



## 25/23 Finance and Administration (cont)

- d) To agree payment of the following from the Community Account:  
 Ch.no: 100673 Village Hall, RW Mtg hire 1 hr @ £12 ph  
 100674. P.A. Pearce wages to 31/03/23 (£13.48 ph x 5 wks+5hrs=£539.20-PAYE + £15.20 exps)  
 100675 HMRC PAYE £67.67  
 100676 OALC Year end course (PP) £30.00+£6.00 vat = £36.00  
 100677 OALC annual membership £130+26 vat = £156.00
- e) To confirm appointment of internal auditor, Ms E Cooper  
 The Parish Council confirmed the appointment of Ms E Cooper.

## 26/23 To receive Commons Report

- a) Driving on Commons Nothing seen recently  
 b) Replacement 5 metal signs on Maidensgrove Common Mr.Stracey will arrange collection of the SS signs from the Clerk, for installation shortly.  
 c) Driving on fields Nothing at present

## 27/23 To receive Footpaths Report

It was agreed to appoint Mrs Felicity Hunt as Footpath representative following the resignation of former Cllr Richard Hunt. FH

## 28/23 To receive Roads report

- a) Verge at Pishill The Clerk had received a visit from Mr T White reporting on damage to his wife's car tyre. OCC Highways have been informed and intend to inspect this area plus that from the Hollandridge barn on the B480 including the Pishill Farm corner, which had been reported by another parishioner. Mr. Mark Pearce of OCC Highways will be dealing with these complaints. Clerk to monitor. PP
- Maidensgrove Mr de Segundo was invited to address the meeting. Mr de Segundo complained of the inadequacy of road repairs, particularly outside The Lookout, which has been exacerbated by Thames Water work and was reported two months ago. resulting in no action by OCC Highways.  
 Mr de Segundo was very unimpressed by the level of management of OCC Highways and feels that money is not being well spent. The roads are now in such a poor state that they require complete reconstruction
- CIL Money The Clerk was instructed to enquire whether CIL money available to the Parish Council can be used for pothole repairs. PP

## 29/23 Refuse &amp; Waste Collection

- a) To receive Refuse & Waste Collection and Litter Blitz report  
 Mr.Haq reported that the litter blitz had been well supported and all those participating had been thanked accordingly. Less rubbish had been collected this time, but this could be due to more people regularly collecting litter throughout the year, together with the assistance of a Duke of Edinburgh award candidate (Harrison Blumfield) who is litter-picking as part of his community service.

## 30/23 To report on plans for the Coronation Weekend:

- a) Coronation Big Lunch on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
 Mr. Haq was sincerely thanked for arranging printing and delivery of the invitations to Pishill and Stonor for this event. Residents of Maidensgrove and Russells Water have been contacted through the Parish mailing list.  
 Pishill with Stonor Parish Council will be hosting a lunch at White Pond Farm, Stonor, by very generous permission of Mr and Mrs Stracey. It will begin at 12.30; beef will be served, with a vegetarian option. Tickets are £20 per person, with children under 16 and adults over 80 being free of charge. All drinks will be provided free of charge and donations of salads and puddings would be very gratefully received. When it is known how many children are attending, craft items will be made available in the Granary. Wearing something in red, white or blue, 'plus tiaras and crowns', is encouraged. PP
- A Big Lunch event is also to be held at The Five Horseshoes, Maidensgrove, with 'early-bird' tickets costing £10 (under 12s, £5). It will feature a Hog Roast and cash bar and there is to be Live Music and entertainment for children, including a fancy dress parade.

- 30/23 To report on plans for the Coronation Weekend (cont)
- b) 'The Big Help Out', Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 Mr Haq and Mrs Hunt are to produce a business plan in SH/FH respect of this aspect of the Coronation celebrations, with the option of possibly funding the provision of a red telephone box in Stonor in commemoration of the event. The box will hopefully include wi-fi connection. Further details to be circulated when available.
- 31/23 Matters for discussion at the discretion of the Chairman
- a) The Chairman invited Mr de Segundo to address the meeting. Mr de Segundo is dissatisfied with the financial management of Oxfordshire County Council generally and feels that the continual rise in Council Tax (up this year by a further 5%) is unjustified, bearing in mind the level of care and service provided. The Chairman sincerely sympathised with Mr de Segundo's view but felt that, in mitigation, he and the Councillors recognise that there is a significant call on OCC funding for adult social care, and that currently child-care in the county is underfunded.
- b) Mr de Segundo also reported that the replacement notice board at Russells Water is in hand.
- c) The Chairman invited Mr Warner to address the meeting. Mr Warner wished to draw the attention of the Parish Council to the high speed of delivery drivers when traversing the lane to Upper Nuttalls Farm. The Parish Councillors sympathised, but were regrettably unable to suggest a solution to this problem.
- 32/23 Date, time and place of next meeting – Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting  
To be confirmed: -----, 2023, The Village Hall, Russells Water, 7.00 p.m. Clerk to advertise via Henley Standard PP and invite newly elected District Councillor and Oxfordshire County Councillor, Mr F. VanMierlo

Close of meeting: There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all those for attending and declared the meeting closed at 7.45 pm

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Chairman