

STADHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting *held on* Tuesday January 8th 2019 at the Community Hall

Attendees	Cllr. Stephen Dawson (SD) – Chairman, Cllr. Robert Campbell (RC), Cllr. Doug Struthers (DS), Cllr. Stuart Wells (SW), Michael Pawley (Clerk) and 20 members of the public.
Apologies	Cllr. Stephen Gilligan (SG)

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
1/19	Introduction	SD welcomed parishioners and following feedback after the November meeting gave further clarification on the statement made regarding public participation under 109/18. This statement had not been to suppress public participation but to confirm the Council's Standing Orders and allow for an efficient running of meetings	For info
2/19	Open Forum	SD invited parishioners to raise any items not covered elsewhere on the agenda. No matters were raised	For info
3/19	Apologies for absence	Apologies had been received from Cllr. Stephen Gilligan (SG). These were noted and accepted.	For info
4/19	To note the resignation of Cllr Sarah Davis and consider any applications received for co-option to fill the casual vacancy	SD reported that since the November meeting Sarah Davis had resigned as a councillor; on behalf of the Council he thanked her for the work that she had done during her time as a councillor particularly in relation to the Play Area Working Group, the 2018 Remembrance Day events and also assisting with the Christmas Tree lights. The Clerk confirmed that adverts had been placed in relation to the casual vacancy but no written applications had been received. SD invited anyone interested to contact the Clerk	For info
5/19	To appoint a Vice-Chairman	SD invited nominations for the vacant post of Vice-Chairman. Cllr Stuart Wells was nominated by RC and seconded by DS. SW was duly appointed.	For info
6/19	To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 6th November and 11th December 2018	The minutes of ordinary SPC meeting held on Tuesday November 6 th 2018 and the Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 11 th December 2018 were confirmed by the Councillors who had been present, approved and signed by the Chair.	For info
7/19	To record declarations of interest from members	DS declared an interest in Item 15 – Planning Application; the Clerk reported that he had advised RC that he did not have a conflict in relation to this matter and hence his previous Declaration of Interest in relation to Manor Barn applications was withdrawn.	For info
8/19	To receive a report from South Oxfordshire District Councillor Caroline Newton	Cllr Caroline Newton was present and gave an update on the SODC Local Plan. She stated that she had voted in favour of the Plan on the basis that her major concern was about not having a Plan – she did still have issues with some of the content. An update on the Plan is attached at Appendix 1 Councillors and parishioners raised questions on the Plan in particular around the inclusion of Chalgrove, the possible impact of the proposed Oxford to Cambridge Expressway, the issues of affordable housing and the future approach to the Green Belt. Encouragement was given to all to submit responses or visit the drop-in sessions during the Consultation Period which ends on 18 th February and the Clerk explained this process. SD confirmed that the Council would consider its own response at the February Meeting.	SPC
9/19	To receive a report from County	Cllr Lindsay-Gale was present. Her monthly report is attached at Appendix 2 and she spoke to a number of the items therein.	For info

	Councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale		
10/19	To consider matters arising from last meeting (items not elsewhere on the agenda)	<p>a. Vacant allotments The Clerk confirmed that the Community Payback Team had cleared most of Allotments 7 and 8. The Allotments Officer advised that some further clearance work was required on Allotment 7 and the Clerk agreed to get that done. Tenants had been agreed for both sites. Clearance work had also been carried out on Allotment 17 and it was agreed that the Clerk, Allotments Officer and any Councillors available should visit this site to consider what further work might be required to put it back into use as an allotment. SD thanked DS who had previously coordinated the work of the Team prior to handing this over to the Clerk.</p> <p>b. Allotment 13 SD advised that the Land Registry had cancelled the most recent application to register Allotment 13 based on lost/mislaidd Title Deeds for technical reasons. The Land Registry had recommended making a further application including more detail in the accompanying statement. SD advised that this could be done within the existing amount already agreed by the Council and that also some free specialist legal advice had been offered which would be taken up. A further report would be given in March.</p> <p>c. Highways issues – Bakehouse Yard and Anvils SD advised that despite agreement having been reached on a scheme to rectify the issues outside The Anvils the Council had had no success in identifying the appropriate member of OCC staff who would deal with this – Cllr Lindsay-Gale sympathised with this and suggested that Lee Turner should be approached. She would be raising this problem at the next Localities Meeting SD also advised that the Council had been hoping to get an OCC representative would visit the village to look at infrastructure issues such as Bakehouse Yard. Cllr Lindsay-Gale advised that once again Lee Turner would be the appropriate person</p> <p>d. Village Green – update on legal research, discussion with SODC and to agree action regarding remaining green waste SD explained the background to the remaining green waste on the Green. The Clerk reported on discussion with the Open Spaces Society and Paul Clayden, an expert in local authority matters regarding the possible methods to protecting the Village Green due to its status as a registered Village Green. The consensus was that planting of trees would probably contravene the legislation as it would change the “very nature of the green” which is and always had been open. Counter to that however the placing of boulders/posts or the digging of ditches would be acceptable as they do not amount to “enclosure”. However there are practical issues and questions as to the effectiveness of any of the latter measures. The Village Green Working Group would consider this further. SD reported on ongoing conversations with SODC (Community Safety Team) who were proposing a three-way discussion involving OCC Traveller Services also to seek to identify a wider solution. SW reported on research into the possibility of obtaining an injunction, following the example of Harlow District Council. The likely costs of this were in the order of £20-£30k which probably puts it out of the reach of the Council.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>SPC</p> <p>SD</p>

