

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at The Village Hall, Russells Water on Tuesday, 24th July 2007

<u>Present</u>	Mr. T. Dunn	Chairman
	Mr. S. Stracey	Vice-Chairman
	Mr P.G. Godfrey	
	Mr. R. Hunt	
	Mrs. D. Newell	
	Mrs. P. Pearce	Clerk

15 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence None.
2. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th May 2007 These were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
3. Matters arising from Annual Parish Meeting None.
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5. Matters arising from Annual Meeting
 - a) Flooding to Old Forge and Forge Cottage, Stonor The Clerk had repeatedly chased this and had been told that the work should be carried out 'possibly within one month'.
 - b) Traffic cones near Church Lane, Pishill Mr. Godfrey reported that the cones are still in situ. Wooden posts will be erected with permission of the landowner. The Clerk was instructed to write to OCC Highways to verify ownership of the verge. PP
6. Planning Applications

P07/E0026ret	Dewpond, Russells Water	SODC permission granted.
P07/E0315	Gable End, Stonor	SODC permission granted
P07/E0317	Chapel Wells, Pishill	SODC permission granted.
P07/E0358	Snowball Hill, Russ. Wtr.	PC no strong views; SODC decision awaited.
P07/E0580ret	Woodman Cottage, Pishill	PC approved; SODC decision awaited.
P07/E0761	Orchard House, Pishill	PC approved; SODC decision awaited.
P07/E0767	“	“
P07/E0668	Lincolns, Russells Water	SODC permission granted.
P07/E07373	Old Post Office, Stonor	PC approved; SODC decision awaited.
P07/E0734	Upper Assendon Farm, Strnr.	PC approved; SODC decision awaited.

The Chairman reported that he had contacted SODC to enquire whether there had been any developments occurring re: the Stonor Arms. At present there is no further news. Mr. Dunn reported that he had left a message with the owner regarding the continuing presence of the large container at the front of the car parking area, and he will contact the owner again. TD

The Clerk passed the new SODC timetable for Site Allocations Plan to Mr. Dunn. TD

7. Finance

The Clerk reported that the balance at Barclays Bank stands at £1981.11.

Ch. No: 100276 (Henley Standard) had been cancelled as the newspaper had agreed to issue a credit in respect of not publishing the Annual Meeting advertisement on the correct date.

Cheques drawn at meeting:

Ch.no: 100281 Chiltern Society (annual subscription)	£25.00
100282 BDO Stoy Hayward (external auditor fee)	£58.75
100283 P.A. Pearce (Clerk's salary £ 1066 + £ 60 telephone exps)	£1126.00

Mr. Arthur Weir volunteered to obtain a copy of the publication 'Our Common Land' from the Open Spaces Society on behalf of the Parish Council, who gratefully accepted and agreed to reimburse the cost of £19.00.

8. Code of Conduct

A copy of the revised Code of Conduct for Members was passed to each Parish Councillor. ALL

9. Roads

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| a) | Potholes at Maidensgrove | Still not repaired; particularly bad around Lodge Farm and Cookley Hill Farm. Clerk to chase OCC. | PP |
| b) | Potholes at Hollandridge | Still not repaired; could be particularly hazardous for cyclists. Clerk to chase OCC. | PP |
| c) | Report on environmental guidelines for Chiltern Roads. | Passed to Mr. Godfrey. | PGG |

10. Rural Transport

- a) Mr. Godfrey had studied the review of external transport posts, but felt that the PC was not qualified to comment.
- b) Mr. Godfrey reported that the Red Rose (124) bus from Watlington to Henley on Thursdays and Saturdays had been withdrawn. The Swyncombe 'Lifeline' bus service had been extended to include Stonor, and runs on Thursdays with a pick-up in Stonor at 10.15 a.m. There has recently been a larger bus provided, seating 12-16 people. The Lifeline bus operates on a 'dial-a-ride' basis and passengers must telephone **(01865 75222)** at least 24 hours prior to their travel. Concession holders are carried free. The funding for this service continues to be precarious. Mr. Godfrey agreed to telephone Mr. Maynard who is unhappy with the current service. PGG

11. Commons Report

- a) Signs
- The Chairman reported that the wording for the replacement signs had been approved by Lord Camoys, but that funding is a difficulty during the current financial year.
- The Chairman opened the meeting to the public, many of whom expressed considerable concern at the proposal that horse riding is not to be allowed, unless permission is given from the Stonor Estate. A request was made that the Parish Council should not fund the replacement signs from ratepayers' money.
- The Chairman then closed the public discussion and went on to explain that the Parish Council is not the steward of the commons, but has agreed to update the signs.
- Lord Camoys has the right as owner of the commons, and has requested, that the signs should indicate the restriction on horse riding. The Chairman reminded the members of the public that all have the 'right to roam' on foot, but not on horse back, and explained that the restriction on horse riding is in order to avoid abuse.

11. Commons (cont)
 b) Driving on the Commons Mrs. Newell reported that this appears to be taking place between Nuttalls Farm and Maidensgrove Farm. Members of the public are requested to report any occurrences to the police, and by dialling 999 if it is suspected that deer are being chased. If possible, details of vehicle registration plates should be obtained. b/f
12. Footpaths Report
 A phantom sign writer has been painting white arrows onto trees, indicating the footpath direction(s). These arrows are very numerous and the Chiltern Society does not approve. The Parish Council would prefer only those signs which are absolutely necessary, which is also the position of OCC.
 A tree on the Oxfordshire Way requires clearing and Jenny Beardmore of OCC will be contacted. PGG
13. Refuse and Waste Management
 Mr. Hunt has agreed to undertake this role on behalf of the PC. RH
14. Public Session
 A query was received regarding whether permission has been granted for the sign indicating 'No Parking' outside the Furze Bush, Maidensgrove. The PC has no information on whether formal permission has been granted.
15. Meetings Attended None
16. Forthcoming Meetings
 a) OALC 'How local Councils fit into the Planning System', 10.10.07 - None available.
 b) SODC 'Your place, your future', various dates during July/August. - None available.
17. Information Pack Noted.
18. Any other business
 a) Festival of Ballet and Modern Dance, 1-2 Sept. Mr. Dunn informed those present that this event had been cancelled, due to a 66% chance of rain occurring on that date. The Henley Show will go ahead as planned.
 b) Nettlebed Post Office The Chairman reported that this is to close. The Parish Council agreed to support an application for purchase of Nettlebed Church Hall by signing a letter to OCC advocating a scheme for the Church Hall to be used as a Village Store, Post Office and Farm Shop. An application for change of use is currently being considered by SODC. TD
 c) Provision of Caravan sites for Gypsies and Travellers. Report passed to Mr. Dunn for consideration. TD
 d) Community Police provision The Clerk was requested to ascertain the current position PP
19. Items for Parish Magazines Report of meeting.
20. Date, time and place of Next Meeting To be confirmed: Tuesday, 25th September 2007, 7.00 p.m., The Village Hall, Russells Water.

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