

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held at The Village Hall, Russells Water on
Tuesday, 15th March 2022.**

Present	Mr. T Dunn	Chairman
	Mr. S. Stracey	Vice-Chairman
	Mr. R. Collett	
	Mr. R. Hunt	
	Mr. S. Haq	
	Mrs. P. Pearce	Parish Clerk

Also present: District Councillor Mrs. Anna Badcock; Oxfordshire County Councillor Mr. Freddie VanMierlo;
Guest: Mr. D. Orpwood

01/22 Apologies for absence Miss M. Burley

02/22 Declarations of interest and dispensations re: items on the Agenda Mr. Thomas Dunn
declared a personal interest in item 64/21(h) as he is the applicant re: P21/S4761/LB, Hollandridge Farm;
Mr. Richard Collett declared a personal interest as a neighbour in P21/S5143/HH, The Square House,
Russells Water

03/22 Public participation re: items on the Agenda: Mr. D. Orpwood 12/22 Roads

04/22 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 25th November 2021
Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

05/22 Matters arising None

06/22 Report from District Councillor:

Cllr Badcock reported that, following the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, SODC will assist with settling Ukrainian refugees.

Car parking fees are rising across the District.

Loss of Government funding has meant resources must be found elsewhere; 70% of SODC funds derived from Council Tax are spent on social care. Band D homes and below will receive a Council Tax rebate.

There is a grant available for tree planting; the Secretary of State for the Environment has visited Watlington and met the Wild Oxfordshire Team. There are a number of funds available for hedge planting.

Planning Application P21/S0047 Grove Farm, Pishill – Cllr Badcock was encouraged by the Planning Committee decision. This application is not ‘adding value to the environment’ in the AONB. If the Planning Officer is minded to approve the proposals, Cllr Badcock can ‘call in’ the application.

The Clerk to send Cllr Badcock details of the most recent Grove Farm proposal: P22/S0356/N4C. PP

Cllr. Badcock was asked to look at Planning Application P21/S5143/HH Square House, Russells Water, which the Parish Council considers to be detrimental to the AONB.

07/22 Report from County Councillor:

Cllr VanMierlo reported that when the Budget was passed in February, 20 mph proposals were rolled out.

There were Council Tax rises across the board as Government grants will be at a lower rate.

Bus numbers are down by 25%. OCC has applied for aid to electrify buses in Oxford, but there is no news yet. Oxford Zero Emissions Area pilot has been launched and will be open for public consultation.

Mr. Orpwood considers that 20mph restrictions will not be enforced and therefore not appropriate in the locality

Mr. Orpwood also challenged Cllr VanMierlo on the recent initiative for County Council meetings to be served with vegan meals stressing the need to support Oxfordshire farmers, since local farm produce is not doing well at present.

07/22 Report from County Councillor (cont)

The Parish Council requested that resurfacing and general repairs to roads be prioritised over any 20 mph initiative. The B480 requires immediate resurfacing and Cllr. VanMierlo was asked to push this forward.

08/22 Planning

P20/S4369/HH Grove Farm House, Pishill	Refused by SODC 15/11/21	
P20/S4850/FUL JoJo's Vineyard, Maidensgrove	SODC approved 18/12/21	
P21/S4189/HH Woodmans, Maidensgrove	SODC approved 25/11/21	
P21/S0047/FUL Grove Farm, Pishill	PC supports; SODC approval 25/11/21	
P21/S4761/LB Hollandridge Farm, Chr.Cmn.	Listed Building Consent granted 15/2/22	
P21/S5143/HH Square House, Russells Water	PC objection; documents to be emailed to Dist.Cllr; SODC decision awaited.	PP
P22/S0320/HH Rose Cottage, Russells Water	PC no strong views; SODC decision awaited	
P22/S0356/N4CGrove Farm, Pishill change use	PC strongly objects; documents to be emailed to Dist.Cllr; SODC decision awaited.	PP
22/S0496/LB Stonor Park, Stonor	PC supports; SODC decision awaited	
Land adjacent to The Orchard, Russells Water	Mr.Collett reported that there had been no changes at the site.	

09/22 ANPR Camera provision proposal - update

Mr.Stracey reported that there is no further news. Mr.Orpwood will be meeting members of Thames Valley Police Rural Crime Force on 17/3/22, who have said that there is no electricity supply for the camera. Mr.Orpwood will suggest that the ANPR camera be positioned on the telegraph pole outside White Pond Farm, Stonor.

