

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL
Parish Council Meeting
held at The Barn, White Pond Farm, Stonor
on 9th July 2024 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr T Dunn Chairman
Mr S Stracey Vice-Chairman
Mr R Collett
Mr S Haq
Mrs F Hunt

Also present: Mrs G Evans, Mr N Girdler, Ms Anita Gresnyer, Mr J Green, Mr and Mrs D James, Mr M Moore, Mr A de Segundo and son, Mr E Stracey, Mrs L Wigfull

- 48/24 To receive apologies for absence None
- 49/24 To receive declarations of interest and dispensations re: items on the agenda None
- 50/24 To agree minutes of Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 7th May 2024 Both sets of Minutes were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman
- 51/24 To discuss any matters arising None
- 52/24 To invite public participation re: items on the Agenda
- 53/24 To receive reports and planning applications:
- a) P24/S0556/FUL The Crown, Pishill, - no decision. The Parish Councillors are extremely disappointed that SODC has not yet reached a decision, nor commenced Enforcement.
 - b) P24/SO543/LB The Crown, Pishill – application withdrawn 21/6/24 Noted
 - c) P24/S0966/FUL Stonor Park, Shepherd’s Huts, consultation date – PC supports, SODC decision awaited
 - d) P24/S0649/HH Forge Cottage Stonor, SODC granted 16/4/24
 - e) P24/S1177/FUL Land at White Pond Farm Stonor -no decision at meeting, SODC subsequently granted permission on 13/7/2024.
 - f) P23/S3651/FUL Russells Water Farm and The Lookout – PC supported views of Swyncombe Parish Council, SODC decision awaited.
 - g) P24/S1971/HH Nuttall’s Farm, Maidensgrove – consultation date 2/8/24
- 54/24 To receive Roads report
- a) Traffic calming proposals – Mr Haq gave an update on the situation. The Parish Council hopes to be able to part fund poles for illuminated automatic speed awareness signs, one each for Pishill and Russells Water and two in Stonor, one on either side of the B480, exact locations to be decided. Mr. Moore indicated that he would support one of the poles being placed outside Keeper’s Cottage. It is proposed that the actual signs will be moved between one pole and another to give a variety of locations. Unfortunately Oxfordshire County Council has already spent the available budget for 2024 and, due to the complexity of the requisite legal permissions, it will be necessary for the Parish to wait until 2025 for OCC technical assistance. The cost is likely to be £1500 x 4 poles – and OCC could install these sooner than 2025 if the Parish Council provides the funds.
Mr and Mrs James suggested that it would be appropriate for a 20 mph limit to be imposed through Stonor. Mr Haq pointed out that, during the recent traffic survey, it was established that road speeds through Maidensgrove, Pishill and Russells Water were mainly between 20-30 mph on average. Stonor speeds were higher. The subsequent residents’ survey encompassing Maidensgrove, Pishill, Russells Water and Stonor, indicated little support for 20 mph being implemented, and Parish Councillors felt that the automated signs should be installed to see how effective the are
 - b) Removal of silt from catch pit, Church Lane, Pishill – The Clerk had chased this but the work is still awaited.
 - c) Silt collecting at junction of Park Lane and Stonor village – this still requires clearing. Mr Collett suggested that this problem is exacerbated by the ditches and grips at the top of Park Lane are full of silt and, in heavy rain, overflow, bringing silt down Park Lane to the junction of the B480. Mr Stracey will contact Mr Phil Shaw to assist in clearing these.

- 54/24 To receive Roads report (cont)
- d) B480 Flooding caused by Assendon Spring Mrs Hunt reported that the necessary trenches had been excavated in order to install large pipes, but OCC has now put this work on hold as the budget is not sufficient. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Paul Wilson of OCC Highways, who had assisted with the recent flooding, to ascertain the current position. PP
 - e) Sign cleaning completed by Cllr Haq – Mr Haq was thanked for his hard work in cleaning all of the road signs in the Parish. Some of these are now very faded and the Clerk was asked to contact SODC to request replacement if necessary. PP
- 55/24 To receive report on parish communications Mr Haq reported that Gigaclear are still planning to start their build in Oct 2024. b/f
- 56/24 Finance and Administration
- a) The Clerk reported on Bank Balances

Barclays Community Account	(CIL £7690.12)	£10,479.85
b) Amenity Account		£37.00
 - c) To discuss adoption of Revised Financial Regulations (emailed to councillors prior to meeting)
At the next meeting, Mr Collett and the Clerk will produce a version suitable for Pishill with Stonor Parish RC/PP
 - d) To approve revised Annual Accounts – details were emailed to councillors prior to meeting but queries remain. To be verified by Mr Haq and the Clerk and final accounts to be circulated prior to next meeting.
 - e) To agree payment of the following from the Community Account

BnkTr PA Pearce (Clerks wages 13.48ph x 9pw x weeks)	£849.24-PAYE 197.00 + expenses £20.00)=	£672.24
HMRC	£197.00	
E. Cooper – internal audit fee and courier	£250.00 + 5.99	£255.99

Agreed unanimously
 - f) Receipt of donation from Grand Leo Productions and potential disbursement. The Clerk had been given to understand that a donation from Grand Leo Productions would be forthcoming, but this has not yet been received.
 - g) To discuss donation towards replacement of Russells Water Village sign
The village sign at Russells Water is in need of replacement and the Parish Council had been asked to make] a donation. Following discussion, £200 unanimously agreed.
- 57/24 To receive Commons and Fields Reports
- a) Driving on Commons Nothing reported
 - b) Driving on fields Upper Assendon Farm has experienced three vehicles executing ‘doughnuts’. Details of the vehicles including video images have been sent to Thames Valley Police. b/f
- 58/24 To receive Footpaths Report A very detailed report had been received from Mrs Bryony Lewis and had been emailed to all parish councillors prior to the meeting
- 59/24 To receive report on Refuse & Waste Collection
There had been late collection of bins recently, but this issue had been resolved.
- 60/24 Matters for discussion at the discretion of the Chairman Relevant comments had been received during the meeting.
- 61/24 Date, time and place of next meeting To be confirmed: Tuesday, 26th September, 7.00 p.m., The Village Hall at Russells Water.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked Mr and Mrs Stracey for their hospitality and declared the meeting closed at 7.45 pm.