		<p>SD clarified that the direct financial costs incurred by the Council were the Clerk's time and also the clearance of the waste left behind. It was agreed that further quotes should be obtained by the Clerk to clear the green waste that remains. Thanks were also given to John Pattinson who had cleared around 75 bags of general rubbish after the last unauthorised encampment.</p> <p>e. Community Hall User Agreement – to agree the novation of the agreement consequent on the transfer from OCC to Acer Trust and authorize two councillors to sign the Deed. Also to receive an update on amendments required as a result of the impending demise of the Stadhampton Community Hall Committee</p> <p>The Clerk clarified that this document was required to transfer OCC's responsibilities under the Community Hall User Agreement to The Acer Trust (who would be running the school from 1st February). There would then be further discussions regarding the changes needed to reflect the impending demise of the Management Committee. It was proposed by SW and seconded by SD that the Agreement be signed on behalf of the Council by two councillors</p> <p>f. Playground repairs</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the agreed repairs would be carried out shortly</p> <p>g. Insurance renewal</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the Council's insurance policy had been renewed with the existing insurers under a Long-Term Agreement previously signed which ends on 30th November 2020.</p> <p>h. Website</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that this would go live before the next meeting</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>For info</p> <p>CLERK</p>
11/19	Annual Budget Setting 2019/20 and Policy Review	<p>The following documents were discussed and agreed having been proposed by SD and seconded by DS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Budget 2019/2020 including Allotment Rents and Precept • Internal Auditor Appointment • External Auditor Appointment • Standing Orders • Financial Regulations • Code of Conduct • Risk Assessment subject to the addition of the clock situated on the Church tower) • Fixed Asset Register (subject to the addition of the clock situated on the Church tower) <p>It was noted that the Standing Orders/Financial Regulations and Code of Conduct had all been updated to reflect best practice nationally either using models prepared by the National Association of Local Councils or in the case of the Code of Conduct, reflecting that used by South Oxfordshire District Council. The Clerk was also asked to change any references to "his" to "their".</p> <p>Copies of the approved (unamended) documents are attached as Appendix 3.</p>	CLERK
12/19	To receive an update from PAGE (Parishes Against Gravel Extraction)	<p>DS reported that the case for opposing the proposed Stadhampton/Drayton St Leonard site was weaker than for other sites. The PAGE meeting in February would look at this in more detail. Cllr Lindsay-Gale however indicated that Hills were proposing to resubmit the application for Culham which would be</p>	For info

		facilitated due to the repositioning of the site to cater for the proposed new road/river crossing	
13/19	To receive an update on the proposed Oxford/Cambridge Expressway	RC reported that he and SD had attended a briefing meeting hosted by Highways England. Given the ongoing potential threat to Chiselhampton arising from the proposed corridors it was agreed that support should still be given to the Expressway Action Group whose preferred approach was to campaign on the advantages of the Northern/Western route rather than just campaign on the basis of objections to the Southern/Eastern routes	For info
14/19	To receive a report on recently decided and current Planning Matters	The Planning Application Register was tabled and this is attached at Appendix 4. The Clerk advised that applications and decisions were being reported monthly in the Village Voice. SD reported following the meeting on 11 th December he had investigated and spoken with SODC regarding works being carried out on Long Ground. It had transpired that this was works being carried out in implementation of an earlier planning permission	For info
15/19	To consider and agree a response to Planning Applications P18/S4175/FUL and P18/S4176/LB: The addition of a timber trellis on top of the boundary garden wall at Manor Barn, The Green Stadhampton OX44 7UL	DS withdrew from the meeting due to his Declaration of Interest (Minute 7/19 above) The Clerk explained the background to the applications. In 2018 retrospective applications had been made in respect of trellis that had been added to the top of a boundary wall. Permission had been refused and these new applications had now been submitted. It appeared that the issues raised by the Conservation Officer had not been addressed in the new applications. It was agreed to object to these new applications (2 object, 1 abstain).	CLERK
16/19	To consider and agree a response to Planning Application P18/S3822/FUL: Erection of detached domestic garage for storage of car collection and ancillary domestic storage at Poplars, Ascott Stadhampton OX44 7UH	The application was discussed in the light of the overall planning history of the site and the issues relating to access that were raised by parishioners regarding access to the site. It was unanimously agreed to object on the grounds of over-development and to highlight the access issues. SD agreed to draft the response to reflect the discussions SD confirmed that as the Council's policy was to submit their responses to applications as late as possible then responses from other parties were always reviewed.	SD CLERK
17/19	To consider and agree responses to any Planning Applications received after the date of the Notice of Meeting	The Clerk reported that no further applications had been received	
18/19	To receive a report from the Village Green Working Group in relation to the pond near D'Oyleys Farm and agree actions recommended therein	The report submitted was discussed and RC spoke briefly to clarify. A copy of the report is attached as Appendix 5. It was agreed to proceed with the planting of trees around D'Oyleys pond to create shade and further to seek to encourage the spread of bullrushes by pulling and dredging the Parrot's Feather, transplanting clumps of bull rushes. The Group would then make further proposals regarding the pond boundary and adjoining pathway. Any proposals to extend the pathway further along the Green would be subject to discussions with OCC	RC

