

**PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting**  
**The Village Hall, Russells Water on**  
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.00 p.m.**

Present:	Mr T Dunn	Chairman
	Mr S Stracey	Vice-Chairman
	Mr R Collett	
	Mr S Haq	
	Mrs P Pearce	Parish Clerk

Also present: Mr R Warner

The Chairman welcomed Mr Warner

- 16/25 To receive apologies for absence Mr Adrian de Segundo
- 17/25 To receive declarations of interest and dispensations re: items on the agenda None
- 19/25 To discuss any matters arising
- a) Clearing of ditches and grips in Hollandridge and Park Lane by Mr P Shaw  
Mr Stracey had been in touch with Mr Shaw who has said he will undertake the work in due course.  
Mr. Dunn will make enquiries of Mr Shaw TD
- 20/25 To invite public participation re: items on the Agenda 28/25 b and c
- 21/25 To receive reports and planning applications:
- a) P24/S3501/HH Tanglewood House, Pishill – PC no objection, SODC decision awaited (target decision date is 29/08/2025) Clerk to query Decision Date with SODC Planning PP
- b) The Clerk has received an anonymous letter re: Lodge Farm, Maidensgrove. This was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that no action would be taken in view of the anonymity of the correspondence.
- c) P25/S0493/FUL JoJo's vineyard deck and garden room building Mr Collett suggested that the views of Swyncombe Parish Council should be considered prior to PwS response. Clerk to contact Swyncombe PC PP
- d) Residents' query re: current situation re: enforcement at The Crown, Pishill. The Clerk was asked to contact SODC Planning Enforcement for an update on their enforcement action regarding The Crown. PP
- 22/25 To receive Roads report
- a) Traffic calming proposals -Mr Haq is making further enquiries to establish whether the vulnerable batteries can be secured against theft. The cost of a single installation is in the region of £3500.00. There was discussion re: provision of whether painted 'Slow' roundels, or similar, would be a viable temporary alternative. This could be done by OCC free of charge, or they will put up the poles for illuminated signs. Mr Haq will contact OCC Highways SH  
The Clerk was asked to contact the Chairman of Swyncombe to enquire whether their illuminated signs are now operational. PP
- b) Removal of silt from catch pit, Church Lane, Pishill – still not removed. Clerk to contact OCC again. PP
- c) Silt collecting at junction of Park Lane and Stonor village. This has been cleared but has accumulated again. Clerk to ask OCC to re-excavate grips at the top of Park Lane. PP
- d) B480 Flooding caused by Assendon Spring. Mrs Hunt reported that the piping from the field used by Upper Assendon Farm had not been carried out last year causing disruption to the efficiency of the farm. A 300 metre trench had been dug to contain the piping, but OCC then suggested that Mr Hunt should seek a contractor himself to carry out the work, following which OCC would recompense him. Mr Hunt declined.  
An OCC workforce had visited the area on 24<sup>th</sup> March, but had begun work in the wrong place. This has now been resolved and work to the ditches has started.
- e) Potholes between Snowball Hill and JoJo's Vineyard, reported on FMS 29/8/24+25/9/24, then reported repeatedly, latest in February 2025 FMS report 6411943. Stated "The road in question has been inspected and found not to be to the standard required" Mr Collett has made three telephone calls to OCC to 305

## 22/25 To receive Roads Report (cont)

- e) obtain some action but his calls have not been returned. An email response from a Mr Kieron Webb states that a 6 monthly inspection will be carried out. Mr Collett has, in the absence of any telephonic response, pointed out by email the contradiction between this and the FMS report. No further response from OCC has been received.  
Parish Council pressure to continue RC/PP
- f) Visit of Highways Engagement Team in 2025: 'Chloe' from OCC Highways Engagement had met Mr. Dunn and Mr Haq as arranged. They were told that it would be possible to appoint a 'Super User' on Fix my Street, who would be trained as an official 'paint operator' to outline any potholes requiring repair.  
The Parish Council is to seek a volunteer for this role. RC

## 23/25 To receive report on parish communications

- a) Gigaclear progress – Mr Haq reported that an update had been received. Gigaclear is currently excavating between Nuffield and Nettlebed and are likely to be in the Pishill with Stonor Parish during April/May. They plan to use as much ducting as possible, the rest of the installation is to be in trenches.
- b) Inclusion of Pishill Church Mrs Gabrielle Evans has worked hard to arrange for Open Reach to install the appropriate equipment, but to date this has still not been successful. b/f

## 24/25 Finance and Administration

- a) To report on Bank Balances  
Barclays Community Account £12,928.76  
(Less CIL £1929.96+Filming £4000.00) General balance £6998.80
- b) Amenity Account £37.00
- c) To agree any payments from the Community Account  
BnkTr PA Pearce (Clerks wages 13.48ph x 7hpw x 9 weeks) £849.24  
HMRC £0.00  
Renewal of Oxfordshire Assoc of Local Councils membership - £216.00  
Village Hall at Russells Water, meeting hire 1½ hrs @ £12.ph £18.00
- d) Appointment of Internal Auditor It was agreed that Ms E Cooper be appointed internal auditor. PP  
Ms Cooper is retiring from this role and a replacement internal auditor will be required for 2026.  
Clerk to make enquiries of Swyncombe and Nettlebed Parish Councils.
- e) To agree future of Fixed Assets (laptop and printer due for replacement in 2026) This was discussed and agreed that Mr Haq would investigate options on the basis that the replacements would not exceed £1000.00
- f) To consider replacement of Maidensgrove notice board The Clerk reported that this is in very poor condition. It was suggested that there may be no requirement for a board here and removal is an option. b/f

## 25/25 To receive Commons and Fields Reports

- a) Driving on Commons None at present
- b) Driving on fields None at present
- c) Large puddle on track between Russells Water pond and Russells Water Common This is currently dry.  
The Clerk had contacted Mr Ant Greenway at Stonor Park again, but he is awaiting discussions with Lord Camoys. Clerk to contact again. PP

## 26/25 To receive Footpaths Report Nothing to report at present

## 27/25 To receive report on Refuse &amp; Waste Collection

- a) Annual litter blitz This was carried out over the weekend of 22/23 March 2025. It was well supported throughout the Parish, although volunteers were fewer in Maidensgrove. There was less waste than previously, but this may be due to the hard work carried out by a number of volunteers during the whole course of the year. Mr Mark Williams and his son, Jo Williams, have done a sterling job throughout 2024-25 and they have been thanked, as have the other Litter Blitz volunteers. The Chairman thanked Mr Haq for organising such a successful litter collection again this Spring.

## 28/25 Matters for discussion at the discretion of the Chairman

- a) VE Day – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 Following discussion it was decided that the Parish was not in a position to organise a VE Day commemoration on this occasion.
- b) It seems that the tenant of Nuttalls Farm may not be able to cut Maidensgrove Common this year, 304

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28/25 Matters for discussion at the discretion of the Chairman (continued)

- b) with the result that there will be no income to the Village Hall from the hay, customarily generously donated by Lord Camoys. Donations have not been received by Pishill Church for 2023/2024.
- c) It is possible that the Five Horseshoes will be re-opening with new tenants shortly. This has yet to be verified, but is welcomed by the Parish Council.

29/25 Date, time and place of next meeting: To be confirmed – Annual Meetings to be held at The Village Hall, Russells Water, Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025, at 7.00 p.m.  
Clerk to invite newly elected County and District Councillors.

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There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

.....Chairman

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