

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held at The Barn, White Pond Farm, Stonor on
29th July 2025.**

Present	Mr T Dunn	Chairman
	Mr R Collett	
	Mr S Haq	
	Mrs F Hunt	
	Mrs P Pearce	Parish Clerk

Also present: Ms A Gresnyer, Mr N Girdler, Mr A de Segundo, Mrs B Snell, Mrs R Walmsley

- 51/25 To receive apologies for absence Mr S Stracey (Vice-Chairman)
- 52/25 To receive declarations of interest and dispensations re: items on the agenda Mr S Haq, P25/S1391/FUL neighbour
- 53/25 To agree minutes of Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 28th May 2025 Both were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 54/25 To discuss any matters arising:
- a) Update on The Five Horseshoes public house. An update had been received from Ms Pippa Chenevix-Trent reporting that a meeting had been held on 27th July which offered the opportunity for the informal working group to share their recent learnings and for feedback. 78 people attended, showing the strong level of interest. The reasons behind the proposal to pursue an application for the Five Horseshoes to be registered as an Asset of Community Value were explained. There were many offers of support and it is intended that a Google workspace will be set up to share information, but in the meantime the group will use existing communications channels, such as the parish mailing list and local WhatsApp groups
- 55/25 To invite public participation re: items on the Agenda: Items 57/25 (e)
- 56/25 To receive reports and planning applications:
- a) P24/S3501/HH Tanglewood House, Pishill The Clerk had received a notification from SODC stating that the applicants were awaiting their independent bat survey.
 - b) P25/S0493/FUL JoJo's Vineyard This application has been withdrawn.
 - c) P25/S1391/FUL Park Lane Cottage, Stonor PC commented; SODC decision awaited
 - d) Mobile Home delivered to Upper Nuttall's Farm – Planning Enforcement update rec'd 29/7/25, ongoing
 - e) The Crown, Pishill – Planning Enforcement update requested by the parish council
 - f) P25/S1390/HH -Bentleys Pishill RG9 6HH Proposed Construction of replacement outbuilding – usual notification from SODC not received by parish; Clerk has lodged complaint at the non-receipt. Application granted by SODC with the stipulation that the new outbuilding can only be used ancillary to the main home.
 - g) P24/S3769/FUL - Russell's Water Farm & The Lookout, Russell's Water – Extension of time requested as notification from SODC not received. PC discussed and agreed to support Swyncombe PC, emphasising the need for verges to be maintained or reinstated following construction.
 - h) P25/S1565/FUL Stonor Park – Extension of time requested as notification from SODC not received. PC discussed and agreed to support

57/25 To receive Roads report

- a) Traffic calming proposals – update Mr Haq reported that the roundels, which had originally been quoted by Oxfordshire County Council as being free of charge, are now going to cost £1600-£2000; he will be querying this cost. SH
- b) Removal of silt from catch pit, Church Lane, Pishill The Clerk reported that this has still to be cleared but contact has been made from OCC requesting further information, which she has provided. b/f
- c) Woodland upper section of Park Lane - grips need clearing to facilitate better drainage and reduction of silt being carried down to Stonor by storm water Due to Mr Stracey's absence, an update on this was not available. The Clerk had also contacted OCC, but no response received to date. b/f
- d) Potholes between and Russells Water. Mr Collett has made strenuous efforts to have this situation resolved, speaking and communicating with Mr Kieron Webb on a number of occasions. Action from OCC is still awaited. RC
- e) The Chairman invited Mrs Snell to address the meeting regarding the overgrown verges in the parish particularly between Stonor and Middle Assendon, which is forcing vehicles into the centre of the carriageway. Clerk to contact OCC Highways. PP
It was also requested that the 'slow' signs in Pishill should be repainted. Clerk will contact OCC Highways PP
The Clerk requested that these be reported on OCC 'Fix my Street' portal to reinforce the parish council's efforts.
- f) Mr Collett expressed concern re: an ash tree leaning dangerously against telecoms cables at Russells Water. He had contacted Open Reach and Stonor Park, who had referred the matter to Mr Ed Dixon of Simmons & Sons, Estate Management Services. The ivy has since been cut off, but this is unlikely to solve the problem and Mr Collett considers that this is a public safety issue. Mr Dunn will speak to Mr Dixon accordingly. TD

58/25 To receive report on parish communications

- a) Update Mr Haq reported that the Gigaclear work schedule is being regularly communicated on the parish mailing list. Good steady progress is being made. Some of the provision will be made through trenches, the remainder via poles. It is currently possible to 'register interest' via the Gigaclear website but, in due course, Gigaclear will contact home-owners direct.
- b) Adoption of IT Policy Mr Haq had reviewed the Parish Council IT Policy and this was adopted and signed by Mr Haq and the Clerk.

59/25 Finance and Administration

- a) To report on Bank Balances
Barclays Community Account £13,433.55 (CIL element 1929,26 + Filming £4000)
- b) Amenity Account £37.00
- c) To ratify payment to Internal Auditor £205.50 - agreed
Payments agreed:
Vision ICT (Website hosting) £312.00
Chiltern Society ann.donation £ 30.00
P.A. Pearce
(Clerk's wages £14.36x7hpwx9wks to 27/7/25) £685.28 - £121.27+exp £30.67) £594.68
HMRC £121.27
Hire of barn for meeting £40.00
- d) Community Governance Review – Email sent to Councillors on 9th July – This was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that no changes are required.

59/25 Finance and Administration (cont)

- e) New Model Financial Regulations – This was presented for adoption but has been held over until the next meeting b/f

60/25 To receive Commons and Fields Report

- a) Driving on Commons Some tracks, but nothing significant
b) Driving on fields Nothing to report

61/25 To receive Footpaths Report Mrs Hunt reported that a tree at Coxlease had recently been felled

62/25 To receive report on Refuse & Waste Collection All satisfactory

63/25 Matters for discussion at the discretion of the Chairman

- a) Mrs Snell requested reassurance that the defibrillator at 'The Crown' in Pishill would continue to be maintained. Whilst it will continue to function during the period that the electricity remains connected, the Clerk will check on the future arrangements to try to ensure that it will continue to be viable. PP

64/25 Date, time and place of next meeting - To be confirmed: Tuesday, 24th September at 7.00 pm. Venue to be announced.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.45 pm

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Chairman