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**PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting**

**held at The Village Hall, Russells Water on**

 **16th May 2023**

Present Mr. T. Dunn Chairman

 Mr. R. Collett

 Mr. S. Haq

 Mrs. F. Hunt

Also present: Mrs. B. Phipps, Dr. B. Snell, Mr and Mrs T. Walton, Mr. R. Warner

33/23 Welcome by the Chairman, Mr. T. Dunn. The Chairman welcomed all those present.

34/23 To receive apologies for absence: Mr. S. Stracey, Cllr. F. VanMierlo

35/23 Address by County and District Councillor, Mr Freddie van Mierlo Not received due to absence

36/23 Address by the Chairman, Mr. T. Dunn

 The Chairman gave a report on Parish Council work over the past year.

Planning

Since January 2022 there have been 28 applications

 The Parish Council approved 10; objected to 8; no strong views 10

South Oxfordshire District Council approved 16; refused 3

 2 applications withdrawn prior to District Council determination

 Remaining 7 are outstanding with the District Council

 At the November meeting, Mr and Ms R Brand, the new owners of The Crown, Pishill

attended the meeting saying it was their intention to reopen as a ‘recreation space’ and destination for hikers, cyclists etc. They said they planned to open the stable block as a coffee shed at weekends, aiming also at opening a bar and restaurant. They hoped to have a pre-planning meeting with SODC in January 2023 following which they intended to have a consultation event seeking local views prior to the final application

Roads

Cllr VanMierlo was looking into the damage to the B480 last May, but there has been little meaningful progress on repairs.

 The surface of the road from Maidensgrove to RW is causing concern and repeated representation to Oxfordshire County Council has resulted in superficial repairs only. A parishioner had complained to Thames Water re: the unscheduled closure of the road, which had resulted in loss of business to the Five Horseshoes Public House.

20 mph The Parish survey had taken place resulting in a 50/50 split – results were shared with Swyncombe PC who had a similar outcome.

Grips and Ditches had been cleared during the winter, carried out by the parish council as the County Council had taken no action in spite of this work being requested

Footpaths have been regularly visited and have experienced no problems this year

Mobile Phone mast in Stonor

The mast was upgraded during 2022 and mains electricity has now been provided but the mast serves Middle Assendon, not Stonor

Frequent electricity outages in Maidensgrove and Russells Water had been reported to SSEN

Driving on commons/fields Activity during May 2022

ANPR camera considered, but no further progress at present

Replacement signs on Maidensgrove Signs received and awaiting installation.

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36/23 Address by Chairman (cont)

Parish Resilience Plan This has been completed in collaboration with Swyncombe PC, to whom very many thanks.

New Code of Conduct was adopted on 25th May 2022 as per regulations

Donations made annually to the Comet/Handy bus and to Pishill Church Graveyard Maintenance fund.

Retirement of Cllr Richard Hunt Cllr Richard Hunt retired after many years loyal and effective service to the Parish Council and the vacancy was duly advertised in accordance with the regulations. This resulted in the co-option of Mrs Felicity Hunt at the February 2023 meeting

The local elections did not require a Parish Election as the five parish councillors already in office were unopposed.

HM The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

Beacon lighting on Maidensgove Common organised by Cllr Richard Hunt on 2nd June, this was well attended

A Celebration Lunch was held at White Pond Farm,,with very many thanks to the Stracey Family who

kindly hosted the event

Following the lunch £135.00 had been donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee Ukrainian appeal.

Following the death of Her Majesty, the Parish Council had arranged for a suitable photograph to be inserted into the website; a memorial book had been placed in Pishill Church for use by all who wished to write a tribute. The collection box resulted in £75 which was equally divided between Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, and Cancer Research known to be two of Her Majesty’s favoured charities

Lord (Thomas) Camoys It was with great sadness that the parish council learned of the death of Lord Camoys, whose funeral at Stonor Park was attended by parish councillors. The parish council was also invited to attend Lord Camoys memorial service in Westminster Cathedral. Thoughts are with the family.

HM The King’s Coronation

Beacon lighting in Stonor Park held on Coronation Day 6th May, followed by Big Lunch held at White Pond Farm on Sunday 7th May. Grateful thanks to the Stracey family and many other willing helpers who assisted with the setting up and clearing away. A very happy occasion, attended by 113 people. After the accounts are finalised, the balance will be sent to the Sue Ryder charity. A parish email will give the details of the amount.

The Chairman concluded by thanking his fellow Parish Councillors and the Clerk for their hard work over the past year.

37/23 Open Forum

The Chairman invited questions from those attending – None.

38/23 Close of meeting There being no further business to transact, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

(The meeting was immediately followed by the Annual Meeting – see separate Minutes)

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Chairman

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