19/19	To receive updates from the Parish Council Working Groups as appropriate	<p>SD reported that DS had agreed to chair the Play Area Group following the resignation of Sarah Davis. DS indicated that Sarah Davis wished to remain involved in the work of that group but that there was no update at present.</p> <p>SD also reported that the options for providing further space for burials were being carried out (as the churchyard was almost full and it was the Council's duty to provide additional land if the existing graveyard were full). He would report further at the March meeting</p> <p>SD also reported that following the renovation of the bus shelter in Stadhampton there was now interest in repeating the exercise in Chiselhampton as a community exercise. This idea was agreed by the Council.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting of the Planning Working Group</p>	<p>SD</p> <p>SD</p> <p>CLERK</p>
20/19	To approve payments made since the last meeting and payments to be made	The Council was asked to approve the payments listed in Appendix 6 and the Clerk listed these as well as monies received. These were APPROVED (Proposed SD Seconded SW)	For info
21/19	To receive a report on and to note the current bank balance	The Clerk reported that the bank balance as at 8/1/19 was £57,660.02	For info
22/19	To receive a report of the actions of the Clerk since the last meeting and correspondence received	<p>The Clerk reported that a Freedom of Interest request had been received from a local resident in respect of land ownership. Legal advice had been sought which would result in some unbudgeted legal costs. The response had been given within the statutory period of 20 working days.</p> <p>Correspondence had been received from SODC in respect of the shared costs of any Parish Council election that might be required in 2019. This had been taken into account in the agreed budget</p>	For info
23/19	Any other business (at the discretion of the Chairman)	A parishioner reported that a car had been seen "donuting" on the Village Green - this would be reported to the local police as a photograph had been taken by the Clerk	CLERK
24/19	Next Meeting	The next scheduled meetings will be a Planning Meeting on Wednesday 6 th February 2019 and an Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 5 th March 2019. The Clerk advised that the venues would be confirmed in due course	For info
25/19	Meeting Closed	10:05pm	For info

APPENDIX 1

LOCAL PLAN UPDATE (will be included in signed version)

APPENDIX 2

REPORT TO PARISH COUNCILS JANUARY 2019

FROM CLLR LORRAINE LINDSAY-GALE

BUDGET PROPOSALS

Tough decisions taken since 2010 have created a route to financial stability at OCC as the council plans to set its 2019/20 budget at a time when all councils face financial challenges. The main budget proposals are:

- Investment of almost £6m by 2023 to increase care packages to meet assessed needs for adults with learning and physical disabilities. (Adult Social Care)
- An increase of £5.8m is proposed to be added to the budget in 2022/23 in adult social care to meet projected increased need as a result of the aging population. The council's existing planning up to 2021/22 already includes provision for budget increases of £5.0m in 2019/20 and 2020/21 and £5.6m in 2021/22. (Adult Social Care)
- Invest £3.2m up to 2023 (£800,000 per year) to support the increasing number of children qualifying for school transport – in particular children with special educational needs. (Children, Education and Families)
- Invest £17m to support the predicted increasing numbers of children in care, including more permanent care staff (Children, Education and Families)

With regard to Council Tax, the council's plan – agreed at the last budget in February 2018 – to raise Council Tax by 2.99 per cent in 2019/20 and 1.99 per cent in the years thereafter remains the same in the new budget proposals. However, funding for local government beyond 2020 is currently uncertain, with councils waiting for funding decisions from central government which will not be known until late 2019.

DELIVERING AN OLDER PEOPLE'S STRATEGY FOR OXFORDSHIRE

Living longer and living better is the drive behind a new Older People's Strategy for Oxfordshire.

The strategy sets out how OCC and Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group will deliver a positive future for the county's older population. It was developed following feedback over a three-month period. Residents, health and charity organisations, professionals, businesses, the public sector and community groups were engaged in the strategy development so it could be grounded in what people tell us matters most to them. The strategy's vision and priorities were specifically co-produced with a wide range of people whose work and lives it affects. The strategy will be used to inform the planning, commissioning and delivery of services across Oxfordshire and will be monitored by the Better Care Fund Joint Management Group reporting to the Health and Wellbeing Board. To read the strategy and have your say online visit here

<https://consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/OPLLLB/consultationHome> or request a paper copy of the strategy by calling 01865 334638. The closing date for comments is Feb 1, 2019.

DAYTIME SUPPORT SUSTAINABILITY GRANT AWARDS

Twenty-nine organisations have been recommended to receive grants from the county council's adult social care Sustainability Fund. The fund was established last year as part of measures designed to enable the ongoing delivery of daytime support services in Oxfordshire. A grant pot of £250,000 was approved for 2019/20 and community and voluntary organisations were invited to apply for the fund between September 12 and November 2. To allocate the funding to as many organisations as

possible, a panel of county councillors and people representing daytime services recommended that a maximum level of 70 per cent of the amount awarded in 2018/19 should be made where applicable. Among those services recommended for funding are Day Break Oxford (£50,000), Age UK (£27,500), October Club (£14,000) and Aspire (£12,500). Applications totalling £244,847 went before Cabinet on December 18.