10/22 Parish Communications

Vision ICT website hosting will increase by 7.5%. Mr. Haq will write to query such a large increase, but the current costs have been in effect since 2014. Migrating to an alternative website host will be an additional cost. SH

11/22 Finance

a)	Bank balance	The Clerk reported that the Community stands at 13,535.25; the Flexible Current Account remains at £6.76. CIL funds represent £7790.00 of the Community Account.		a)
b)	Receipts	None since last meeting		
c)	Comet Bus invoice	This was discussed and it was agreed that it should be paid this year. To be reconsidered in 2023 if there are no users from the Parish at that time.		
d)	Defibrillators	Clerk has checked all three. New pads have been provided from 'The Circuit'.		
e)	Commons notices	Clerk gave details of three estimates received, but materials suggested may not be sufficiently robust. Clerk to ask OCC Highways for names of suitable suppliers.		PP
f)	Payments			
	Ch.no: 100642 P.A. Pearce (wages15 wks+5 days @£84 pw+£40 tel exps)	£1320+£40	£1360.00	
	100643 OALC annual subscription		£ 150.00	
	100644 Nettlebed Good Neighbour Scheme – Comet bus 2022		£ 273.00	
	100645 The Village Hall, Russells Water (mtg hire, 2 ½ hrs @£12 ph)		£ 30.00	
	Ratification:			
	Ch.no: 100641 Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils – Experienced Clerk Training, taken by Mrs. Pearce on 18/1/22 – payment ratified			
g)	Clerk's wages	The Clerk was asked to forward details of the new pay scale to councillors for consideration.		PP

- 12/22 Roads
 B480 Needs urgent attention. Clerk to email a reminder to Cllr. VanMierlo requesting his support. PP
 20 mph Proposals: A parish consultation will be conducted asking for parishioners' views on OCC proposals PP
- 13/22 Commons Report
 Electricity outages Mr. Collett reported that there have been no recent outages.
 Driving on Commons Mr. Haq and Mr. Collett reported that there is no evidence at present.
 Driving on fields A gate was deliberately removed from White Pond Farm recently.
- 14/22 Footpaths Report
 Mr.Hunt had contacted Maggie Templeman of the Chiltern Society re: the footpath opposite Whistling Cottage, Russells Water, leading to the Common. Mr.Collett had begun clearing this and the remainder was completed by the Chiltern Society in January.
- 15/22 Refuse & Waste Collection
 Litter Blitz Planned for 19/3/22. Mr.Hunt and Mr. Haq have had a number of volunteers and have allocated areas for clearing. SODC will collect the refuse from Upper Assendon Farm
- 16/22 Parish Resilience Plan
 Swyncombe Parish Council and Pishill with Stonor Parish Council are liaising on the updated Resilience Plan for emergency assistance. There has been some support from PwS parishioners and Mr. Nick Girdler of White Pond Cottages has agreed to be the Liaison contact. The Clerk will finalise the details in co-ordination with Swyncombe PC. PP
- 17/22 Forthcoming events - Preparation for Queen's Platinum Jubilee
 On Thursday 2nd June Pishill with Stonor Parish Council hope to organise a beacon lighting on Maidensgrove Common, with permission from Lord Camoys. It will be suggested that those attending should bring their own picnic. Mr. Stracey will invite Hon William Stonor to light the beacon. SS
 Mr. and Mrs. Stracey have generously offered to host the Platinum Jubilee Lunch at White Pond Farm, Stonor, which the Parish Councillors are delighted to accept. Following discussion, it was agreed that tickets should be £20 per person, with under 16s and over 85s free of charge. The ticket will include all food and soft and alcoholic drinks, with residents being asked to donate salads or puddings.
 It has been suggested that a cake should be provided by the Parish Council and Mr. Stracey will enquire whether Stonor Park would be willing to arrange the baking of a cake for 100 guests. SS
 It was proposed that Brig. Andrew Myrtle, representing the older parish residents, should be invited to give the Loyal Toast. TD
 The Clerk to draft the publicity details for councillors' approval. PP
- 18/22 Matters for discussion at the discretion of the Chairman None
- 19/22 Date, place and time of Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting:
 To be confirmed: Tuesday 10th May at 7.00 pm
- 20/22 Close of meeting
 The Chairman thanked all those for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

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