### **PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL**

# Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Held at White Pond Farm Barn on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Present Mr. T. Dunn Chairman

Mr. S. Stracey Vice Chairman

Mr. R. Collett Mr. S. Hag

Mrs. P. Pearce Parish Clerk

Also present: District Councillor Ms. A. Badcock

Mr. J. Green

The Chairman welcomed all those attending

45/22 To receive apologies for absence

The Council accepted apologies from Cllr. Richard Hunt, Mr Adrian de Segundo.

- 46/22 To receive declarations of interest and dispensations re: items on the Agenda Cllr.Richard Collett declared a personal interest re P21/S5143/HH, The Square House, Russells Water
- 47/22 To agree and accept the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The Council resolved to accept the minutes, duly signed by the Chairman.
- 48/22 To discuss matters arising None
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- 50/22 To discuss matters arising None
- 51/22 To invite public participation re: items on the Agenda None
- 52/22 South Oxfordshire District Councillor Anna Badcock

Ms Badcock reported on her position re: P22/S5143/HH, The Square House Russells Water. She had made efforts to have this application 'called in', but the procedure had changed since the Covid pandemic and, as a result of an efficiency drive by the Head of Planning, this was not possible. It would appear that there is now greater restriction on parish councils' influence and it is therefore crucial to respond to applications by referring to Planning Policy.

Applications are now open to interpretation, particularly in respect of Conservation matters. It appears that there is an 'administrative' focus to drive efficiency, rather than on the local environment. With respect to P22/S2454/FUL, the Council was advised to contact District Cllr. Jo Robb, who is a member of the Planning Committee.

TD/P

Re: the Joint Local Plan being prepared between SODC and the Vale of White Horse, Cllr.Badcock advised the Council to remain focused and to join with neighbouring parishes in the Watlington Ward. She suggested applying for National Park status, which would enhance protection of the locality. The Chairman thanked Cllr Badcock for her information. Cllr Badcock left the meeting at 7.25 pm

53/22 To receive reports on Planning Applications:

P21/S5143/HH Square House, Russells Water P22/S1323/LB The Old Almshouse, Stonor

PC objected; SODC granted permission on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 PC no objection providing heat pump noise does not disturb neighbouring property, 23 Stonor; SODC decision awaited.

P22/S1495/FUL Dewpond Farm, Russells Water PC objected; SODC decision awaited

P22/S1750/LB The Old Almshouse, Stonor PC no objection; SODC granted LB on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022

P22/S1882/FUL Colmena, Russells Water PC no objection; SODC granted permission on 28<sup>th</sup> June 259

## 53/22 To receive reports on Planning Applications (cont):

P22/S2454/FUL Grove Farm, Pishill - new field access PC objects on grounds of proposal being highly dangerous and existing entrance is adequate; SODC

decision awaited.

Land adjacent to The Orchard, Russells Water Mr. Collett reported that there is no current activity. b/f

### 54/22 To receive report on parish communications

Phone mast at Upper Assendon Farm Mr. Hunt was not present at the meeting

b/f

### 55/22 To discuss roads in parish

Councillors requested that the Clerk contact Mr. Philip Shaw for a quotation re: clearing the grips and ditches in Balham's Lane and Hollandridge Lane.

Clerk also requested to contact OCC Highways for clearance of the Park Lane grips. PP

Clerk to contact County Councillor re: the deterioration of the road between Maidensgrove and Russells Water and to request remedial work.

PP

### 56/22 To receive Commons Report

- a) Driving on Commons No evidence at present
- b) Driving on fields No evidence at present, but likely to be a problem following harvesting.
- Replacement 5 metal signs on Maidensgrove Common
   Estimate received from Nuneaton Signs £576 inc VAT and carriage, 863mm x 660mm
   Estimate awaited from Morelock Signs
   The Clerk was asked to obtain samples from each supplier.

PP

## 57/22 To receive Footpaths Report Mr. Hunt was not present at the meeting

b/f

# 58/22 To receive Refuse & Waste Collection report

Nothing to report

### 59/22 To receive Parish Resilience Plan update

The Clerk reported that the Swyncombe Parish Clerk will be completing this following her return from annual holiday.

## 60/22 To receive report on Queen's Platinum Jubilee events

- Beacon lighting at Maidensgrove Common on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June

  Very successful with a good attendance from parishioners and guests from Bix & Assendon Parish.

  Mr. Hunt and his family were thanked for their hard work in preparing the beacon, including the safety fencing. Attendees brought refreshments and seating for themselves.
- b) Platinum Jubilee Lunch
  Very successful indeed, with 108 attendees. Mr. and Mrs. Stracey were thanked for their wonderful
  welcome at White Pond Farm, for the attractive decoration of the barn and serving area, and for the
  provision and cooking of the joints of beef. Parishioners had very generously brought salads and

desserts and an excellent celebration was held.

### 61/22 Matters for discussion at the discretion of the Chairman

Mr. Collett raised the issue of Jubilee mugs and it was agreed that mugs of decent quality are too expensive and cheap ones not worth having. Regretfully, therefore, the Parish Council will not be giving mugs to children living in the Parish.

#### 62/22 Finance and Administration

To receive internal audit report
 The Councillors accepted the internal auditor's report.

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### 62/22 Finance and Administration (cont)

b) To receive report on Bank Balances

Barclays Community Account £13,363.91
Barclays Flexible Current Account £ 1,056.76

Accepted by the councillors.

(Receipts since last meeting Flexible Current Account: £1,050.00 + cash £215.00)

- c) To discuss and agree disbursement of balance remaining following payment of Jubilee expenses (£862.97 Balance remaining £143.79 agreed by parish councillors to donate £135.00 to the Ukraine DAC Appeal, leaving a balance of £8.39 in the Flexible Current Account)
- Payment of the following from the Community Account agreed by the parish councillors.
   Ch.no:

100654 P.A. Pearce wages (11 wks @ £84 - PAYE + exps) £924-£106.28 PAYE = £817.72 + exps. 33.01

£850.73

 100655 HMRC PAYE (Months 1+2, £52.85+£53.43)
 £106.28

 100656 Chiltern Society annual membership
 £30.00

Parish Councillors agreed donation of £300.00

Ch.no: 100657 Pishill Parochial Church Council graveyard donation £300.00

Agreed payment of the following from the Flexible Current Account – Jubilee party expenses:

Ch.no:

 100061 P.A. Pearce
 £651.07 - £115 paid in cash - Ch. Balance
 £536.07

 100062 W Stracey & Son
 £426.90 - £100 paid in cash - Ch. Balance
 £326.90

Ratification of the following agreed by the parish councillors:

Ch.no: 100650 Gallagher Insurance Policy 189376 for 1-year only £673.72 100651 E.Cooper (internal audit £200 + Hermes courier costs £8.95) £208.95

- e) In view of the confidential nature of the business transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw: Clerk's wages discussed and agreed by the Parish Councillors to be increased to £13.48 per hour with effect from the next meeting, October 2022.
- 63/22 Date, time and place of next meeting:

To be confirmed: Tuesday 11th October 2022, 7.00 p.m., The Village Hall, Russells Water

The Chairman thanked all those present for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

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