SEND SUFFICIENCY STRATEGY GAINS APPROVAL

Plans to create significant new provision for Oxfordshire children with special educational needs (SEND) have been agreed by councillors, with a £15m investment set to create 300 new places which will involve a major rebuild for Northfield School in Oxford. The county council has conducted a wide-ranging review of its special educational needs provision in light of the large increases in the numbers of children with such needs entering the educational system in recent years and the forecast for continued increases in the future. The rebuild of Northfield School would be accompanied by a new school at Bloxham Grove in North Oxfordshire (due to open in 2020) and at Valley Park, Didcot (target date 2023) as part of a free school application process. At a national level, the Department for Education will be rolling out a new assessment approach for pupils with complex disabilities, from 2020. DfE has said “The statutory assessment will replace P scales 1 to 4 and will be based on the ‘7 aspects of engagement’, an assessment approach that focuses on pupils abilities in specific areas like awareness, curiosity and anticipation”. A guidance and training package will be developed and delivered to schools, local authorities, Ofsted and parents prior to programme roll out.

£10 MILLION PROGRAMME DELIVERING ROAD REPAIRS GETS £7M BOOST

Journeys on Oxfordshire’s roads have already been significantly improved in recent months thanks to an extra £10million being spent by OCC this year on repairing and improving road surfaces. Government announced in November that OCC would get £7.4 in additional funding to top-up this activity. A range of different methods of road repair and sealing are used to extend the life of county roads and reduce the likelihood of potholes forming which include resurfacing, patching, Dragon-patching and surface dressing.

OCC WELCOMES GOVERNMENT’S WASTE STRATEGY

OCC has welcomed the government’s new Waste and Resources Strategy for England, describing it as “ambitious”, with the potential to “transform the way that waste is viewed and managed.” Key points within the strategy include:

- Introduction of a Deposit Return Scheme for drinks containers to improve the amount recycled when out and about (known as ‘on the go’ recycling)
- Improved and extended redistribution of surplus food from businesses, and mandatory food waste collections from businesses and households.
- A national recycling target of 65 percent by 2035 (current national recycling rate is 45 percent)

OCC is committed to protecting the local environment as part of its Thriving Communities initiative.

OCC BEST PERFORMING COUNTY COUNCIL IN ENGLAND FOR ITS RECYCLING RATES

Oxfordshire has been named the best performing county council waste disposal authority in England for its recycling rates during 2017/18. The success reflects OCC’s commitment to work with districts to protect the environment. Figures published on Tuesday 11 December by the Department for

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) show that Oxfordshire is the highest performing disposal authority, ahead of Buckinghamshire and Cambridgeshire.

Oxfordshire is 'top of the pops' in two categories:

- The highest proportion of waste which is reused, recycled and composted (57.2%)
- The lowest amount of general waste (non-recyclable waste) produced per household (430kg).

All Oxfordshire Councils recycled over 50% in 2017/18, (the national recycling rate is 45%). The county has seven Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs) that provide recycling facilities for a wide range of items, from batteries to clothes, fridges to plastic garden furniture, together with an incinerator complex at Ardley near Bicester. The HWRCs accept over 350 different waste streams, recycling around 60% of the waste accepted.

For further information about Oxfordshire County Council's Household Waste Recycling Centres, visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/waste

REACTION TO SODC'S LOCAL PLAN PROPOSALS

Just before Christmas SODC councillors voted by a large majority to put their re-worked Local Plan forward for government inspection. As a long-time resident of South Oxfordshire and your County Councillor for ten years, I can only watch from the side-lines. My personal view is one of huge disappointment and frustration. The plan proposes more houses than we need which will completely alter the local environment that residents love and want to protect. However, as a County Council Cabinet Member I am mindful of and accept the County's vision for growth and economic development. Oxfordshire is already one of the best performing areas in the country offering the prospect of a thriving economy for its residents well into the future. With more jobs come more people, and people have to live somewhere. Working families need genuinely affordable housing, which appears to be an impossible goal in this area. The County Council has ambitious plans to improve our infrastructure which I welcome, but much of this can only be funded by accepting more housing. I just hope the Planning Inspector charged with examining SODC's proposals is up to the job.

Below is a statement made by Bev Hindle, OCC's Strategic Director for Infrastructure at the recent SODC meeting. It may explain OCC's official position:

"I am here this evening to provide my support and encouragement for you to recommend this Local Plan is taken forward to examination.

This emerging Local Plan has been emerging for some time and it has seen many iterations and may yet see some further changes, but I wanted to take the opportunity to explain why now is the right time to proceed:

Throughout its evolution, SODC were challenged to develop a robust Local Plan – one that provided:

- a strong narrative – a story about what it was trying to achieve, one which put more effort into delivering Plan-led and infrastructure supported development;

- a more robust transport network and allocated development which could contribute positively to that network and to the local and county economy;

-greater consideration of the needs of the county, including Oxford – this means greater collaboration and compromise

-support for the County's Housing and Growth Deal and also support for our Housing Infrastructure Bid which requires a robust and evidenced plan for growth to underpin the significant financial ask of Government

I believe SODC have risen to these challenges and have developed a Plan worthy of submission and testing in public. As the responsible authority for highways, education and social care, we recognise this Local Plan attempts to help tackle not just the infrastructure deficit in terms of roads, but also helps to meet acute housing needs which have not been adequately met in the past.

