

32/26 Address by the Chairman, Mr T Dunn (cont)

Traffic Calming

It is acknowledged that there is considerable concern at the speeds being reached in both Russells Water and Stonor and ALL councillors have been endeavouring to engage Oxfordshire County Council Highways. A meeting is still being sought, with a previous suggestion of dates not being accepted, since when two further dates have been given to Jon Beale at OCC. We are still awaiting confirmation. The funding received from Grand Leo Films is still retained intact and it is intended that this will be spent on traffic calming whenever a scheme is agreed with OCC. It is not possible for the parish council to proceed independently of the County Council, whose agreement regarding bye-laws has to be obtained. A meeting has now been arranged with Mr Jon Beale of OCC Highways, to discuss issues in Stonor and Russells Water.

Roads

The parish council is exerting as much pressure as possible on OCC Highways to repair potholes and maintain the parish roads. This is not meeting with any more success than is currently obvious across the whole country.

Mr Collett has been in frequent contact with OCC Highways requesting assistance in Russells Water, but this is proving very frustrating. The Chairman thanked Mr Collett for his work on this matter.

Various overhanging trees have been felled over the past year and the parish council has used the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to pay for this.

Parishioners are strongly urged to contact OCC 'Fix my Street' to report any damaged road surfaces, together with contacting the Clerk. It is important that constant pressure is exerted on Highways as relying on the parish council alone is not as effective as a 'multi-pronged' approach!

Parish Communications

Mr Haq has been in contact with Gigaclear on numerous occasions. Cabling has been carried out in part of Stonor and in Russells Water and Maidensgrove.

In accordance with new regulations, the parish council domain name has been updated to www.pishillwithstonor-pc.gov.uk.

Footpaths

The parish footpath representative is Mrs Bryony Lewis who kindly oversees their general condition and reports to Mrs Hunt, who have arranged for clearance of overhanging trees etc., during the past year. .

Mrs Hunt and Mrs Lewis are warmly thanked by the Parish for their valuable assistance in this matter.

Litter Blitz

Mr Haq had kindly organised the annual parish litter blitz, which was well supported as usual. Fly tipping continues to be a problem and parishioners are urged to report any incidents to Biffa who can be contacted through the District Council website.

The Chairman thanked Mr Haq for his work re: parish communications, litter and the Commons

Russells Water and Maidensgrove Commons

The surface condition of both commons is regularly checked by Mr Collett and Mr Haq, but it should be noted that the parish council does not have jurisdiction over the commons themselves and can purely report any problems to Stonor Park, who own both.

The Five Horseshoes, Maidensgrove and The Crown, Pishill

The Five Horseshoes has been purchased by a resident but remains closed. The residents of Maidensgrove and Russells Water have sought an Asset of Community Value which, it is hoped, will result in the pub being reopened in due course.

The Crown, Pishill, has recently been bought and is currently beginning a 'soft opening', serving customers between 10 am and 5 pm on Thursday-Sunday.

Defibrillators

The three defibrillators installed by the parish council continue to be monitored and are all functioning correctly. These are situated at The Five Horseshoes, Maidensgrove, The Crown, Pishill, and on the barn at

Upper Assendon Farm in Stonor. The defibrillator at The Village Hall Russells Water is monitored by the Village Hall Committee.

The Chairman concluded his report by sincerely thanking all the parish councillors for their hard work and commitment over the past year, and also thanked the Clerk.

33/26 To receive questions from parishioners

Q: Is there any progress with arranging for a 20 mph limit in Russells Water?

A: A meeting has finally been arranged with Mr Jon Beale of Oxfordshire County Council Highways who will visit the parish on 10th June and discuss the councillors concerns with both Russells Water and Stonor.

Q: Is it necessary for a survey to take place before decisions are made?

A: The results of the original survey undertaken showed that Russells Water had the lowest speeds in the Parish, with Stonor being the highest. It is anticipated that another survey will be required prior to a decision being made by OCC, and there is no possibility of the parish council proceeding independently of the County Council.

34/26 Close of Meeting

There being no further questions, the Chairman thanked all those for attending and declared the meeting closed at 19.20

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