

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in The Village Hall, Russells Water on
21st September 2017**

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

No public present.

55/17 Apologies and reasons for absence None.

56/17 Declarations of interests (existence and nature) with regard to Agenda None.

57/17 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 13th July 2017 These were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

58/17 Matters Arising

- a) Mobile Phone Mast Mr.Hunt reported that this is still awaiting an electricity supply The coverage is unchanged, although Fawley may benefit when 'EE' complete the installation.
- b) Defibrillator provision Discussed by the councillors. More thought is to be given before a final decision is made.

59/17 Planning Applications

P16/S4287/FUL	Land N. of Old Church, Chr.Cmn	SODC approval 18/8/17.
P17/S0873/FUL	Longwood, Maidensgrove	SODC approval 1/8/17.
P17/S1319/FUL	Marigay, Russells Water	SODC approval 27/7/17.
P17/S2012/HH	The Views, Maidensgrove	SODC approval 25/7/17.
P17/S2045/HH	Little Balham's, Stonor	SODC approval 17/7/17.
P17/S2143/FUL	Greenhill Farm, Russells Water	SODC approval 8/8/17.
P17/S2153/LDP	The Furze Bush, Maidensgrove	SODC approval 29/8/17.
P17/S2192/FUL	Oak Farm, Russells Water	SODC approval 25/7/17.
P17/S2384/FUL	Paddock View, Russells Water	PC no strong views; SODC decision awaited.
P17/S2463/FUL	Keeper's Cottage, 7 Stonor	SODC approval 31/8/17.
P17/S2597/HH	The Pheasantry, Pishill	SODC approval 31/8/17.
Neighbourhood Planning	A letter from local MP, Mr John Howell, had been received on the date of the previous meeting (11/7/17) and the councillors had subsequently considered their responses. Following discussion, it was decided not to pursue a neighbourhood plan for the Parish on grounds of cost and complexity.	

60/17 Finance

The Clerk reported that the Barclays Bank balance was £2,491.79. SODC had notified the Clerk that the second half precept for 2017/18 (£2400.00) had been sent on 7th September, but this was not included in the most recent bank statement. The Queen's Birthday Account remains at £6.76.

60/17 Finance (cont)

Cheques drawn at the meeting:

Ch.no: 100516 P.A. Pearce (Clerk's wages 10 wks @ £84 pw + £47.96 stamps/telephone)	£887.96
100517 Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils (5 copies 'Good Councillor Guide')	£ 27.20
100518 The Village Hall, Russells Water (mtg. hire 1 ½ hrs @ £12 ph)	£ 18.00

The Clerk reported that the external auditor had raised concerns regarding Petty Cash for the period under audit. These concerns were referred to the internal auditor, who gave advice regarding the matter and the clerk had relayed this information to the external auditors.

Funding request: Request for donation from Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum – discussed and refused.

61/17 Parish Communications

Broadband Mr.Haq reported that there are now two streams for provision, BT and Village Networks. BT seems particularly active at the moment, with two new cabinets being installed in Stonor, one outside White Pond Farm, the other on the corner of Park Lane/B480. Dependent upon the cabling from Turville Heath, it is hoped that BT will make connections in December 2017 or January 2018. Any delay to this connection could be caused by the conduit being silted up. Mr. Haq thinks it is likely that there will still be properties which cannot receive a BT service, and they will presumably still be able to access better broadband speeds through Village Networks. Currently there are 40 households in the Parish which are receiving high speed broadband, 19 in Stonor, 11 in Maidensgrove and 10 in Pishill.

62/17 Roads

- a) **Parish Potholes** Maidensgrove & Russells Water are slightly improved, but the surface continues to deteriorate. To be monitored.
- b) **Balham's Lane** OCC Highways has carried out the work required to the grips and ditches. The Clerk had received a detailed plan of the work completed and had written to the Drainage Team to thank them on behalf of the parish council. Any future concerns should be addressed to OCC Highways as follows:
Blocked gullies 0345 310 11 11 or, if flooding out of working hours, via 101, or to Mark Bostock, Principal Officer (Drainage) on 0755 708 2526.
- c) **Ditch B480** The culvert just outside Stonor towards Middle Assendon has been cleared via the four gullies and the piped system along the road as far as the ditch. OCC report that they could not access the ditch to see the outfall position and after discussion, Mr. Hunt was asked to enquire whether Mr. Philip Shaw could undertake the work to clear this area. RH
- d) **National Highways Satisfaction Report**
This was discussed and the Clerk was asked to complete the questionnaire. PP

63/17 Commons Report

- a) **Driving on Maidensgrove and Russells Water Common**
Mr.Collett and Mr. Haq reported that there had been some driving activity recently. The Clerk had received a report from a parishioner that a vehicle had been driven across the common leaving debris, which had been cleared by local residents. The police had not been informed.

63/17 Commons Report (cont)

- b) Driving through fields
Mr.Hunt and Mr. Stracey both reported a small increase in activity now that the crops have been harvested in Stonor and Bix, but there appears not to have been any injury to wildlife.
- c) Right of Way – gates at Horseshoe Cottage, Russells Water
This matter is still to be resolved. Mr.Dunn, Mr.Stracey and Hon.William Stonor will investigate prior to the next parish council meeting. SS/TD
- d) Pedestrian signage on bend nr. The Pond, Russells Water
The Councillors consider that this should not be necessary.
- e) Reinstatement of verge opposite Beech Barn, Russells Water – Work now completed.

64/17 Footpaths Report Nothing to report. Mr.Hunt has walked all of the parish footpaths recently.

65/17 Refuse & Waste Management

The Clerk gave details of the changes to DIY charging at Household Waste Recycling Centres, which will come into effect from 1st October 2017. Details are on the parish council website.

66/17. Any other business

- a) Wheelie bin speed limit notices The Clerk had been contacted by a supplier of speed limit notices; these were discussed and the councillors decided not to pursue the proposal.
- b) Rights of Way
'Restoring the Record' Details of this Open Spaces Society initiative had been received and will be advertised on the parish website and noticeboards.

67/17 Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting

To be confirmed: Thursday 30th November 2017, at The Village Hall, Russells Water, 7.00 pm.

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

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Chairman