We are particularly supportive of how the Plan looks to strengthen Science Vale and access to Didcot through strategic sites that can contribute to the local and national economy, meeting housing need, rebalancing demographic deficits and which in turn can contribute to the major infrastructure investment needed for this part of the county. Without critical national funding to match this local ambition, the Plan will struggle to meet its vision and the county will suffer. The Housing Infrastructure Fund bid for Didcot Garden Town for example is essential to holding this Plan together. Our bid for funding will be robust and we are working on the principle we will get a funding decision in time to give critical support for the Plan – without this we will of course need to revisit our assumptions and assume SODC would need to re-visit its Plan.

The County Council will be taking a very close look at the Plan over the coming weeks to ensure it is meeting the tests of soundness. We will continue to work with the District to meet any challenges arising during examination."

REPORT TO PARISH COUNCILS DECEMBER 2018

FROM CLLR LORRAINE LINDSAY-GALE

OXFORD TO CAMBRIDGE EXPRESSWAY – UPDATE

Highways England recently held some local briefings for Councillors who represent areas that may be impacted by the proposed expressway. I attended the one held in Sandford-on-Thames on November 29th. Their objective was to listen, and learn and much as they could about the local communities here and on the West side of Oxford. The best news for this Division is that Corridor B1 has been narrowed so that Shillingford, Warborough, Dorchester, Clifton Hampden, Burcot, Berinsfield, Newington, Drayton St Leonard and Stadhampton are no longer in the danger zone! While this is a huge relief for these villages, we still have to consider the impact the expressway may have on Chiselhampton, Culham, Nuneham Courtenay, Sandford, the Baldons and Garsington. I will continue to support The Expressway Action Group in their efforts to persuade Highways England that a far less costly and more environmentally acceptable route would be to the West of Oxford.

COUNCIL BUDGET

The council's initial proposals for the 2019/2020 budget will be reviewed by the Performance Scrutiny Committee during December. A key element is the plan to invest up to £120m in roads and schools – a 'growth dividend' as more households mean more Council Tax revenue in future years. Tough decisions in the past have created a route to financial stability at a time when other councils face financial threats. There are new 'Transformation' plans being developed to completely redesign the council to reduce running costs. Making financial savings will enable OCC to support the growing

number of vulnerable children and adults – more vulnerable children are coming into council care, both locally and nationally, creating financial pressures. Protecting children remains OCC's top priority.

OCC CALLS FOR PUBLIC INQUIRY ON THAMES WATER'S RESERVOIR PLAN

Residents' interests come first – that was the resolute message from OCC last month as its cabinet called for a public inquiry on Thames Water's plans for a new reservoir. The council has concerns about the size and need for the proposed reservoir to the southwest of Abingdon, between Steventon, East Hanney and Marcham. It is also concerned about the length of time Thames Water has set itself to reduce leakages. Further clarity is sought from Thames Water on whether other potential sites have been fully assessed across the southeast region. Only when these details are provided in the form of a regional water resource plan for the south east, will the council be able to decide on whether to back the principle of having a reservoir at this location.

HOUSING AND GROWTH DEAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME

The Oxfordshire Growth Board has published details of the infrastructure projects to receive funding in Year 1 and Years 2-5 of the Oxfordshire Housing & Growth Deal, signed in April 2018. The total £150 million of Growth Deal funding has been earmarked for specific projects. This forward funding is helping unlock projects that will benefit from developer contributions, delivering schemes valued at over £480 million in total, excluding costs of the major rail projects, which are still to be confirmed. There is no mention of the proposed new road from Didcot to the A415 at the Culham Science Centre, the new river crossing and the Clifton Hampden Bypass. This will depend on the outcome of the SODC Local Plan which will decide where the large 'strategic housing sites' will be located.

Most Locally the Schemes are:

Benson relief road

The relief road will provide traffic with an alternative route from the A4074 and B4009 to the north of the village, particularly for HGVs. There will also be capacity improvements at the A4074/Church Road junction and improved pedestrian and cycle facilities in and through Benson. The road will help unlock development sites to the north of the village along the new route, delivering around 600 new homes, with the Growth Deal forward funding enabling the work ahead of significant developer contributions.

District: South Oxfordshire

Estimated Growth Deal spend: £1,200,000

Full cost of scheme: £12,000,000

Cowley Branch Line

Growth Deal funding will contribute to a feasibility and design study Network Rail is undertaking to enable the Cowley Branch through Oxford to be brought forward for passenger services. The scheme forms part of plans for other rail improvements countywide.

District: Countywide

Estimated Growth Deal spend: £250,000

Full cost of scheme: TBC

Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme (OFAS)

The Growth Deal is contributing £5m of funding to the Environment Agency's planned Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme, to help bring the scheme forward. The scheme should significantly reduce the risk of flooding to homes and businesses in Oxford City and neighbouring areas in the Vale of White Horse. It will also protect the public highway and other transport infrastructure including the Botley Road and Abingdon Road.

District: Countywide

Estimated Growth Deal spend: £5,000,000

Full cost of scheme: £TBC

Oxford Station Redevelopment

Growth Deal funding will support feasibility work on widening the Botley Road railway bridge, through replacement of the existing structure. This is required to support the Oxford rail station development, enabling more rail lines to be provided to increase capacity through Oxford. Widening the road underneath the bridge will improve headroom for vehicles and also provide more space for cycle lanes and wider pavements, complementing improvements along the length of Botley Road. The scheme is part of a wider improvement plan for Oxford station which includes additional track and platform capacity.

