

66/21 Finance (cont)

- c) Sign cleaning equipment purchase (29/31) – The total cost of this was £82.76 for which Ch.no: 100639 was drawn at the meeting.
Laminator purchase (49/21d) The total cost was £27.94 for which Ch.no: 100640 was drawn at the meeting.
- d) Payments and ratifications No payments had been made since the last meeting. The following cheques were agreed and drawn at the meeting:
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| Ch.no: 100636 HMRC Month 3, (PAYE £52.50; NIC 21.26 interest £0.49) | £ 74.21 |
| 100637 Village Hall, Russells Water (mtg hire 1 ½ hrs @ £12.00 ph) | £ 18.00 |
| 100638 P.A. Pearce (Clerk's wages 9 wks @ £84pw + exps £50.97) | £806.97 |
| 100639 S. Haq (Purchase sign cleaning equipment) | £ 82.76 |
| 100640 P.A. Pearce (Purchase laminator + pouches) | £ 27.94 |
- e) Commons notices
3 of 5 commons notices require replacement. The Clerk had obtained a quotation from Evans Graphics totalling £216.00 + VAT, but with only a 7-year outdoor life. The Clerk was asked to obtain other quotations. PP
- f) Budget The Budget for 2021/22 was discussed and agreed unanimously. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed to request the same figure as the current year, i.e. £6500.00. The Clerk to inform SODC accordingly. PP

67/21 Registers of interest In accordance with the regulations, each councillor confirmed that there were no changes to their records held by SODC. The Clerk to inform SODC accordingly. PP

68/21 SODC Community Governance Review

Details of this review had been circulated to the councillors and covers the following:

Altering the existing boundary of a parish.

Creating, merging or abolishing parishes.

Changing the name of existing parishes.

The electoral arrangements for parishes (e.g. how many parish councillors are required and parish warding).

Grouping parishes under a common parish council, or de-grouping parishes.

The "style" of a parish (enabling an area to be known as a town, community, neighbourhood or village rather than a parish).

After discussion it was unanimously agreed that no alterations to Pishill with Stonor Parish are required.

Clerk to inform Steven Corrigan, SODC, accordingly. PP

69/21 Parish Communications

On 9/10/21 the Chairman had received a response from EE to his letter dated 24/9/21. Emma McMahon, of the Executive Customer Resolution Team wrote that there should be 'great outdoor coverage and good indoor coverage' in RG9 6HE, Stonor, but only on 2G or 4G, as there is no 3G or 5G in the vicinity.

Any resident using the EE network and who experiences problems should call on 150 from their EE phone or 0800 079 5327, when EE will investigate the matter further.

70/21 Roads

There are a number of potholes across the parish, most particularly near to The Five Horseshoes at Maidensgrove. The Clerk was asked to press OCC Highways for action on this once again. PP

71/21 Commons Report

- a) Electricity outages The Chairman invited Mr. de Segundo to address the meeting. He reported that, following contact being made with various landowners, some tree maintenance had taken place and, as a result, the power cuts have lessened in frequency although lights occasionally 'dim'. Mr. de Segundo requested that Russells Water and Maidensgrove residents take note of the precise time and date of any further incidents which will help locate the trouble. Residents are requested to inform Mr. de Segundo accordingly in order that a report can be made PP to SSEN.

71/21 Commons Report (cont)

- b) Driving on Commons (inc. camper vans): There is less driving on the commons at present, but overnight parking has been observed, possibly by a homeless person in a camper van. The Clerk has already informed Stonor Park.
- c) Driving on fields: Some activity recently, with wire removed from gates causing animals to escape.

72/21 Footpaths Report

Mr. Hunt reported that the footpaths have become very overgrown over the past twelve months possibly due to Chiltern Society volunteers having been unable to undertake the customary clearance. Some of the footpaths are consequently in a poor state.

Mr. Collett reported that the footpath opposite Whistling Cottage, Russells Water, is now impassable; Mr. Hunt will contact Ms. Maggie Templeman of the Chiltern Society to enquire whether volunteers would be able to undertake some clearance. The footpath sign is in a satisfactory condition.

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73/21 Refuse & Waste Collection Nothing to report74/21 Resilience Plan

The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with the Swyncombe Parish Clerk, who is still working on the draft letter to be delivered to residents.

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75/21 Forthcoming event

Preparation for Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

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Mr. de Segundo gave details of the current planning arranged by The Village Hall in conjunction with Swyncombe Parish Council. It has been suggested that Pishill with Stonor Parish Council and Swyncombe PC should have a joint working party to make suitable arrangements. which should not, then, conflict with one another. There is a proposal to light a beacon on Thursday, possibly on Maidensgrove Common as in the past, with Church services and the 'Jubilee Big Lunch' and loyal toast on Sunday, at a venue yet to be decided.

With respect to HM The Queen's wish for commemorative tree planting (The Queen's Green Canopy)

Swyncombe have already begun a hedge planting project at Swyncombe Cricket Club.

Church services at both Pishill and Swyncombe are yet to be scheduled.

The Parish Council will liaise with Mrs. Liz Longley of Swyncombe PC.

ALL

76/21 Matters for discussion at the discretion of the Chairman

The Chairman invited comments from those present. Mr. de Segundo wished to discuss the possible abolition of SODC, with Parish Councils and County Councils remaining. The Chairman felt that this meeting was not an appropriate place for such a discussion.

77/21 Date, place and time of next meeting

To be confirmed: Wednesday, 26th January 2022, 7.00 p.m., at The Village Hall, Russells Water

78/21 Close of meeting

There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman thanked all those for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

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Chairman