

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at The Village Hall, Russells Water on Tuesday 20th November 2012

<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: Cllr. Caroline Newton (County Councillor), 1 parishioner, Dr. B. Snell

1. Apologies and reasons for absence District Councillor Revd. Angie Paterson (abroad).
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 Item 7(a)
4. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 20th September 2012 These were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
5. Matters Arising
 - a) 'The Green', Russells Water Mr. Dunn reported that car parking on The Green had become an issue recently, but the Parish Council has no control over common land and was unable to be of assistance The matter has now been resolved.
6. Planning Applications

P12/S0842/Full	The Wool Loft, Stonor Park	SODC approval on 24/10/12	
P12/S1786/HH	Deers Leap, M'gve	SODC approval on 8/10/12	
P12/S1789/HH	Old Farmhouse, Russells Wtr	SODC approval on 11/10/12	
P12/S1907/HH	Doveswood, M'gve	SODC approval on 18/10/12	
P12/S1934/HH	Island Cottage, M'gve	PC no strong views; SODC approval 23/10/12	
P12/S2420/HH	Badgers, Stonor	PC approval; SODC decision awaited.	
PE.00237/10	Cookley Hill Farm, M'gve	No news at present; bring forward.	PP
P11/E1701	Beech Barn, Russells Wtr	Verge damage: the contractor will repair the verges on completion of construction work.	DN
- South Oxfordshire Core Strategy Inspector's report: The Inspector found the core strategy sound and it is likely to be adopted by SODC before the end of 2012, when it will become part of the development plan.
7. Communications
 - a) Parish Council Website The Clerk had received analytical reports from SKP Solutions showing the usage of the website, which is now recognised direct through Google. The Clerk will be receiving further instruction from SKP Solutions to enable better use of the website.
Mr. Godfrey suggested that email addresses from interested parties should be collected so that a 'group' email could be sent to alert parishioners of specific events, restricted to occasional use only. The emails would be sent with a 'blind box' and there will be an 'unsubscribe' option. Mr. Godfrey will contact Pishill residents, Mrs. Newell the Russells Water and Maidensgrove residents and Mr. Stracey and Clerk will contact Stonor residents to ascertain views. The Clerk will also contact SKP Solutions to discuss the easiest means of achieving this facility.