District: Countywide

Estimated Growth Deal spend: £500,000

Full cost of scheme: £TBC

Didcot Garden Town Project: Central Didcot Transport Corridor improvements

A priority "place-making" project involving a mixture of bus, cycle and pedestrian improvements from the new Science Bridge on the A4130 west of Sir Frank Williams Way to Jubilee Way Roundabout at Broadway. It is estimated that the project will contribute to the delivery of 391 houses as part of the programme of works.

Districts: South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse

Estimated Growth Deal spend: £2,000,000

Full cost of scheme: £60,000,000

Barns Road

The Barns Road scheme included in the South East Corridors Study is part of the Oxford Transport Strategy's Cycle Premium Route network. It aims to support local growth and wider movement between new housing and employment sites in south Oxford (Cowley, Blackbird Leys, Littlemore, Oxford Science Park, Oxford Business Park) and connections to Oxford city centre, east and north Oxford. It envisages new and improved cycle routes along the whole length of the corridor, as well as improved bus provision. It is a key component of proposals to support social inclusion, equality of opportunity, protect/enhance the local environment and health/wellbeing, by improving

connectivity and air quality through reducing congestion. It is estimated that the project will contribute to the delivery of 2081 houses.

District: Oxford City

Estimated Growth Deal spend: £1,300,000

Full cost of scheme: £10,300,000

A34 Corridor

This project looks at providing a city-bound bus lane from the proposed P&R at Lodge Hill to Hinksey Hill Interchange. This forms part of proposals for rapid transit from major housing sites in South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse to Oxford city centre and around the "Eastern Arc" (Littlemore, Cowley, Headington and North Oxford). Phase 1 of the project (bus priority at Hinksey Hill Interchange) has already secured funding with design work is now underway.

District: Oxford City

Estimated Growth Deal spend: (included in £1,300,000 listed above)

Full cost of scheme £25,100,000

Eastern Bypass Corridor

The project will help move more people around more efficiently along the Eastern Bypass by providing a bus lane/priority along the corridor. This is required to support growth and wider movement between key housing and employment across south and east Oxford (Headington, Cowley, Oxford Business Park, Littlemore, Oxford Science Park) and South Oxfordshire/Vale of White Horse (South of Genoble Road/Chalgrove, Abingdon etc.). It is expected to reduce private car traffic and improve the city's air quality.

District: Oxford City

Estimated Growth Deal spend: (included in £1,300,000 listed above)

Full cost of scheme: £38,100,000

Cowley Road/Garsington Road/Watlington Road corridor

The project will help reduce the impact of congestion and expand connectivity along the Cowley Road/Garsington Road corridor by improving traffic at existing pinch-points/junctions and new bus priority (improving bus journey times and reliability) and by providing a higher standard and safer cycle route along the whole length of the corridor. Side road entries and improved crossings will also assist pedestrian movement and safety. This will support housing growth along the Cowley Road/Garsington Road corridor and is part of proposals to improve wider movement between key housing and employment in south Oxford (Cowley, Oxford Business Park), South Oxfordshire (South of Genoble Road/Chalgrove) and Oxford city centre.

District: Oxford City

Estimated Growth Deal spend: (included in £1,300,000 listed above)

Full cost of scheme: £39,700,000

A4074 Corridor

The project will help reduce the impact of congestion along the A4074 corridor by providing a city-bound bus lane and bus priority at Heyford Hill roundabout, and by providing a new two-way cycle route. This corridor forms part of the Rapid Transit network to support growth and wider movement between key housing and employment across south and east Oxford (Littlemore, Oxford Science Park, Oxford Business Park, Headington) and South Oxfordshire (South of Genoble Road/Chalgrove) and connections to Oxford city centre.

District: Oxford City

Estimated Growth Deal spend: (included in £1,300,000 listed above)

Full cost of scheme: £18,800,000

B4495 Corridor

Starting at its junction with The Slade/Horspath Driftway to its junction with Abingdon Road, the aim of this project is to help reduce the impact of congestion along the B4495 corridor by addressing existing pinch-points and by providing a new and improved cycle route. As part of the Rapid Transit and connector bus network, and Oxford's Cycle Super Route network it is expected to support growth and ease movement between key housing and employment across south and east Oxford (Cowley, Oxford Business Park, Headington) and South Oxfordshire/Vale of WH (South of Genoble Road/Chalgrove, Abingdon).

District: Oxford City

Estimated Growth Deal spend: (included in £1,300,000 listed above)

Full cost of scheme: £22,000,000

Abingdon Road Corridor

The project will help reduce the impact of congestion and ease movement along the Abingdon corridor by providing a new and improved cycle route and improving bus routes to support housing and jobs growth and promote healthy and active travel. It connects people to major employment sites in South and East Oxford (e.g. Headington, Cowley, Oxford Business Park) and South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse.

District: Oxford City

Estimated Growth Deal spend: (included in £1,300,000 listed above)

Full cost of scheme £13,700,000

Iffley Road corridor

This is the A4158 corridor between the Eastern Bypass and The Plain roundabout to reduce the impact of congestion and move more people around more efficiently along Iffley Road by improving traffic at current bottlenecks, improving bus journey times/reliability, and by providing a higher standard and safer cycle route treatment along the whole length of the corridor. Side-road entry treatments and new/improved crossings will also assist pedestrian movement and safety. This will support housing growth along Iffley Road and is part of proposals to improve wider movement

between key housing and employment in south Oxford (Littlemore, Oxford Science Park) and the city centre.

