

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting held at The Village Hall, Russells Water
on 21st November 2018.**

<u>Present</u>	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: South Oxfordshire District Councillor Ms. Anna Badcock; the Hon. William Stonor.

77/18 Apologies for absence None

78/18 Declarations of interests and dispensations re: items on the Agenda Mr.R. Collett declared a personal interest in Planning Application no: P18/S1500/O, as a neighbour to the site.

79/18 Public participation re: items on the Agenda The Hon William Stonor wished to address the Parish Council regarding the Stonor Estates forthcoming planning application for provision of three shepherd's huts to be used for 'glamping' holidays. Mr.Stonor gave full details of the proposals, including illustrative documents. The Chairman indicated to Mr. Stonor that, when the finalised application is received by the parish council, the application will be discussed and a decision made.

80/18 District Councillor Ms. Anna Badcock

The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Badcock, inviting her to address the meeting.

Cllr.Badcock is a member of the Strategy Committee, dealing with health and well-being, tourism etc., but excluding planning.

Cllr. Badcock invited the parish council to reconsider undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan, stating that SODC is moving towards applying for the AONB to be redesignated as a National Park, when the Green Belt may not continue to be protected.

The SODC Local Plan should be available by the end of December.

In answer to queries, Cllr. Badcock said that there had been no change in the Chalgrove development proposals. There is no finance available at present to provide extra roads and until this is resolved, together with the fact that there is a long-term sitting tenant occupying the site, there is unlikely to be movement on the proposals.

Cllr.Badcock reported that fibre from cabinets to households and business can attract grants of £300 per household and £5000 per business. If households and/or businesses join forces, this can prove attractive to possible fibre providers and Cllr.Badcock expressed her willingness to act as a co-ordinator for such an initiative.

81/18 Minutes of meeting held on 26th September 2018 These were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

82/18 Matters arising:

- a) Removal of diversion signs The signs reported to OCC following the September meeting had been removed. However, replacement signs had now appeared. Clerk to monitor.

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83/18 Planning Applications

P18/S1500/O Marigay, Russells Water Application to be considered at SODC Planning Cttee mtg on 28/11/18. Mr. R. Collett had declared a personal interest in this application and did not enter into the following discussion.

The remaining Parish Councillors discussed this and it was decided that, in view of the very short notice given announcing the meeting, resulting in the inability of the Parish Council to be represented, the Chairman should write to the SODC Planning Cttee Chairman reiterating the Parish Council's strong objections to the proposals.

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P18/S2352/LB	The Crown, Pishill	SODC approved 29/10/18
P18/S2567/FUL	Bank Farm, Pishill (removal chalk+subsoil)	SODC approved 19/10/18
P18/S2568/FUL	Bank Farm, Pishill (prpsd new storge barn)	SODC approved 19/10/18
P18/S2794/LB	The Beehive, Russells Water	SODC approved 11/10/18
P18/S3095/HH	Kiln Barn, Russells Water	SODC decision awaited
P18/S3232/FUL	Chiltern Hills Farm, Russells Water	SODC decision awaited
P18/S3403/FUL	White Pond Farm, Stonor	SODC decision awaited

Proposals for Shepherds' Huts at Stonor Park – See item 79/18. Application expected.

84/18 Defibrillators in parish The Clerk had received confirmation that both The Five Horseshoes Public House, Maidensgrove, and The Crown Public House, Pishill, had kindly agreed to accommodate defibrillators on their premises, for which they were sincerely thanked.

Discussion followed on the possible position of the Stonor defibrillator, and the Clerk was asked to investigate whether BT would allow this to be situated next to, or near, the telephone box and post box in Stonor.

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84/18 Finance

a) Parish Council accounts The Parish Council had received notification of the resignation of the internal auditor, Mr. Roger Symes, after many years assistance to the parish council. The Clerk is to write to Mr. Symes in gratitude and also to make local enquiries regarding his replacement.

