

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at The Village Hall, Russells Water on Tuesday, 16th November 2010

Present

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

No members of the public.

1. Apologies and reasons for absence Mrs. D. Newell, unwell.
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 No public present.
4. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 21st September 2010 These were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
5. Matters Arising None.
6. Planning Applications

P09/E1096	The Warren, Stonor Park	SODC refusal. The Parish Council was disappointed with this decision and regretted that SODC saw fit to refuse the application.	
P10/E1007/08lb	Unity Cottage, Pishill	SODC approval.	
P10/E1108/lb	Well Cottage, Stonor	SODC approval.	
P10/E1234	The Cottage, Russells Water	SODC approval.	
P10/E/1255	Almshill Wood Cottage, Strn	SODC approval	
P10/E1273	9 Russells Water	PC approval; SODC decision awaited.	
P10/E1413	Stonor Arms (alter car park)	PC no strong views; SODC approval.	
P10/E1425	Stonor Arms (amendment)	PC no strong views; SODC decision awaited.	
P10/E1431/lb	The Crown Inn, Pishill	Application withdrawn.	
P10/E1447	Unity Cottage, Pishill	PC refusal; SODC decision awaited.	
P10/E1503/lb	Stonor Arms (int+ext alts)	PC no strong views; SODC decision awaited.	
P10/E1505	Oak Tree Farm, Christms Cmn	PC refusal; SODC decision awaited.	
P10/E1671	Little Doveswood, M'gve	PC refusal; SODC decision awaited.	
E/00237/10	Cookley Hill Farm, M'gve	The Clerk reported that SODC advised that this is now being dealt with.	b/f
APP/Q3115/C/10/2136156	Honeysuckle Ctg,Mgve	The Parish Council had written in support of the views of SODC. Appeal decision awaited.	

Oxfordshire Core Strategy: Mr.Dunn reported on the review work. The Parish Council did not respond, as there will be no affect to the Parish from the proposals.
7. Finance

The Clerk reported that the balance at Barclays Bank stands at £1900.37. Application for a VAT refund totalling £27.12 has been made, but not yet received.

The Clerk presented details of the Budget 2010-2011 prior to setting the SODC Precept, application for which will be made at the end of 2010. The Councillors discussed options, including the possibility of an election taking place in May 2011 (for which SODC will levy charges), and reductions in donations to some currently supported causes. The Parish Council reluctantly felt that it was necessary for the Precept to be raised to £4500.00 for the forthcoming year. (It was noted that the Precept had remained at the same level since 2006). The Clerk to inform SODC.

The Clerk read a letter from South & Vale Carers requesting a donation for the current year, but it was decided, under the above circumstances, that a declining, apologetic, response should be sent on this occasion.