District: Oxford City

Estimated Growth Deal spend: (included in £1,300,000 listed above)

Full cost of scheme £19,700,000

HIGHWAYS DEFECTS UPDATE

As reported last month, the county council has increased the amount of relatively small-scale work it does to put right local roads that are suffering from potholes, cracks and worn out tarmac. The number of completed defect repairs between January and October this year is 37219.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

I would like to thank Parish Councillors for all their hard work over the last year and wish them together with everyone in my Division a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

APPENDIX 3 (documents will be attached to signed version)

- Annual Budget 2019/2020 including Allotment Rents and Precept
- Internal Auditor Appointment
- External Auditor Appointment
- Standing Orders
- Financial Regulations
- Code of Conduct
- Risk Assessment
- Fixed Asset Register

APPENDIX 4

Planning Decisions since the last meeting on 11th December 2018

P18/S4055/CC

Stadhampton Primary School Cratlands Close Stadhampton OX44 7XL

Retention and continued use of relocatable building (Ref Block T2) for a further period of 5 years.

OCC - Conservation Area - No Objection

P18/S3653/HH

The Smithy Thame Road Stadhampton OX44 7AG

Proposed porch and cloakroom

Planning Permission

P18/S3490/HH

Melaleuca School Lane Stadhampton OXON OX44 7TR

Single storey front extension & loft conversion - proposed increase of roof pitch from 30 degrees to 37 degrees and insertion of dormer window to east elevation.

Planning Permission

P18/S3386/LDE

Belchers Farm Bungalow Access Road To Belchers Farm Ascott OX44 7UH

Use as building as a single dwellinghouse and external alterations (as amended by plans received on 4th December 2018)

Certificate of Lawful Use or Development

Current Planning Applications

P18/S3822/FUL

Poplars Ascott Stadhampton OX44 7UH

Erection of detached domestic garage for storage of car collection and ancillary domestic storage.

P18/S4176/LB

Manor Barn The Green Stadhampton OX44 7UL

The addition of a timber trellis on top of the boundary garden wall. The neighboring property is listed.

P18/S4175/FUL

Manor Barn The Green Stadhampton OX44 7UL

The addition of a timber trellis on top of the boundary garden wall. The neighboring property is listed.

P18/S3894/HH

Poplars Ascott near Stadhampton OX44 7UH

Front extension to provide stairwell, plant room and entrance lobby and the addition of two single storey lean too's to the rear.

SPC Response – No Objections

P18/S3804/DIS

Land East of Newington Road Stadhampton OX44 7US

Discharge of condition 8 - Landscaping Scheme on application ref. P18/S1655/FUL Variation of condition 1 - house type substitution on 19 plots on application ref. P17/S1726/RM (As clarified by corrected / amended plans received 12 July and 23 July 2018). Reserved matters for details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of residential and related development of outline planning permission reference P14/S4105/O, approved at Appeal (APP/Q3115/W/15/3035899) for 65 houses.

P18/S3604/DIS

Land East of Newington Road Stadhampton OX44 7US

Discharge of conditions 7 - surface water drainage works, 8 - works for disposal of sewage and 13 - travel plan statement on APP/Q3115/W/15/3035899 (P14/S4105/O) Demolition of existing structures and outline planning permission for residential development of up to 65 dwellings (As clarified by additional information received 04/12/18 and 19/12/18)

P18/S1289/DIS

Watlings Paddock Watlington Road Stadhampton OX44 7UQ

Discharge of conditions 7 & 9 on application P16/S2987/FUL Use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes, together with formation of hard-standing, erection of utility building and stables, and keeping of horses.

P18/S1111/O

Land east of Warren Hill Stadhampton OX44 7XJ

Outline application for the proposed erection of approximately 30 dwellings with associated infrastructure, landscaping, open space and access (all matters reserved except for access)

SPC response – Object with detailed reasons. Additional response submitted in relation to revised Transport Assessment

APPENDIX 5

Report on D'Oyleys Pond, Stadhampton Village Green

(prepared by Cllr Bob Campbell for the meeting of the Stadhampton Parish Council on 8th January 2019)

Introduction

The two ponds are a feature of the village green and were thus on the initial agenda for the Village Green Group. We started by asking Dr Pascale Nicolet, a well known authority on ponds, for her advice on them. She suggested we focus on D'Oyleys Pond as it's a mess and compromised by Parrot's Feather, an invasive species, while the other pond in the opposite corner of the green has a rich variety of invertebrates and the Great Crested Newt so just needs some light maintenance.

The age of the pond is uncertain but when it was cleared out by a contractor in the 1990s he planted Parrot's Feather (*Myriophyllum aquaticum*) as he thought it would clean the water. It is now classified as an alien invasive species. Only female plants are established in the UK and it therefore spreads by vegetative means only. The stems are brittle and the plant propagates by growth from small stem fragments. The Parrot's Feather has taken over the pond despite several attempts to remove it.

There are other problems with D'Oyleys Pond, primarily the inlets and outlets, the poor state of the road side bank, the broken railings and the narrow path alongside the road. We feel however that we should deal with the ecology of the pond first. This proposal therefore only addresses the Parrot's Feather issue.

