STADHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th November, 2012

Clerk: Paul Isaacs, 11 Thame Road, Great Milton, Oxon., OX44 7HY

Attendees

Cllr. Michael May (MM) (Chair), Cllr. Elizabeth Eales (LE) (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Golda Nann (GN), Cllr. Sarah Street (SS), Paul Isaacs (Clerk) Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (OCC), Cllr Phil Cross (SODC) and 12 members of the public.

Apologies

Cllr. Lesley Shaw, Cllr. Marc Hiles (SODC), Chris Ratcliff (TV Police).

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159/12	Welcome	The Chair, Michael May, welcomed those in attendance.	For info.
160/12	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of interest were received.	For info.
161/12	Minutes of Meeting, 2/10/12	The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 2/10/12 were confirmed, approved and signed by the Chair.	For info.
162/12	Matters Arising	 The bridleway between Ascott and the Crazy Bear that needs to be cut back has been reported to OCC Countryside Services but still needs to be cleared. Clerk to chase OCC. 	For info.
		 The flooding that occurs regularly outside the Old School House has been reported to Thames Water. 	For info.
		 Cllr. SS reported that she has completed a local survey that favours the possibility of turning the School Lane / Thame Road junction into a one way system. The Clerk to organise a site visit from OCC Highways. 	For info.
163/12	Public Forum	No issues raised.	For info.
164/12	Report from Oxfordshire County Council	Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (OCC) reported as follows:- Oxfordshire Minerals & Waste Plan This will now be subject to a Public Inquiry that is likely to be held in February 2013 (see 167/12)	For info.
		2012/13 Localities Budget There is still time for Stadhampton to bid for approximately £500 that remains be available from this budget.	For info.
		Church Farms Barns / Copson Lane Road Repairs Cllr. MM asked LLG for assistance regarding the forthcoming repairs to Copson Lane as part of the ongoing easement negotiations with Vector Design Consultancy (VDC). Summarising the postion MM reported that SPC had met with VDC 1/11/12 and that the only outstanding issues regarding the easement were to do with the actual road repairs. VDC have obtained a quotation for full repairs totalling £22,000 including VAT and contingencies but the County Council insist that the proposed contractors hold a £10m public liability insurance and, in addition, will only allow the repairs to go ahead if VDC or SPC then assume ongoing responsibility for the works for a five year period. LLG replied that the £10m public liability insurance required of the contractors was non-negotiable but that a 2 year guarantee of works	For info. MM
		would be acceptable. The Clerk will relay this information to VDC.	Clerk

165/12	Report from South Oxfordshire District Council	Cllr Marc Hiles (SODC) had forwarded information regarding the South Oxfordshire Core Strategy Inspector's report. The report is a culmination of over 5 years' work where SODC tried to strike a balance between housing need and economic vitality while preserving the distinctive character of the district. Following extensive public consultation and several examination hearings held over the course of a year, SODC has now received the report which has found the core strategy to be sound subject to a number of minor modifications. The report and accompanying documents are available to view by visiting warm courts are available.	MH For info.
		visiting www.southoxon.gov.uk/corestrategy and a copy is also available to view at the Council's offices. The core strategy is now expected to be adopted by the council before the end of 2012 at which time it will become part of the development plan.	
		Cllr Phil Cross (SODC) reported as follows :- • Community Investment Fund - the allocations for 2013/14 have	PC For info.
		 been set; New welfare benefit changes will come into effect for 2013/14; 'Help' Stop Hate Crime - Hate crime is a prejudice of disability, race or nationality, gender, religion or sexual orientation. The abuse can be verbal, physical or emotional and includes attacks to property, and written and electronic messages. Victims of hate crime who are reluctant to go to the police now have an alternative reporting service, a new 24 hour freephone helpline for anyone on the receiving end of, or witness to, hate crime. 	For info. For info.
		Whilst Cllr. PC was at the meeting planning application P12/S1417/RM was discussed. The application was for the 'Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling' at Wholesale Plants Ltd land, Ascott, OX44 7UH. There was strong concensus that that scale of the application was out of proportion and that it should be refused. There were also allegations that other development had already taken place on the site without permission and that SODC Planning needed to be alerted to the fact. It was decided that SPC should recommend REFUSAL by the deadline of 9/11/12 and suggest that SODC visit the site.	For info. Decision
		Comments from the floor were then made to Cllr. PC that SODC Planning were allowing too many 'permissions by the back door' and that Planning Enforcement team seemed to be weak and sometimes ineffectual. Cllr. PC staunchly rejected this, mentioned that all planning matters were subject to strict guidelines and wholeheartedly defended the SODC planners.	For info.
166/12	Clay Shoots	Fifteen Clay Shoots at the Crazy Bear Hotel were reported for the four month period beginning July 2012. The list will be sent to SODC and LE suggested that SPC write to the Crazy Bear Hotel. Agreed.	For info. LE
167/12	PAGE (Parishes Against Gravel Extraction)	Mr. Taylor spoke regarding the ongoing campaign and thanked SPC for its continued support that is recognised and welcomed. Cholsey are making strong representations as to why it should not be the approved site for local gravel extraction and PAGE will need to counter this throughout 2013/14.	For info.
		It was unanimously agreed that the £1,000 'put aside' for the campaign for 2012/13 should be released. Proposed by GN, seconded by SS. A further contribution for 2013/14 will be discussed by councillors at the December Budget setting meeting.	Decision
168/12	Parish Plan	Cllr. LE presented a brief report regarding the successful 'Clubs and Societies' event on the weekend of Oct. 12/13th, 2012. The next test event will be held in Spring 2013.	For info. LE

