

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting
held at The Village Hall, Russells Water
on Tuesday 10th May 2022

<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: Parishioners Miss M. Burley, Mr. R. Warner

21/22 Welcome by the Chairman, Mr. T. Dunn. Mr. Dunn welcomed all those present.

22/22 Apologies for absence Oxfordshire County Councillor Mr. F. VanMierlo; South Oxfordshire District Councillor Mrs. A. Badcock; Mr. A. de Segundo

23/22 Parish Report by the Chairman, Mr. T. Dunn

Mr. Dunn reported that, as a result of the Covid pandemic, only four meetings were held during 2021 - in February (via Zoom) which was convened solely to consider planning application no: P21/S0047/FUL for 5 holiday pods at Grove Farm, in Pishill; the other three meetings were held in August, September and November, all of which were held in the Village Hall. The Annual Meetings last year were cancelled nationally.

Apart from the Grove Farm application, 17 other applications were considered by the Parish Council. The Parish Council recommended approval on 10, objected to 3, had no strong views on 3 and one application was deemed unnecessary for the applicant to provide further details, with which SODC agreed.

SODC approved 12, refused one and the remainder are awaiting their decision.

Distribution of litter picking equipment – Mr.Haq had arranged for 20 sets to be purchased and there are now only 7 sets remaining, the others having been collected and retained by parishioners, to whom the Parish Council is very grateful for their commitment to keeping the parish as tidy and litter-free as possible.

The Annual litter blitz was postponed from Spring until Autumn, due to the pandemic. It was very well supported again and the parish council wishes to thank all those who so willingly took part and also those who litter pick throughout the year.

Sign cleaning equipment – Councillor Stephen Haq had organised road sign cleaning throughout the parish using borrowed equipment and subsequently arranged the purchase of our own sign cleaning equipment, which will be used as and when it is required.

Winter gritting took place during 2021 and grips and ditches have been cleared and maintained as a result of Parish Council finance from the Community Infrastructure Levy. The work by Instalcom had caused the grips in Balham's Lane to be filled, and the B480 verges in Pishill to be damaged, but these were subsequently re-excavated. Work to the clogged grip in Russells Water was originally unsatisfactory as the soil had been backed up, causing localised flooding. Mr Phillip Shaw had subsequently been asked to clear the area.

The Parish Council website has been reviewed and updated and is now 'fully functioning', making it accessible for all forms of technology and assisting use by the disabled.

The Parish Council has liaised with Swyncombe Parish Council on the production of an up-dated Resilience (Emergency) Plan and this will be completed and published shortly. Both parish councils have also liaised on a County Council proposal to roll out 20 mph across Oxfordshire. Currently it appears that the status quo will be maintained.

23/22 Parish Report by the Chairman, Mr. T. Dunn (cont)

Mr.Hunt has arranged for the Chiltern Society to remove the overgrown vegetation from the footpath opposite Whistling Cottage in Russells Water, plus many of the other local footpaths, which became particularly bad last summer.An ANPR camera installation has been proposed by Thames Valley Police, to be installed at White Pond Farm where it can observe three different directions. This is an ongoing discussion.

There have been a number of electricity outages, particularly in the Russells Water and Maidensgrove areas of the parish. The parish council urges anyone affected to contact SSEN with the precise date and time of these.

HM The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – this will encompass the Bank Holiday weekend of 2nd-5th June. Mr. Hunt is organising the lighting of a beacon on Maidensgrove Common on 2nd June after 9.00 p.m., which will be lit by a member of the Camoys family. Parishioners are invited to bring their own refreshments. There is also to be a celebration lunch at White Pond Farm, by very kind permission of Mr and Mrs Stracey. Food and alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided for a cost of £15 per adult, with all children under 16 years and those over 85 years free of charge. The response to the invitations has been good, with many people offering to donate salads and puddings to assist with the catering. The Camoys family have generously offered a celebration cake, which will be cut by Lady Camoys, following which, it is hoped that it may be possible to offer Land Rover rides - circumstances permitting.

Mr. Dunn concluded by sincerely thanking all of his colleagues on the Parish Council and also the Parish Clerk.

24/22 This item was due to be the Address by Oxfordshire County Councillor, Mr. Freddie VanMierlo, whose report is on the parish council website, as he was unable to attend due to a prior engagement

25/22 This item was due to be the Address by South Oxfordshire District Councillor, Ms. Anna Badcock, whose report is on the parish council website, as she was unable to attend due to a prior engagement.

26/22 Open Forum - questions from members of the public – None

Mr. Dunn declared the meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.

