

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held at The Village Hall, Russells Water on
Tuesday, 21st September 2021

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: Cllr Anna Badcock (SODC); Dr. B. Snell

41/21 Apologies for absence Cllr. F. VanMierlo (OCC)

42/21 Declarations of interest and dispensations re: items on the Agenda None

43/21 Public participation re: items on the Agenda 57/21 Dr. Snell

44/21 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd August 2021
These were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

45/21 Cllr. Anna Badcock (SODC)
In view of another commitment elsewhere at 7.30 pm, the Chairman invited Cllr Badcock to address the meeting. Cllr Badcock gave the background to two recent Planning Appeals, one in Sonning Common, one in Didcot and encouraged the parish council to be alert to central Government's aim to provide extra housing on a large scale across the whole country. In the event of a third Reading Bridge being constructed, traffic will automatically impact upon this community.
Cllr Badcock referred to the proposed replacement SODC offices, which are under discussion. Garden Waste Collections have been disrupted due to the loss of HGV license holders, but the collections are about to recommence.
Regarding mobile phone signal provision lagging behind broadband at present, this is partly due to opposition to 5G masts. Landlines are currently being withdrawn from service and the parishioners are keen to have a back-up system in place before these are discontinued.
Cllr Badcock left the meeting with the Chairman thanking her for attending.

46/21 Matters arising from the Minutes of 3rd August
a) Dept Digital, Culture, Media & Sport Research project 38/21 – These details had been circulated to the parishioners.

47/21 Planning

P20/S4369/HH Grove Farm House, Pishill	PC supports; SODC decision awaited
P20/S4850/FUL JoJo's Vineyard, Mdsgeve	PC objects; SODC decision awaited
P21/S0047/FUL Grove Farm, Pishill	PC objects; SODC decision awaited
P21/S2778/HH Square House, Russells Water	PC no strong views; SODC approval 29/8/21
P21/S2904/FUL Colmena (Beehive) RW	PC supports; SODC approval 16/9/21
P21/S3116/HH and P21/S3117/LB 7 Stonor	PC supports; SODC approval 26/8/21
P21/S3146/HH 27 The Old Almshouse, Stonor	PC supports; SODC approval 20/9/21
P21/S3234/HH Tithe Barn, RW	PC supports; SODC decision awaited
P21/S3361/LB 5 The Lodge, Stonor Park	PC supports; SODC decision awaited

48/21 ANPR Camera provision proposal
Thames Valley Police have tentatively suggested that, in view of the increased numbers of burglaries locally, and the aggravation being caused to the gamekeeper, an ANPR camera could be provided.

48/21 ANPR Camera provision proposal (cont)

The Councillors discussed this proposal and are in support of this initiative. They also discussed the possibility of the Parish Council making a donation towards the costs.

49/21 Finance

- a) Bank balance The Clerk reported that the Community Account balance stands at £12,473.53 and the Flexible Current Account remains at £6.76. CIL funds represent £9973.27 of the Community Account.
- b) Receipts No receipts since the last meeting
- c) Sign cleaning equipment purchase (29/31)
The sign cleaning equipment is still to be purchased. SH
- d) Laminator purchase
In view of the impossibility of adding glass to the noticeboards, it was agreed that the Clerk may purchase a laminator to protect notices against the weather. PP
- e) Payments and ratifications
The following payment was ratified
Ch.no 100632 Shaw fencing (clearing RW gully) £182.40
The following payments were made at the meeting:
CH.no. 100633 Vision ICT (final payment for new website) £390.00
100634 The Village Hall Russells Water (1½ hrs mtg hire @ £12ph) £ 18.00
100635 P.A.Pearce (wages 6 wks @ £84pw) £504.00
- f) Financial regulations review (sent to councillors prior to meeting)
The financial regulations were reviewed and approved unanimously.

50/21 Parish Communications

- a) Revised website progress
Mr. Haq reported that the new website is now fully functioning and has received favourable comments. Mr. Collett requested a revision on 'Russell's' to remove the apostrophe. PP
- b) Data protection audit (sent to councillors prior to meeting)
The Data Protection Audit was reviewed and approved unanimously.
- c) Update on mobile phone mast facility in Stonor
As it is proving impossible to speak to an individual at EE, the Clerk was asked to write to the CEO and will draft a letter to be signed by the Chairman. PP

51/21 Roads

- a) Clogged grip outside Snowball Hill, Russells Water
Following the previous meeting, the grip had been cleared by Shaw Fencing. It is anticipated that the road will now remain passable during wet weather.

52/21 Commons Report

- a) Electricity outages
Mr. Collett reported that the branches overhanging The Slough (RW) are still to be trimmed back and it would appear that the outages are also exacerbated by overhanging branches further towards Nettlebed.
- b) Driving on Commons (inc brief stay of travellers)
Mr. Herbert of Stonor Park had informed the Parish Council of a small group of travellers on Maidensgrove Common; the travellers had been visited by Thames Valley Police and moved away after resting their horses. A large burn mark has been left on the Common.
The Parish Council is aware of occasional camper vans parking on the Maidensgrove Common.
- c) Driving on fields
Not a problem at the moment.

53/21 Footpaths Report

- a) General report
Mr. Hunt reported that the footpaths are still generally overgrown.

54/21 Refuse & Waste Collection

a) Annual litter blitz

Mr. Hunt suggested, and it was agreed unanimously, to hold the annual litter blitz next Spring as parishioners had been very effective in clearing litter throughout the summer.

55/21 Resilience Plan

The Clerk reported that a draft resilience plan letter had been sent to Mrs. Longley (Chairman, Swyncombe Parish Council) and Ms. Tynan (Clerk) for their amendments. The matter is in hand

56/21 Forthcoming events

a) Preparation for Queen's Platinum Jubilee

This will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

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b) RBLI Remembrance 2021 No specific action required.

57/21 Matters for discussion at the discretion of the Chairman

Mr. Collett requested that, since the property is now for sale, the Clerk should contact Mr. Herbert at Stonor Park regarding the gates installed across the right of way outside Horseshoe Cottage

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Mr. Hunt requested a 1 tonne bag of salt to be delivered to White Pond Farm, for winter salting.

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58/21 Date, place and time of next meeting To be confirmed: Thursday, 25th November 2021, 7.00 p.m. at The Village Hall, Russells Water

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59/21 Close of meeting There being no further business to transact, the Chairman thanked all those for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

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Chairman