169/12	Community Building Project (CBP)	Thanks to a successful £50,000 grant agreed by BIFFA the shortfall for the £385,000 project is now less than £10,000.	For info.
		A Christmas market fundraiser is being held on December 7th at Newington House.	For info.
170/12	Village Green and Playground	Inspection Reports - completed and noted.	For info.
		<u>Fireworks Event</u> - SODC Environmental Health contacted SPC on the Friday prior to the Fireworks/ Bonfire event stating that the bonfire was already too large and that there were non-wood items dumped that must not be burned. A site meeting was set with Mike Horn representing the Fireworks committee at 10am on 5/1/12. Certain items (mainly sofas and mattresses) were removed from the bonfire and SPC will have to pay for their collection.	For info.
		The event itself went extremely well as always and thanks were given to Mike Horn, Sue White and the rest of the Fireworks committee for their voluntary work in organising the event. The bonfire will now be allowed a period of time to cool before it is raked, levelled and reseeded. The village green itself has been churned up by vehicle activity and will also need to be levelled and repaired. The Fireworks committee have agreed to present a report (to include a financial breakdown for audit purposes) to the AGM in May 2013.	
171/12	Footpaths and Transport	The Clerk organised for the pavement outside 23, Cratlands Close to be cleared as the brambles were encroaching into the road and preventing access for an elderly neighbour.	For info. Clerk
		A report has been received regarding water erosion of the pedestrian path outside Chiselhampton Chapel. GN will investigate the problem.	For info. GN
172/12	Planning Matters	P09/W0076 - Anaerobic digestion biogas plant at Wallingford dating back to 2009. Planning Permission GRANTED .	For info.
		P11/W0566 - Oxfordshire Animal Sanctuary, Village Green, OX44 7UB. Installation of an onsite Incinerator. SPC replied by deadline date of 3/6/11 and recommended REFUSAL. SODC target date for a decision was 4/7/11 but no decision made as at 6/11/12.	For info.
		P12/S1462/HH & P12/ S1463/LB - Marylands Cottage, Chiselhampton. Demolition of single storey extensions and garage. New two storey extension with link to cottage and internal alterations. New Garage. SPC replied by deadline date of 28/8/12 and stated 'No Strong Views'. The plans were the amended and SPC again responded stating 'No Strong Views'. Planning Permission GRANTED 16/10/12.	For info.
		P12/S1953/FUL 1, Chapmans Close, Chiselhampton, OX44 7XE. To provide a gated access for vehicle and pedestrian use to a land locked area of land known as 'Jack's Piece'. SPC replied by deadline date of 24/10/12 and recommended 'No Strong Views'. The plans have been amended and it was decided that SPC will again respond NO STRONG VIEWS. Awaiting a decision from SODC.	For info.
		P12/S2495/HH (Householder) Lucerne House, Thame Road, Stadhampton, OX44 7TX. Erection of PVCu conservatory at the rear of the property. SPC to reply NO STRONG VIEWS by 20/11/12.	For info.
		P12/S1417/RM (Reserved Matters) Wholesale Plants Ltd land, Ascott, OX44 7UH Erection of agricultural workers dwelling. SPC will recommend REFUSAL as per 165/12.	For info.

173/12	Financial Update	A list of cheques approved and authorised for payment at the 6/11/12 meeting is appended. At 1/11/12 the SPC revenue account stood at £25,136.89.	For info.
		The budget setting meeting for 2013/14 will take place on 6/12/12.	For info.
174/12	Correspondence	SPC has written welcoming the Revd Caroline King to her new role as Team Vicar in the Dorchester team.	For info.
		The next 'Have Your Say' meeting will be held on Weds. Nov. 21st, 11am to 12 noon at the Village Green with PCSO Matthew Taylor.	For info.
175/12	Any Other Business	Cllr. LE and the Clerk will attend the Annual SODC Town & Parishes forum to be held 21/11/12.	For Info.
		Following a request from David Fordham (DF) it was agreed that local Neighbourhood Watch procedures be discussed as an agenda item for the next meeting.	For Info.
		DF also requested support again for the annual Royal British Legion fundraising. It was agreed to pay £29 for the 2012 wreaths. Proposed by LE, seconded by GN.	For Info.
176/12	Next Meetings	Tuesday January 15th, 2013 Tuesday March 5th, 2013 Tuesday May 7th, 2013 (AGM) Tuesday June 4th, 2013 Tuesday July 2nd, 2013 Tuesday September 3rd, 2013 Tuesday October 1st, 2013 Tuesday November 5th, 2013 7.30pm in the Stadhampton Community Hall (Primary School).	For info.