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Chairman

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- 27/22 Election of Chairman Mr. Dunn opened the meeting then immediately stood down prior to the election of a new Chairman. Mr.Stracey took the chair and thanked Mr.Dunn sincerely for all his hard work over the past two years during the Covid pandemic and, in particular, for his depth of planning knowledge which has been invaluable to the councillors. Mr. Stracey proposed that Mr.Dunn be invited to be Chairman for the forthcoming year; this was seconded by Mr. R. Hunt and carried unanimously. Mr. Dunn completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office
- 28/22 Election of Vice-Chairman Mr. Dunn thanked all the parish councillors and proposed that Mr. Stracey be elected as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year; this was seconded by Mr. Haq and carried unanimously. Mr. Stracey completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office
- 29/22 Apologies for absence Oxfordshire County Councillor Mr. F.vanMierlo, South Oxfordshire District Councillor Mrs. A. Badcock; Mr. A. de Segundo
- 30/22 Declarations of interest and dispensations re: items on the Agenda None
- 31/22 Minutes of meeting held on 15th March 2022 These were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 32/22 Matters Arising None
- 33/22 Public participation re: items on the Agenda None
- 34/22 Planning Application report:
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| P21/S5143/HH Square House, Russells Water | PC objected; SODC decision awaited |
| P21/S0320/HH Rose Cottage, Russells Water | PC no strong views; SODC approval 12/04/2022 |
| P22/S0356/N4CGrove Farm, Pishill, change use | PC objected; SODC refusal 24/03/2022 |
| P22/S0496/LB Stonor Park | Listed Building Consent 07/04/2022 |
| P22/S1323/LB The Old Almshouse, Stonor | PC requests that proposed heat pumps meet regulations and do not cause nuisance to 23 Stonor; SODC decision awaited |
| P22/S1495/FUL Dewpond Farm, RW. | To be considered by the Parish Council. |
- Land adjacent to The Orchard, Russells Water Mr. Collett reported that there had been weed killing undertaken recently.
- 35/22 ANPR Camera provision proposal
Mr. Stracey reported that there had been no further developments.

- 36/22 Parish communications
- a) Vision ICT update Mr. Haq had spoken to Vision ICT about the rise in charges for hosting the parish council website. There had been no increase for some time and he considered that, under the circumstances, the rise in cost was justified and competitive. Mr. Dunn thanked Mr. Haq.
- b) Mobile phone mast at Upper Assendon Farm Mr. Hunt reported that the mains electricity supply had been connected on 10th May, 2022. It is likely that it will serve EE subscribers.
- 37/22 Roads
- a) B480 update from Oxfordshire County Council Mr. VanMierlo has contacted OCC Highways regarding the large number of potholes on the B480. No news.
- b) 20 mph proposals in Russells Water The parish survey had taken place, resulting in a 50/50 split between supporting and not supporting a 20 mph to be implemented in Russells Water. The results had been relayed to Swyncombe PC who, it is understood, had a similar outcome. It is likely that the status quo will be maintained.
- 38/22 Commons Report
- Electricity outages at Rusls Wtr Mr. Collett reported that Mr. A. de Segundo had contacted SSEN but had not received a satisfactory response. There had been numerous minor outages since Storm Eunice on 17/18 February 2022, when a branch had caused some damage. SSEN had kept the residents informed of developments.
- Driving on Commons Mr. Collett reported that wheel tracks had been left by joy-riders on land opposite 'The Look Out' at Russells Water. These had continued towards Brackenhurst, leaving common land opposite Whistling Cottage.
- Driving on fields Mr. Hunt reported that there has been more activity at Upper Assendon Farm and at Hollandridge within the past two weeks, from Stockings up to the footpath, where they had spun in order to enter the field. The Coxlease gates had been forced open, but thankfully the fields were empty of cattle. Mr. Stracey reported that joy-riders had entered Rollshaw by Mr. John Stracey's memorial seat.
- Replacement metal signs on Maidensgrove Common The Clerk reported that she has received details of two metal sign manufacturers from OCC Highways and is in contact with both for estimates. (Nuneaton Signs and Morelock)
- 39/22 Footpaths Report Nothing to report
- 40/22 Refuse & Waste Collection
Litter Blitz report Mr. Hunt reported that the annual litter blitz had gone very well and, apart from an overlap of collecting area, Mr. Haq was also very pleased with the response. The volunteers have been thanked.
- 41/22 Parish Resilience Plan update The Clerk has sent Pishill with Stonor's updated details to Swyncombe Parish, and the final document is awaited. b/f
- 42/22 Plans for HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- Beacon lighting on Thursday, 2nd June This is being organised by Mr. Hunt and all is in hand. The Clerk was asked to check the final timing details (*Lighting @ 21.45*) PP
- Platinum Jubilee Lunch Sunday 5th June, 12.30 Mr. Stracey reported that all is under control. The Parish is awaiting delivery of a new flag, but bunting and other Jubilee items have been ordered. Tickets to the lunch have been delivered in Maidensgrove,

42/22 Plans for HM The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee (cont)

Pishill and Stonor. Charges are £15.00 per adult, 16 yrs and under, 85 yrs and over, free of charge.

After discussion, it was agreed that Pishill with Stonor parishioners living in Russells Water should be included in the delivery of invitations, so that they have the choice of attending the parish Jubilee lunch or the separate event being held by the Village Hall Committee at Russells Water on the same day.

There has been a good response to invitations already delivered.

All attendees are being asked if they would be willing to supply either a salad or pudding.

43/22 Matters for discussion at the discretion of the Chairman None

44/22 Finance and Administration

- a) Audit The Certificate of Exemption, Annual Governance Statement, Accounting Statements and the Receipts and Payments Accounts were verified and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
- b) Bank Balances The balance in the Barclays Community Account is £15,002.25; the balance in the Flexible Current Account is £6.76 – this will now take the receipts and payments for the Platinum Jubilee lunch.
- c) Receipts 1st SODC Precept payment of £3250.00 received 06/04/2022.
- d) Payments and Ratifications
This section will be completed when the cheque book is returned from the internal auditor
- e) Clerk’s holiday entitlement and wages
 Holiday: It was agreed that the Clerk should be allowed ten working days holiday in addition to the usual national holiday entitlement.
 To be added to Clerk’s Contract. PP
 Clerk’s wages *To be added when notified by the parish councillors.*

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

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Chairman