

# STADHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2010**

Clerk: Paul Isaacs, 11 Thame Road, Great Milton, Oxon., OX44 7HY  
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<b>Attendees</b>	Daf Phillips (Chair) (DP), Tom Peers (Vice-Chair) (TP), Sarah Street (SS), Michael May (MM), Cllr Phil Cross (PhC) for part of meeting, Paul Isaacs (Clerk)(PI) and 8 members of the public.
<b>Apologies</b>	Cllr Golda Nann (GN), Tom Hall, Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (LLG)

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
179/10	<b>Public Forum</b>	<p><u>Community Building Project (CBP)</u> - Ann Stead reported that the CBP committee has now received a positive response from the Diocese. The next step is to apply for Planning Permission from SODC. Ann also brought along some information re car parking samples that will protect the grass in front of the Church. SPC gave its approval in principle to move ahead with the parking ideas.</p> <p><u>Allotments hedge</u> – Sue White asked for permission that the allotments hedge and lime trees be trimmed (as has been carried out in previous years). Approval given to go ahead at a maximum cost of the 2009 figure plus 3%.</p>	<p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>Approval in principle</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p>
180/10	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	No declarations of Interest.	
181/10	<b>Minutes of meeting on 1/11/10</b>	The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1/11/10 confirmed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman. No matters arising that were not elsewhere on the agenda.	<b>For info.</b>
182/10	<b>Resignation and Quorum issues</b>	<p>Cllr. Tom Peers submitted a letter of resignation with immediate effect for personal reasons. DP regretfully accepted and sincerely thanked TP for all of his hard work for SPC over recent years including his work on the PAGE issue.</p> <p>A minimum of 3 SPC councillors are required to be present at any SPC meeting to ensure a quorum. Therefore the resignation may possibly leave SPC short of Councillors for meetings between now and May 2011 (when the next elections take place).</p> <p>The Clerk has contacted SODC Legal and Democratic services who have advised that an election cannot take place before May 2011 but that a co-option could occur in the New Year. DP asked those present if they would consider being co-opted. No-one came forward so a discussion then followed regarding possible local residents who could be approached if it becomes necessary.</p>	<p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>Quorum</b></p>
183/10	<b>South Oxon. District Council</b>	<p>Cllr. Phil Cross reported that the draft Core Strategy has now been approved by SODC.</p> <p>A 'Heads of Agreement' has been signed to build 9,000 new houses in Didcot (Lower Broadway and station areas).</p>	<b>For info.</b>

184/10	<b>Community Policing</b>	<p>PC Mel Stratford and PCSO Becky Freeman introduced themselves and stressed that they can be contacted directly with any local concerns.</p> <p>A query was raised re occasional local gatherings of youngsters in the vicinity of the garage. This concern was noted.</p> <p>The next PCSO 'Have Your Say' meeting at the Village Green will be on Sat. January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 12noon to 1pm.</p>	<b>For info.</b>
185/10	<b>Village Green</b>	<p><u>Playground</u>  1. Inspection reports completed and recorded.  2. DP proposed that George Bowden be asked to carry out small maintenance projects to the playground (and also around the village) as required on a monthly basis. Approved.</p> <p><u>Bench</u>  David &amp; Nicki Walker will repair the Village Green bench at their own expense and will not accept the offer from SPC that we pay for the materials.</p> <p><u>Boot Sales</u>  Unfortunately no-one has yet come forward to organise the Boot Sales now that Mike Horn and Ann Tothill have stood down.</p> <p><u>Giffords Circus</u>  Confirmed dates : Thursday June 30<sup>th</sup> to Monday July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. They will arrive on 27/6/11. Giffords have agreed to a local ticket allocation for local residents.</p> <p><u>Billy Traylen Fair</u>  Confirmed dates : Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2011. They will arrive to set up on 1/8/11 and leave on 8/8/11.</p>	<p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>For Info.</b></p>
186/10	<b>Parish Plan</b>	<p>The Clerk has contacted Norah Brooks to suggest that the process begins with an Open Meeting for the whole village in February or March 2011.</p> <p>DP will speak to Norah to clarify her intentions.</p> <p>Stephen Dawson has now indicated that he will not have time to get involved.</p>	<p><b>Clerk / for info.</b></p> <p><b>DP</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p>
187/10	<b>Easements</b>	<p>Forge Barn Railings - Derbys have contacted Manches so the ball is in their court and we are awaiting a reply.</p>	<b>For info.</b>
188/10	<b>Community Furniture</b>	<p>The chairs will now be purchased and the old chairs are to be stored in the Pavilion.</p> <p>SPC has now contributed £500 towards the tables and benches.</p>	<b>For info.</b>
189/10	<b>Joint User Agreement</b>	<p>The clerk has contacted Sue White re the proposed changes to the JUA and SPC are now awaiting a copy of the newly proposed agreement.</p>	<b>Clerk / for info.</b>
190/10	<b>Long Ground</b>	<p>All correspondence regarding movements and developments are being filed as the issue is ongoing.</p>	<b>Clerk / for info.</b>