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7. Finance (cont)
 Ch.no: 100348 Cancelled.
 Cheque drawn since the last meeting:
 Ch.no: 100349 Tectus Ltd (repainting of County Sign, Balham's Lane) £60.00+VAT £10.50) £ 70.50
 Cheques drawn at the meeting:
 Ch.no: 100350 Village Hall, Russells Water (meeting hire -1 hour @ £6.00 ph) £ 6.00
 100351 P.A. Perace (Clerk's salary + £20.00 tel.exps) £440.00
8. Election Matters
 a) Local Government Boundary Commission - Details of this had been circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting - noted.
 b) SODC Review of Polling Districts and Places. The Parish Council examined the document; since there is no proposed change to the polling in the Parish, no response is required.
9. High Speed Internet
 The Parish Clerk had received details of a BT consultation which will enable certain designated areas to benefit from fibre optic cabling to provide faster internet connection. The Turville Exchange is not eligible for such up-dating, but subscribers in the Parish are to be encouraged to log-on their details, as BT has indicated that they will consider the level of response in each area and will endeavour to improve the service accordingly. Parish Councillors were urged to publicise this as widely as possible. ALL
 The Clerk had already contacted Turville Parish Council, and is hoping for their support. PP
10. Roads
 a) Ditches near Stonor The Clerk reported that the gullies had recently been cleared, but that OCC Highways is disputing its responsibility to clear the ditches, saying that it is the responsibility of the adjoining land-owners to clear these. The Clerk had contacted Mr.P.Trower of Monkhouse & Bannisters, Agents for the adjoining land, and a letter dated 15th November 2010 had been sent by them to OCC explaining that, historically, these ditches had always been cleared by the County Council. b/f
 b) Potholes Hollandridge The Clerk had received a telephone call from Mr.Keith Stenning, OCC, but had requested that he speak direct to the Chairman, who had not yet received any communication. The Clerk was asked to write again. PP
 c) Speed Monitoring B480 Stonor This is to be kept in abeyance until the work to the Stonor Arms is complete. b/f
11. Transport
 a) NATS Consultation Mr.Godfrey reported on this consultation, which has resulted in the proposals to alter existing provisions to be postponed. There will be a further consultation when the downturn in air traffic reverses.
 b) Consultation on OCC Concessionary Fares Scheme Mr. Hunt reported on this consultation, which has little or no effect on the Parish, since there is no bus service available at present.
12. Commons Report
 a) Driving on commons In her absence, Mrs. Newell had sent a report that wide-based vehicles had been driven across Maidensgrove Common towards Nuttalls Farm. The Councillors discussed this, and asked that the Clerk write to Thames Valley Police thanking them for their recent assistance, but pointing out that this is an area causing concern and a patrol would be appreciated. PP
 b) Chilterns Commons Project Mr. Hunt gave details of this consultation and the necessary form was completed at the meeting. PP
13. Footpaths Report
 Mr.Godfrey advised that fencing work is currently being carried out between Long Wood and Doyley Wood, including the building of a

13. Footpaths Report (cont) stile where Footpath FP22 meets Bridleway BR22. Regrettably the stile has now collapsed, but hopefully this will be repaired before the fencing is complete.
14. Refuse & Waste Management
a) Fly-tipping at Maidensgrove This appears to have ceased at present. To be monitored. b/f
b) Fly-tipping at Hollandridge This remains a problem, but it would appear that the Parish Council is powerless to act, it being the responsibility of the user of the land. To be monitored. b/f
14. Refuse & Waste Management (cont)
c) Rubbish Bins A parishioner had made a complaint to the Parish Council that rubbish bins are being put out for collection at a very early time on the collection days and, occasionally, left by the roadside for a considerable number of days. The Clerk drew the Parish Councillors' attention to the recommendation received from SODC that bins should not be placed by the roadside until 6 p.m. on the day prior to collection. Parish Councillors will draw parishioners attention to this recommendation. ALL
15. Townlands Hospital Update The Clerk read the September 2010 Newsletter to the Parish Council. The next stage of the project is to start the procurement process, which will enable discussions to begin with potential bidders to ascertain the service model and contractual framework; this should be considered in December.
16. Information Pack The new pack was handed to Councillors for circulation. ALL
17. Any other business
a) NALC Legal Briefing LO8-10 Future of the Standards Framework The Clerk gave details of this briefing which essentially indicates that the Localism Bill to be put before Parliament in November 2010 will seek to abolish the standards regime applicable to councillors. Councillors will still have to register certain personal interests in a publicly available register, and it will be a criminal offence if a councillor intends to mislead the public about such interests. It is proposed that Regulations will be introduced covering the ability for councillors to vote on matters they may have a predisposition towards but have not predetermined; and changes to the internal audit system.
b) OCC 'Preparing for Emergencies - a Community Approach' 140 booklets have been ordered by the Parish Clerk, and Councillors have volunteered to assist with their distribution across the Parish. ALL
18. Items for Parish Magazines Report of meeting. PP
19. Date, Place and Time of next Meeting
Mr. Godfrey requested that the meeting times should be altered to 8.00 p.m., but the majority preferred 7.00 p.m.
To be confirmed: Tuesday, 25th January 2011, at The Village Hall, Russells Water, 7.00 p.m. PP

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

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Chairman