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b) Receipts and payments The balance at Barclays Bank stands at £4733.16, which does not take into account the CIL payment of £5674.50 notified as paid by SODC on 24/10/18. The Parish Council had received a letter of thanks from the Bix Branch of the Royal British Legion for its donation of £100.00 towards the 100 Year Remembrance Commemoration. It was discussed and agreed unanimously to continue to subsidise the Comet bus, operated through Nettlebed & District Good Neighbour Scheme. The Doris Field Charitable Trust had contributed £1000.00 towards defibrillator costs. The Chairman had written a letter of gratitude to the Trust accordingly. The County Council has also contributed £1500.00 and it is hoped that the District Council will grant a further sum, as yet undisclosed. (See below 84/18c)

Cheques drawn at meeting:

Ch no: 100551	The Village Hall, Russells Wtr (mtg hire 2 hrs @ £12.00)	£24.00
	100552 Nettlebed & Dist. Good Neighbour Sch. (Comet bus-annual pymt)	£268.00
	100553 P.A. Pearce (Clerk's wages, £84pw x 8=672.00+expenses £139.58)	£811.58

84/18 Finance (continued)

- c) Defibrillator finance
Despite recording at the last meeting (69/18) that arrangements had been made with Barclays Bank for an account to be renamed and the balance transferred, it transpires that Barclays has actually closed the account. Replacement cheque and paying-in books had been received with the new account name. The closure was discovered when the Clerk used the replacement paying-in book to deposit the Doris Field Charitable Trust grant cheque, which was returned. Temporarily this will be sent to the general Community Account while enquiries are made and a new account established. The grant of £1500.00 from OCC has also been credited to the general account, pending the new account. It is hoped that SODC will also make a grant towards defibrillator provision, currently anticipated to cost £4350.
- d) Budget and SODC Precept request for 2019-20
The Budget had been circulated to the parish councillors prior to the meeting. Mr. Hunt requested that the figure for 'Salt provision' be altered to read 'Salt application' and the figure altered from £100.00 to £280.00 reflecting a possible need for two visits by Mr. Derek Cheriton for snow clearance during the winter. This was agreed unanimously. Clerk to make amendments to budget. PP
The possibility of an election during the forthcoming year was discussed but decided that there was no need to add additional funding to the budget.
After discussion it was agreed unanimously that, when the notification was received from SODC, the Clerk should request the same precept figure as 2018/19, i.e. £4800.00. PP

85/18 Parish Communications

- a) Vision ICT website providers
The Clerk had experienced problems with emails recently and had requested help from the website providers. The advice received was difficult to follow, and Mr.Haq had assisted with solving the difficulties; it was agreed that better back-up procedures should be followed SH/PP
- b) Households without broadband
Mr.Haq had spoken to Craig Bower of Better Broadband for Oxfordshire (at Craig.Bower@Oxfordshire.gov.uk) who is encouraging the parish council to establish which houses still require broadband. Mr.Haq requested that parishioners should contact Mr Bower direct, or the Parish Council, who will then contact Mr Bower on their behalf.-

86/18 Roads

- a) B480 On-going problems with potholes, some of which had been filled, but others returned. Clerk to continue notifying OCC Highways. PP
- b) Maidensgrove Common and winter gritting
Mr.Cheriton had received confirmation from the NFU re: insurance.

87/18 Commons Report

- a) Gated footpath across common land at Russells Water:
This problem persists, with the gates remaining in position. The land is Common Land which is owned by Lord Camoys and the gates have been erected on land not owned by the householder who has put them in place. By law it is not permissible to obstruct Common Land and it is expected that Lord Camoys will be instructing that they should be removed.

88/18 Footpaths Report Nothing to report

89/18 Refuse and Waste Management Nothing to report

90/18 Any other business

- a) “Battles Over” 1918 commemoration – Report
Mr. Hunt had organised the beacon for the commemoration, for which he was warmly thanked. It had been extremely well attended with approximately 300 people present. Refreshments had been provided and the commemoration also included the ringing of St.James’ Bix and Pishill Church bells at 7.00 p.m.

91/18 Date, place and time of next meeting To be confirmed: Thursday 17th January 2019, 7.00 p.m,
at Russells Water Village Hall.

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

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Chairman