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7. Communications (cont)
- b) Notice board for Pishill Mr. Godfrey will be making the notice board from oak and marine ply, possibly using acoustic material as the backing board. Mr. Godfrey was warmly thanked for his offer and will be reimbursed for the materials required. PGG
8. Finance
- a) Budget The Clerk presented the Budget for the forthcoming year and this was discussed by Parish Councillors. There is a central governmental delay in being able to inform SODC of the final Precept decision, but it was unanimously agreed that when possible the Clerk should inform SODC that the Parish Council wishes that the Precept for the year 2013/2014 should remain at £4800.00. PP
- b) Charitable Causes The Clerk presented appeal letters from various charities and after discussion it was unanimously agreed that, except for charitable causes directly linked to the Parish, it was not the place of the Parish Council to support charities, however worthy, which do not have a direct relevance to local parishioners. It was agreed to make a donation of £150.00 to Pishill Church graveyard fund and £50.00 to the Citizens' Advice Bureau.
- The Clerk reported that the balance at Barclays Bank stands at £2995.92.
- Cheques drawn at the meeting:
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| Ch.no: 100398 The Village Hall, Russells Water (hire for meeting, 2 ½ hrs @ £6.00ph) | £ 15.00 |
| 100399 Cancelled | -- |
| 100400 P.A. Pearce (Clerk's wages, 9 weeks @ £52.50 pw + tel.exps £20) | £492.50 |
| 100401 W. Stracey & Son (reimbursement for purchase of salt bin through Lister Wilder) | £ 85.00 |
| 100402 Pishill Church (Graveyard donation) | £150.00 |
| 100403 Citizens' Advice Bureau (donation) | £ 50.00 |
- The Parish Council discussed the wages paid to the Clerk and unanimously agreed that these should be raised to £60.00 per week from 1st April 2013. The Clerk expressed her gratitude. The second Barclays Account opened for the Jubilee (Account no: 6373691 Sort Code 20-39-53) stands with a nil balance and the Clerk was instructed to formally close the account. PP
10. Roads
- a) Ditches near Stonor Mr. Hunt requested that Cllr. Newton contacts the relevant Highways Officer to expedite the clearing of the ditches, which are a prime cause of flooding across the carriageway outside Stonor. The Clerk reported that she anticipates hearing from Mr. David Goldsworthy (OCC Highways) shortly and will bring this to his attention. CN
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- b) Potholes at Russells Water/Maidensgrove Mrs. Newell said that these had been repaired recently.
- c) 'Lodge Farm lane' This is still very badly affected; some work has been carried out, but has not been completed. Cllr. Newton will look into the matter. CN
- d) Hollandridge Lane The surface is badly in need of attention. Cllr. Newton will look into the matter and the Clerk will speak to Mr. Goldsworthy. CN
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- e) Resurfacing at Bix Cllr. Newton reported that there is to be major resurfacing work at Bix, which will result in a quantity of plantings becoming available. It may be possible for some of these to be used by our Parish.
- f) 2013 Triathlon Proposals Mr. Dunn had attended two meetings at the Town Hall, Henley when three alternative routes had been proposed. Consultation is now taking place on a fourth route, as yet unannounced. Cllr. Newton had attended the Parish Council meeting to ascertain the local mood, and will be reporting back to the County Council. It was agreed that members of the Parish Council would contact as many parishioners as possible to discover their opinion on the Triathlon and the Parish Council would then send an appropriate letter to OCC, Just Racing and the Henley Standard. CN
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10. Roads (cont)
- g) Rock Salt Bin and Salt Supplies Mr.Stracey had bought and paid for a rock salt bin from Lister Wilder, at a more favourable price than that offered by OCC. (*See Finance-7*) The bin will be placed at Park Lane. Salt supplies have been received.
 - h) Speed Watch A request had been received from a parishioner that the Parish Council should request a Speed Watch visit from Thames Valley Police, to specifically focus on Stonor. The Clerk will make the necessary contact. PP
11. Commons Report
- a) Driving on commons Nothing to report
 - b) Driving through fields One incident, but not serious, probably due to the ground being so wet.
 - c) Jubilee Tree Planting A tree has been donated by Mr.Hunt and the Clerk is to ascertain whether a suitable metal tree guard could be provided by Stonor Park. Mr.Hunt and Mr.Stracey can provide rabbit protection for the tree. The Clerk is to enquire whether Lord Camoys would be willing to plant the tree on behalf of the Parish, and a suitable date and time is to be arranged. PP
12. Footpaths Report Nothing to report.
13. Refuse and Waste Management
- a) Generally Nothing to report.
 - b) Christmas Tree Recycling SODC had approached the Parish to enquire whether there is an area within the Parish for their recycling lorry to collect Christmas trees. Unfortunately no suitable area could be identified.
14. Townlands Hospital Update Plans have been approved, but there is local opposition to the three-storey design.
15. Information Pack Including reports from District Councillor Revd.Angie Paterson, and Mr.John Howell MP.
16. Any other business
- a) School entry applications The Clerk outlined this information, posters are on the notice boards.
 - b) Rural Housing Trust A two-bedroom house in shared ownership with the Rural Housing Trust has become available at Elms Way, Nettlebed at £162,500 for a 65% share. Applications should be made to Liz Fitzsimmons, tel: 01462 742099; the deadline is 19th December 2012. (Pishill with Stonor is included in the designated area for applicants). Details are posted on the notice boards at Maidensgrove and in Stonor bus shelter, and will be published on the website. PP
 - c) Quince Tree Mr.Dunn had been contacted through email by the planning consultant acting on behalf of the Quince Tree, Stonor, who gave notice that the Quince Tree intends to apply for a withdrawal of the planning condition pertaining to licensed opening hours, on the basis that the terms of business should be covered by the Licensing Laws, not planning. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would support the removal of the planning condition.
 - e) Superfast Broadband Cllr.Newton reported that there is a fund to provide fibre cables across the county to increase Broadband speeds, but that it is unlikely to cover more rural areas. These rural areas could be served by Gigaclear, which aims to install 1 gigabyte to homes in small villages. It is important that interested residents

17. Any other business (cont)

- e) Superfast Broadband (cont) respond to the Oxfordshire County Council Oxonline Survey, which will be running for a further two weeks.
It may helpful for Pishill with Stonor to join forces with neighbouring parishes to access the Gigaclear provision when available. The cost per household is likely to be £100 for installation of cabling, plus £35 per month for access, which will then reduce telephone line rental costs, etc.
- f) Councillors' Community Fund Cllr.Newton outlined the aim of this funding, which is intended to facilitate small projects within communities not covered by conventional grants and other county subsidies.

18. Items for Parish Magazines General report of meeting.

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19. Date, Place and Time of next Meeting: To be confirmed: Tuesday, 22nd January 2013, the Almshill Room, Quince Tree, Stonor at 7.00 p.m.

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

.....Chairman