

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting held at The Village Hall, Russells Water on
Tuesday, 2nd February 2010**

Present

Mr. T. Dunn	Chairman
Mr. S. Stracey	Vice-Chairman
Mr. R. Hunt	
Mrs. D. Newell	
Mrs. P. Pearce	Parish Clerk

1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence Mr.P.G. Godfrey - away.
2. Declarations of Interest (existence and nature) with regard to items on the agenda Mr. T. Dunn, 6(i) Additional Wallingford Preferred Option - personal and prejudicial.
3. Public Participation session with respect to items on the agenda None, no public present.
4. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 10th November 2009 These were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
5. Matters Arising
 - a) BT Telephone Box at Russells Water No further news; item to be removed from Agenda. PP
6. Planning Applications
 - a) P09/E0486/ret Oak Tree Farm, Northend Appeal dismissed.
 - b) P09/E1060 Bluebell Cottage,Pishill SODC approval.
 - c) P09/E1087/88lb Keeper's Cottage,Stonor Application withdrawn.
 - d) P09/E1119-19 Stonor Arms SODC approval
 - e) P09/E1067 5 The Lodge,Stonor SODC approval
 - f) P09/E1096 The Warren,Stonor PC approved; SODC decision awaited
 - g) P09/E1171 Kiln Barn,Russells Water SODC approval
 - h) P09/I204 White Pond Farm PC approved; SODC decision awaited.
 - i) P09/E1357 Wychens, Maidensgrove PC refusal; SODC decision awaited.
 - j) P10/E0067/ex Hawthorn House, M'grove PC no strong views; SODC decision awaited
 - k) P3/00237/10 Cookley Hill Farm,M'grove The Clerk had, as instructed, contacted SODC, who are investigating the matter.

l) Referral of planning applications to SODC Planning Committee:
The Parish Council was dismayed to have learnt that, in spite of objections already made to SODC, the decision had been taken not to automatically refer planning applications to the SODC Planning Committee in the event of a variance of views between parish councils and the planning officers. The Chairman was asked to write immediately to Mr. John Howells, MP, with copies to the two District Councillors, Mr. Rodney Mann and Mrs. Angie Paterson, expressing Parish Council views.

 - m) Mr. Dunn expressed a personal and prejudicial interest in this item, which concerns the building of 750 new homes in Wallingford, and withdrew from discussions. Other members of the Parish Council considered the proposals and instructed the Clerk to write in support of sites B and E. PP
7. Finance

The Clerk reported that the balance at Barclays Bank stands at 2558.71.
The VAT refund of £39.92 had been received.
Confirmation for the payment of the Precept had been received from SODC.
Letters of gratitude for donations made by the Parish Council had been received from Pishill Church and The South & Vale Carers Centre.
Cheques drawn at the meeting:

Ch.no: 100331 P.A. Pearce (Clerk's wages £1470.00 + £60.00 tel exps)	£1530.00
100332 Village Hall, Russells Water (2/2/10 mtg hire 1½ hrs @ £6.00 ph)	£ 9.00

8. Roads
- a) Overgrown hedges in Pishill Mr. Dunn is to contact Mr. Paterson again. TD
- b) Potholes in Maidensgrove Mrs. Newell reported that the major holes had been filled, but as a result of the bad weather, more holes needed attention now. Clerk to contact OCC re: large hole between 'Greenhills' and B481 junction, and request general repairs at Maidensgrove. PP
- c) Potholes at Hollandridge Lane A response from OCC Highways had been received, stating that there was nothing further that could be done. The Parish Council considers this to be unacceptable, and the Clerk was instructed to write again insisting that the Lane be reinstated to a safe condition, as had been agreed prior to its reclassification, and stating that public services must be able to use the Lane. PP
- d) Balham's Lane, Stonor Following the recent bad weather, this is in a poor condition again. Clerk to report. PP
- e) Potholes at Pishill The Clerk was asked to report on a large pothole on the B480 by the left-hand bend. PP
- f) Pothole near Stonor The Clerk was asked to report a large pothole ½ mile south of Stonor, before Warnscombe Lane. PP
- g) County Sign, Balham's Lane Due to the poor weather conditions, this has not yet been repainted. Clerk to chase. PP
- h) Residents' Petition for Winter road Clearance at Russells Water. The attention of the Parish Council was brought to a petition which had been presented to OCC Highways suggesting that the clearance of snow from the road through Russells Water be undertaken by a local farmer. The Parish Council discussed this and decided that any such arrangement should be private, between the local residents and the farmer concerned.
9. Local Transport Plan 3 - Long list of schemes Mr. Dunn will deal with the questionnaire sent. TD
10. Commons Report
- a) Proposed provision of Salt Bin at Maidensgrove: Mrs. Newell and the Clerk had received representations from a resident of Maidensgrove pointing out that the recently delivered salt had been badly positioned and requesting that consideration be given to the provision of a salt bin. The location for the bin would be near to the junction at the top of Park Lane. After discussion by the Parish Council, the Clerk was instructed to write to OCC Highways requesting details and enquiring whether it would be possible to have an environmentally- friendly colour rather than the standard yellow, which the PC considers to be inappropriate for an AONB, and whether, in the event of the residents providing their own bin, the salt deliveries would be free of charge. PP
11. Footpaths Report
The Clerk had received details of a proposed 10th Anniversary Walk of the Chiltern Way which will take place during the Chiltern Society Festival planned between 29th May and 11th June 2010. After discussion, it was suggested that Mr. Godfrey be informed on his return and asked to consider planning and/or leading a walk through the local area. PGG
12. Refuse & Waste Management
- a) Annual Litter Blitz Proposed date 13th and 14th March 2010. The Clerk to ask for details to be published in the Parish Magazines and arrange SODC collection of refuse. PP
- b) Fly-tipping locally The Clerk had written to Mr. Carr regarding tipped rubbish at the barn opposite Hollandridge Lane. The Parish Council's attention was drawn to the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership campaign against fly-tipping. Reports of dumped rubbish can be made by telephoning 03000 610 610. .../3

13. Townlands Hospital Update Mrs.Newell said that a meeting had been held during the week prior to the Parish Council meeting but, as yet, had no received no details. b/f
14. Information Pack Previous meeting's pack had been returned to Clerk, no further action. New pack issued.
15. Any other business
- a) Postal round The Clerk had written as instructed to the Henley Postmaster and to Mrs. T. Buckett.
 - b) ORCC 'Help your Neighbours' Initiative designed to draw attention of the local community to the services available through Oxfordshire Rural Community Council, which includes an emergency oil top-up service accessed by ringing 01865-883488 or orcc@oxonrcc.org.uk. Details to be sent to Parish magazines. PP
 - c) Community-Led Planning Clerk gave details of this course, designed to implement Parish Plans. PC considered this unnecessary at present.
 - d) 'Drive Carefully' sign Mr.Stracey had been approached to request the PC to consider the provision of 'Please Drive Carefully Through our Village' and 'Thank You' signs to be placed at the entrances to Stonor. After discussion, the Clerk was instructed to contact OCC Highways regarding their willingness to permit such signs and the costs. PP
16. Items for Parish Magazines Litter Blitz dates; Fly-tipping telephone number; ORCC Help your Neighbour' and emergency fuel top-up details. PP
17. Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting To be confirmed: Tuesday, 11th May, 2010, 7 p.m. at The Village Hall, Russell Water.

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

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Chairman