Can Parrot's Feather be controlled?

There are various means but none are 100% effective.

Non-chemical

Pulling and dredging. This method is commonly used to limit the impacts of Parrot's Feather but it is labour intensive and rarely completely successful. It would require an ongoing commitment.

Light exclusion. Covering the whole pond with a black plastic sheet for at least a year should kill off the plant but also everything else and may not be popular. There is evidence however that introducing some shade can inhibit the plant. The pond currently enjoys full sunlight for most of the day.

Biological. The plant is not palatable to herbivores and there is virtually no insect damage to plants in the UK. It is a classic invasive species that has left its enemies behind in lowland central South America. There have been trials with Grass Carp but the licensing and supervision would be complex. The carp eats Parrot's Feather with some reluctance and only if stocked at a high density with nothing else to eat.

Chemical

Regular treatment with glyphosate from March to October can work but requires licensing and qualified users of a now controversial chemical. There are other more expensive chemicals but the complications would be much the same.

Fill in the pond?

A more radical approach would be to fill in the pond and dig a new one say 75 metres to the east of the current site. We consulted James Gillies, a contractor who has created many ponds locally, and his estimate was around £10,000. New inlets and outlets contributed to the cost. We approached River Thame Conservation Trust who said it might have some funding for this as it would be a good site for Great Crested Newts. We were however warned by Dr Iwan Jones, an authority on aquatic plants, that although this approach would have the best chance of success there would still be the risk of fragments of the plant being transferred to the new pond by say the tyres of the contractor's vehicles.

Site meeting

We held a site meeting on 19th November (2018) attended by Doug Struthers, Pascale Nicolet, Hannah Worker (River Thame Conservation Trust), Sue White and Sally Adams who both live near the pond and myself. Pascale Nicolet felt that it might not be possible to come up with funding because of the amount of dog walkers nearby. It has been shown that dogs jumping into a pond can cause huge damage to the invertebrates. This is probably due to anti flea chemicals. She was however interested to see how bull rushes are taking over the pond outcompeting the Parrot's Feather. It was decided that we should put the idea of filling in the pond to one side and try an ecological approach. This would be based on encouraging the bull rushes (currently covering about a third of the pond) to take over by pulling and dredging out the Parrot's Feather next summer and transplanting bull rush clumps in their place. To introduce shade we should plant grey alders which support insect life and are less prone to disease than the common or Italian alders. We could include a couple of aspen in case the alders are hit by disease.

A blanket of bull rushes under alders would have a high conservation value and should look better but we should check on the hydrological impact as Sally Adams has suggested.

I consulted Lisa Gray (senior rights of way officer at the Oxfordshire County Council) after the site meeting. She thought we might have problems getting permission to dig a new pond as it could diminish the open nature of our village green.

Recommendation

I suggest we consider implementing the plan that emerged from the site meeting, namely encourage the bull rushes to take over by pulling and dredging the Parrot's Feather, transplanting clumps of bull rushes and planting grey alders to give some shade. I could start straightaway with planting say six grey alders plus two aspen as this is the time to plant otherwise we lose a year. The cost will be no more than £30.

We should also look at repairing the inlets and outlets and perhaps the roadside bank. This inlets and outlets problem was picked up by the consultants (Davis Impressions) who submitted some proposals when we started researching the project. We could ask them to give us a revised estimate for the engineering and removing the Parrot's Feather by pulling and dredging. James Gillies could be asked to submit an estimate along the same lines.

We are assuming that with volunteers we could clear the Parrot's Feather without cost but we could see what a contractor might charge.

The River Thame Conservation Trust might still be interested in funding improvements to the pond as outlined above. I can ask them.

In summary the ecological approach would cost very little. We could follow up by seeking estimates from two or three potential contactors to establish the likely cost of the whole project.

Sources

Advice from Professor Alan Hildrew (freshwater biologist), Dr IW Jones (aquatic plants), Dr Pascale Nicolet (Freshwater Habitats Trust), Natalie Bredon and Hannah Walker (River Thame Conservation Trust), James Gillies (ponds contractor) and Sue White and Sally Adams for helpful site knowledge.

Non-native Species Secretariat, BBC Gardening, Centre for Aquatic Plant Management (Environment Agency), and Invasive Species Ireland.

APPENDIX 6

STADHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL					
PAYMENTS TO BE MADE/PAYMENTS MADE SINCE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON				06/11/2018	
Date	Ref	Payee	Detail	Amount	VAT included
07-Dec	DD	Google	E-mail accounts	£ 23.10	£ -
11-Dec	FP	Skyline Promotions	Fireworks	£ 2,040.00	£ 340.00
11-Dec	FP	Jays Property Maintenance	Monthly maintenance	£ 195.00	£ -
14-Dec	FP	M Pawley	Payroll 1/10-30/12 (net)	£ 889.87	£ -
08-Jan	DD	Google	E-mail accounts	£ 19.90	£ -
08-Jan	FP	Castle Water	Water (Pavilion)	£ 16.46	£ -
08-Jan	FP	Clr D Struthers	Waders for use in Village Green maintenance	£ 98.90	£ -
08-Jan	FP	HMRC	PAYE	£ 889.97	£ -
08-Jan	FP	Smith of Derby	Service clock	£ 334.80	£ 55.80