

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 26th September 2024
at The Village Hall, Russells Water

- Present: Mr T Dunn Chairman
Mr S Stracey Vice-Chairman
Mr R Collett
Mr S Haq
Mrs F Hunt
Mrs P Pearce Parish Clerk
- 48/24 To receive apologies for absence None
- 49/24 To receive declarations of interest and dispensations re: items on the agenda None
- 50/24 To agree Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 9th July 2024 These were agreed unanimously and duly signed by the Chairman
- 51/24 To discuss any matters arising:
a) Clearing of ditches and grips by Mr P Shaw Mr Stracey reported that Mr Shaw had cleared Balham's Lane and will undertake clearing in Park Lane and Hollandridge Lane shortly SS
- 52/24 To invite public participation re: items on the agenda: 53/24; 56/24e; 57/24
- 53/24 To receive reports on planning applications:
P24/S0556/FUL The Crown, Pishill – no decision from SODC. This application continues to cause great concern within the parish. The neighbour has maintained contact with SODC, including twice lodging an official complaint. The Parish Council also lodged a complaint with SODC Planning on 29th July 2024. As well as a podcast studio, the premises are being used for yoga sessions and Alcoholics Anonymous. Unless the application is refused, enforcement cannot be implemented. This is currently the third time the application has been amended. The Parish Council wishes to ensure that the application goes to the Planning Committee and not determined under delegated powers. Dr Snell was invited to address the meeting and reported that the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035 (adopted December 2020) Pages 219, 220 & 220 referring to Community & Recreational facilities is relevant to this application.
P24/1177/FUL Land at White Pond Farm – SODC approved 12/7/24
P23/S3651/FUL Russells Water Farm and The Lookout – SODC decision awaited
P24/S1971/HH Nuttall's Farm, Maidensgrove – SODC approval 30/8/24
P24/S2689/HH Kiln Barn, Russells Water – Parish Council has pointed out the proximity of the Village Hall soakaway to the site. SODC decision awaited.
P24/S2912/HH Nuttall's Farm, Maidensgrove – Front extension - consultation date 9/10/24
- 54/24 To receive Roads report:
a) Traffic calming proposals: The proposed installation of illuminated automatic traffic calming signs has had to be paused as OCC is required to deal with the bye-laws and legislation in connection with these; there has also been a recent issue of battery theft and Mr Haq is accordingly investigating suitable systems for battery security. These systems are likely to cost in the region of £3000-£4000. SH

- 54/24 To receive Roads report (cont)
- b) Removal of silt from Church Lane catchpit, Pishill. The Clerk reported that OCC Highways will attend on 30th September 2024
 - c) Silt collecting at Park Lane and B480 junction Work has recently been carried out but, due to the heavy rainfall, it requires doing again. Clerk to contact Biffa PP
 - d) Park Lane overgrown hedges – reported to Fix my Street. (Farmers are not permitted to cut hedges until October)
 - e) B480 Flooding caused by Assendon Spring. Resurfacing work to the B480 will be carried out by OCC Highways on 24th October 2024. Mrs Hunt reported that the necessary pipework to the ditches had not been completed, in spite of land having been made available by Upper Assendon Farm. Clerk to report to Mr P Wilson, OCC Highways. PP
 - f) Potholes between Snowball Hill and JoJo’s Vineyard These have been reported twice by the Clerk, on 29/8/24 and 25/9/24. Mr Collett reported that Highways staff had attended, but dumped the planings into the layby. PP
 - g) Landowner deposit OCC 2067 at Hollandridge, to prevent unrecorded public rights of way from being legally recorded on the basis of presumed dedication in the future. Noted.
 - h) Chilterns 50 Challenge 2024 – Saturday 28th September, noted.
 - i) Winter salt provision – None required this year.
- 55/24 To receive report on parish communications. Mr Haq reported that he had tried to contact Gigaclear for an update on whether the October ‘build’ date would proceed, but had received no response. If seen, parishioners are asked to report any Gigaclear work to poles, or trench machinery to him. (stephen.haq@proacumen.com) b/f
- 56/24 Finance and Administration
- a) To report on the Bank Balances
Barclays Community Account stands at £12,768.13 (includes Grand Leo donation)
Amenity Account stands at £37.00
 - b) To agree Adoption of Revised Financial Regulations, verified by Mr Collett and the Clerk. Proposed by Mr Dunn, seconded by Mr Stracey, agreed unanimously.
 - c) To agree revised annual accounts, proposed by Mr Dunn, seconded by Mr Stracey, agreed unanimously.
 - d) To agree payments of the following from the Community Account:
Bank transfer: PA Pearce (Clerk’s wages £13.48phx7pwx10 weeks=£943.60-PAYE £35.91 +£79.99 Microsoft = £987.68
HMRC £35.91
T.Dunn expenses re: September meeting £60.00
Village Hall Russells Water, mtg hire 1 ½ hrs @ £12 ph = £18.00
 - e) Grand Leo Productions donation – the Chairman invited discussion by the parishioners, (‘entrance gates’ at village boundaries, provision of dog faeces bins, hollowed logs on Maidensgrove Common to provide resting places for walkers etc); it was agreed that traffic calming proposals would be implemented as planned.
 - f) VAT return – HMRC had credited the Community Account with £349.77.
- 57/24 To receive Commons and Fields Report
- a) Driving on commons No activity at present
 - b) Driving on fields Currently the ground is too wet.
 - c) Track near ‘Colmena’, RW The track from Colmena towards Nuttall’s Farm is very flooded. The Clerk had contacted Stonor Park, but no response had been received by the time of the meeting. The owners of Colmena consider that the responsibility for the enormous ‘pothole’ may be Stonor Park’s. Clerk to chase PP

58/24 To receive Footpaths Report
Mrs Hunt reported that Mrs Bryony Lewis' report is awaited. A new kissing gate has been installed on footpath FP12.

59/24 To receive report on Refuse & Waste Collection
Recently there have been some incidents of late collection, but these have been resolved.

60/24 Matters for discussion at the discretion of the Chairman
a) Closure of Five Horseshoes Public House, Maidensgrove.
Mr Collett had contacted Brakspears regarding the closure of the Five Horseshoes PH at Maidensgrove; they report that they are hoping to appoint a new manager and that there will be a 5-year tenancy lease put in place. Mr Collett confirmed that the premises will be kept tidy and that there is a possibility that, when a new tenant is appointed, refurbishment work may take place.
b) Trees on the Hollandridge Lane junction are hanging over the B480. Clerk to try to ascertain ownership and request appropriate action. PP

61/24 Date, time and place of next meeting: To be confirmed – Thursday 28th November 2024, 7.00 pm at The Village Hall, Russells Water

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all those for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

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Chairman