC no strong views; SODC decision awaited.
P13/S2359/HH	Orchard House, Pishill (fence)	PC approval with proviso 'should be removed within one year'; SODC decision awaited.

Cookley Hill Farm enforcement: Mrs.Newell reported that the bungalow had been removed.

Watlington Neighbourhood Plan: SODC Planning Services had notified the Clerk that, prior to formal consultation, there is identification of the potential neighbourhood plan area, which can be commented upon by accessing [www.consult.southandvale.gov.uk/south](http://www.consult.southandvale.gov.uk/south).

7. Finance
  - a) Annual Return The external auditors BDO LLP had returned this to the Clerk; there were no matters requiring attention. The Annual Return was accordingly approved and accepted by the Parish Council.
  - b) Stonor Bus Shelter Mr.Pearce's estimate awaited.
  - c) Stonor telephone box Mr.Haq had reported that BT will not refit the public phone line into a red box.
  - d) Charles Arnold-Baker New edition (9<sup>th</sup>) received by the Clerk.
  - e) Charity application South & Vale Carers - considered, but regretfully rejected by Parish Council.

7. Finance (cont)

- f) Chiltern Society Grants Details of the Don Millar Charitable Fund were given to the councillors and it was agreed that an application should be made for funding towards the provision of the Pishill notice board.

The Clerk reported that the balance at Barclays Bank stands at £1661.71.

Cheques drawn at meeting:

Ch.no: 100425 Batchellor Monkhouse (Stonor bus shelter annual rent) £ 10.00  
 100426 P.A. Pearce (Clerk's wages 13wks @ £60 pw+3mnths tel.exps @ £10pm)£810.00

8. Roads

- a) Balham's Lane Some potholes filled, but standard of work not high.
- b) Triathlon 2013 Mr. Dunn reported on the meeting he had attended with Mr. John  
 Post-Event Meeting Howell MP, Henley Town Council and other parish councils held on 25<sup>th</sup> September. Mr. Howell stressed his dissatisfaction at the non-attendance of any representative from Just Racing, the Triathlon organisers. The OCC representative Mr. P. Ronald had justified the race day arrangements and stated that the Stonor Valley route was easier to 'police' than the route used in 2013. He said that the experience of a 'mystery shopper' indicated that the motor-cycle escort system worked very well, a statement refuted by those present at the meeting whose opinions were that the escort system was very inefficient and unsatisfactory. Mr.Dunn had suggested that there must be a provision for OCC to legally voice objections to the continuance of the event, even if OCC could not actually prevent it; Mr.Dunn had also said that the organisers should be encouraged to look elsewhere for a suitable location since, when taking into account the large numbers of people adversely affected, Henley is obviously not the most satisfactory venue.
- c) Speedwatch Sgt. Pink had emailed that the Traffic Department is considering the Stonor/Pishill area for targeting. He will keep the Clerk informed. PP
- d) Parish potholes The Councillors agreed that the current situation is satisfactory, but when the winter weather arrives this may have to be reassessed. ALL
- e) Assendon Spring The Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> August had been circulated to the councillors. The Clerk is to inform Bix & Assendon that Pishill PP with Stonor Parish wish to take part in any future meetings in connection with ditch maintenance which has formerly been under the control of OCC.
- f) Winter Salt provision One bag of salt ordered from OCC for delivery to Upper Assendon Farm.
- g) Hedges in Pishill Mr. Hunt reported that the hedgerow in Pishill is very overgrown and high-sided vehicles are moving into the centre of the road, causing safety issues. The Clerk will contact OCC to try to arrange for cutting. PP
- h) B481 Ash Tree Mr. Hunt reported that, whilst not in our Parish, there is an ash tree overhanging the opposite side of the road between the junctions to Pishill and Russells Water. The Clerk will email Swyncombe Parish to alert them to the safety aspect. PP
- i) Hollandridge Lane Repairs to Hollandridge Lane had been undertaken by Mr.Dunn at his own expense.

9. Commons Report

Mrs.Newell reported that there had been an incident early in August when a joy-rider's car had caught fire on Maidensgrove Common. The Fire Service and Police were called, but thankfully there was very minimal damage to the common and no casualties. The burnt-out car was removed the following day.

Mrs.Newell also reported that the verge outside and opposite the new development at Beech Barn, Russells Water had been unsatisfactorily made good at the end of building contract, making it impossible to keep mown or tidy. The Clerk was asked to write to the original applicant pointing out the deficiencies. PP .../3

10. Footpaths Report Nothing to report.
11. Refuse & Waste Management Nothing to report.
12. Parish Communications The website 'reminder' notice had been hand-delivered to parishioners. The Clerk had not received feed-back from SKP Solutions on website traffic. Mr. Godfrey reported that the Pishill notice board was in hand, and the Clerk was requested to make enquiries as to the availability of a Chiltern Society grant to assist with funding. *(See Finance - 7(f))*
13. Any other business
- a) Town & Parish Form This will take place at SODC on 6<sup>th</sup> November. The Clerk will attend. PP
- b) Bank Farm Vineyard The new owners, Mr. and Mrs. S. Duckett, have invited members of the parish council to visit Bank Farm for a preliminary inspection of plans for the proposed vineyard. Suggested date is Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30 p.m. Clerk to contact Mr. Duckett accordingly. PP
- c) PCC Open Day Notification has been received re: a Police & Crime Commissioner Open Day on 14<sup>th</sup> October, from 7-9 p.m. at Didcot Civic Centre. Details on Stonor notice board and parish website. PP
14. Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting: *(Suggested at meeting, but subsequently re-arranged from Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November)* Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2013, The Village Hall, Russells Water at 7 00 p.m.

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

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Chairman