

## PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of Annual Meeting held at The Village Hall, Russells Water on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

<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

Also present: 3 members of the public: Mrs. B Snell, Mr. J. Jenkins, Mr. R. Warner

1. Election of Chairman The Vice-Chairman, Mr. S. Stracey, took the chair and thanked Mr. Dunn for his knowledgeable work as Chairman over the past year. Mr. Stracey then proposed that Mr. Dunn should be elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year, seconded by Mr. P.G. Godfrey, and carried unanimously.
2. Election of Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Dunn thanked Mr. Stracey for his assistance as Vice-Chairman over the past year. Mr. Dunn proposed and Mr. Hunt seconded that Mr. Stracey should be elected as Vice-Chairman for the following year; carried unanimously.
3. Declaration of interests (existence and nature) with regard to items on the agenda None.
4. Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda The Chairman explained the protocol for speaking at meetings and it was noted that the public wished to participate in items 4, 7, 10 and 12.
5. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 These were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
6. Matters Arising
  - a) 'Drive Carefully' signs, Stonor These had recently been replaced and now read 'Stonor - Please Drive Carefully'.
7. Planning Applications
  - a) P09/E1096 The Warren, Stonor SODC decision awaited.
  - b) P09/E1357 Wychens, M'grove SODC approval.
  - c) P09/E1394 The Orchard, RW SODC approval
  - d) P10/E0067/ex Hawthorn Hse, M'gv SODC approval.
  - e) P10/E0079 Hollandridge Farm, CC SODC approval
  - f) P10/30129 The Dower House, Stn SODC approval.
  - g) P10/E0156 Keepers Cottage, Stnr SODC approval.
  - h) P10/E0183 Commonsides, RW SODC approval.
  - i) P10/E0308 Pine Ridge, Stonor SODC approval.
  - j) P10/E0447 Oak Farm, M'grove PC approval; SODC decision awaited.
  - k) PE/00237/10 Cookley Hill Farm, Mgv SODC investigation results awaited.
  - l) Land at North End: The Clerk was instructed to contact SODC Enforcement since the chicken farming operation is still active here. PP
  - l) Referral of Planning Applications to SODC Planning Committee: The Chairman had written to Mr. John Howells, MP, expressing the Parish Council's dissatisfaction with the changes and Mr. Howells' reply was presented to those present at the meeting. It is the Parish Council's intention always to make contact with neighbours who may be affected by planning applications and if members of the public have strong views on any planning application, whether in favour or not, the Parish Council will endeavour to put these views to the District Councillors and request that further action be taken.

8. Finance

The Clerk presented the Summary of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010, which were accepted and duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk for submission to the internal auditor. PP  
The accounts were also agreed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

The Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 was accepted by the Parish Council, signed by the Chairman and Clerk and will be submitted to the internal auditor and then to the external auditor in due course. PP

The Clerk reported that the balance at Barclays Bank stands at £2,885.71.

Cheque drawn since the last meeting:

Ch.no: 100333 Henley Standard (display ad.for Annual Meetings) £ 24.67

Cheques drawn at the meeting:

Ch.no: 100334 AON Limited (Parish Council Insurance Ac: 11/AC/05277346/06) £ 370.22

100335 Oxon.Assoc. of Local Councils (annual subscription 2010-2011) £ 130.30

100336 Oxon. Rural Community Council (annual sub. 2010-2011) £ 30.00

100337 Cancelled

100338 P.A. Pearce (£997.50 Clerk's wages +£60 tel exps +£80 Petty Cash) £1127.50

100339 The Village Hall, Russells Water (Hall for Ann Mtgs 2 hrs @ £6 ph) £ 12.00

9. Roads

a) Potholes at Maidensgrove and Russells Water These are in the best condition that they have been for the past eighteen months.

b) Proposed provision of bollards, Russells Water. The Parish Council had been contacted by OCC Highways and by Swyncombe Parish Council, suggesting replacement of bollards adjacent to the new septic tank. The replacements would be plain black, as opposed to the current black and white, weathering to dark brown.

With respect to speeding through Russells Water, it is understood that Swyncombe Parish Council wishes to have more signage, but Mrs. Newell has contacted the residents who have indicated that this is not the case.

These matters were discussed and the Clerk was instructed to write to OCC and Swyncombe Parish Council indicating that, in the opinion of Pishill with Stonor Parish Council, no changes were required. PP

c) Flooding near septic tank RW The Clerk was instructed to write to OCC Highways asking for the ditch to be cleared. PP

d) Potholes at Pishill Work not completed, with some large deep potholes appearing. Clerk to write to OCC Highways. PP

e) Potholes near Stonor Work has been carried out, but the holes have reappeared. Ditches here are a problem again, with rainwater flowing out of ditch near to Upper Assendon Farm. Clerk to write to OCC Highways. PP

f) Potholes at Hollandridge OCC Highways deny all responsibility for the maintenance of this lane, in spite of having agreed to undertake the work prior to its re-categorisation.

g) Balham's Lane, Stonor This is now very bad. The Clerk to write to OCC Highways again. The ditches also require attention. PP

h) Overhanging trees at Pishill Mr. Dunn has contacted the owner but with no success. He will try again and in the meantime, Mr. Stracey will seek an estimate for the work to be carried out and the details can be forwarded to the owner, if required. TD SS

10. Commons Report

a) Driving on commons Tracks are noticeable on the common at frequent intervals, but the perpetrators are not seen. In mid-April a headless deer had been found on the common; the carcass was collected by SODC. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation, but the public is reminded to dial 999 in any emergency.

10. Commons Report (cont)
- b) Proposed provision of Salt Bin, Park Lane Mrs.Newell reported that OCC can provide yellow salt bins, or green bins with yellow chevrons. These options were rejected by the Parish Council and, following discussion, the Clerk was instructed to write to OCC Highways requesting that an alternative style be provided but with the addition of a very visible marker post, e.g. with a yellow top plate. A copy of the letter is to be sent to Swyncombe Parish Council. When an appropriate and acceptable style is found, Mr.Stracey or Mr. Hunt will make contact with the Evelyn Trust to discuss suitable positioning. PP  
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SS/  
RH
11. Footpaths Report
- a) Generally Nothing to report.
- b) Chilterns Walk Mr.Godfrey has been organising a walk through part of the Parish in connection with the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of the Chilterns Way. This will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2010, meeting at The Five Horseshoes car park at 10.00 a.m. The walk is open to all, but attention is drawn to the fact that there are two very steep hills on the route. The Celebration is being very well organized throughout the Chilterns and Mr.Godfrey was thanked by the Parish Council for his hard work in organising this section.
- c) Path from Maiden- Footpath 20, which runs from Maidensgrove post box through Doyley Wood and Long Wood to Pishill Bank is being used by horses. The Parish Council felt that little could be done to control this infringement, as there are no physical barriers,i.e. stiles, etc, which need to be negotiated. To be monitored. b/f
12. Refuse & Waste Management
- a) Litter Blitz 2010 Mr.Hunt reported that parishioners had been very happy to help with the annual litter blitz, but Verdant, on behalf of SODC, had taken an extremely long time to collect the refuse. Full bottles of champagne had been found in Stonor, and Mrs. Newell reported that empty bottles of brandy had been found in Russells Water. Fifteen were found prior to the litter blitz and another six found later, all were sold by a Spar outlet.
- b) Fly-tipping A quantity of ladies underwear had been found in a dressing table left at Russells Water. An address was found with the items and an investigation has resulted in SODC issuing a warning to the person concerned. Flytipping at Hollandridge Lane continues to be a problem and the District Councillor, Mr.Rodney Mann will investigate a possible solution with SODC and inform the Parish Council. It was suggested that the Parish Council could provide a fork-lift truck to help with the removal of the rubbish, which is beginning to attract vermin.
- c) Dog Bins The provision of dog bins was discussed, but no further action will be taken.
13. Oxfordshire Rural Community Council - Invitation to 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2010.  
This was noted.
14. Townlands Hospital Update Mrs.Newell reported that no further news had been received recently. b/f
15. Any other business
- a) Speed Check It was suggested that a speed check be initiated with the aim of ascertaining the average speed through Stonor and Pishill. The Clerk was instructed to contact Thames Valley Police and OCC Highways. PP

16. Information Pack This was given to the Parish Councillors. ALL
17. Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting To be confirmed: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, The Village Hall, Russells Water, 7.00 p.m.