191/10	<b>Report from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)</b>	<p>LLG was unable to attend the meeting due to a library meeting at Berinsfield but presented the following report :-</p> <p><u>Spending Cuts update</u></p> <p>OCC calculates that it will have to save around £155m by 2015 across all of its services. OCC is already on target to make £35m savings in 2010/11 with a pay freeze and by cutting the costs of contracts with suppliers.</p> <p><u>Proposed closures to Oxfordshire's libraries</u></p> <p>LLG reported that OCC proposes to cease funding 20 of the 43 county libraries. A total of 82% of library visits take place at the 23 libraries that will remain. The new OCC proposals concentrate on mobile library services, e-books and e-audio downloads with residents able to go online and order books from the catalogue. The 20 library buildings due for closure are Summertown, Headington, Littlemore, Old Marston, Blackbird Leys, Adderbury, Bampton, Benson, Berinsfield, Botley, Charlbury, Chinnor, Deddington, Grove, Kennington, Neithrop, North Leigh, Sonning Common, Stonesfield and Woodcote. However, in line with the Government's Big Society agenda, OCC will set up a £200,000 pot of money to which local communities can bid for funds to help them take responsibility for any library proposed for closure. For example, local libraries might be able to continue if hosted by partner organisations offering space in community buildings such as children's centres, community centres, schools and health centres etc. OCC will consult formally on these proposals in the New Year but to comment now email <a href="mailto:futurelibraries@oxfordshire.gov.uk">futurelibraries@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a> or write to the County Librarian at Oxfordshire Libraries, Community Services, Holton, Oxford OX33 1QQ.</p>	<b>For info.</b>
192/10	<b>Parishes Against Gravel Extraction (PAGE)</b>	<p>There are no current meetings planned. With the resignation of TP, LLG has requested that the SPC nominate a new PAGE representative.</p> <p>It was felt that this does not have to be carried out by a current councillor. MM will contact Sally Rowlands to see if she will take on this responsibility.</p>	<p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>MM</b></p>
193/10	<b>Planning</b>	<p><u>Planning Applications :-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- P10/W1740 - Thatched Cottage, School Lane. Application for a 1 ½ storey extension to rear with internal alterations. SPC decided to APPROVE.</li> <li>- P10/W1770/O (Outline) - minor application, Wholesale Plants Ltd, Ascott Lane, Ascott - Application to erect an agricultural workers dwelling. SPC decided that it had NO STRONG VIEWS.</li> <li>- P10/W1768 - minor appln, Wholesale Plants Ltd, Ascott Lane, Ascott. Application to erect a polytunnel. SPC decided that it had NO STRONG VIEWS.</li> <li>- P10/W1769 - minor appln, Wholesale Plants Ltd, Ascott Lane, Ascott. Application to erect a polytunnel. SPC decided that it had NO STRONG VIEWS.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p>

193/10 cont.	<b>Planning cont.</b>	<p><u>Planning Decisions :-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- P10/W1519 - The Hollies, 5 Warren Hill. Permission granted to erect a single storey extension to house the main entrance to the dwelling, cloakroom and hall; remodelling to the existing cat-slide roof.</li> <li>- P10/W1388/LB - Ascott Park Cottage, OX44 7RR. Listed Building consent granted to install 3 external doors to allow direct access and increase light.</li> <li>- P10/W1522/LD - Mobile Home, Animal Sanctuary. Lawful Development Certificate granted despite SPC objections.</li> </ul> <p>MM expressed concern that SODC did not even respond to our objections. Also unhappy that SPC often is not given adequate time to respond to planning applications and queries especially as we hold regular monthly meetings.</p> <p>Clerk to contact SODC to express these concerns.</p>	<p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>For Info.</b></p> <p><b>For Info.</b></p> <p><b>MM</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
194/10	<b>Treasurers Report</b>	<p>The 2009/10 accounts have at last been submitted. BDO have asked Stephen Dawson to clarify a few queries before the audit can be completed. SD is doing this at present and, hopefully, the 2009/10 accounts will be verified by the 13/12/10 deadline. If not, BDO will impose a further fine for late submission. The 2009/10 accounts must also be submitted to the Charity Commission by 31/12/10.</p> <p>The SPC current account stands at £3,828.69 @ 30/11/10.</p> <p>There will be a 2011/12 budget setting meeting on Wednesday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 7pm @ MM.</p>	<p><b>For Info.</b></p> <p><b>For Info.</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p>
195/10	<b>Correspondence</b>	<p>Edwina Humm has written to SPC re payments to Julian for winding the church clock since 2005. She has been asked to send an invoice accordingly.</p> <p>SPC will support in principal the suggestion that Badgers Copse be renamed as Chick's Copse in memory of Chick White. Clerk to contact SODC to see if this is achievable.</p> <p>Notification that the County Council are carrying out a Consultation re their ongoing Local Transport Plan. The closing date for responses is Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 on <a href="http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ltp">www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ltp</a>.</p> <p>A local resident has contacted SPC re Riding School use of Copson Lane. SPC does not consider the current levels of usage to be excessive.</p> <p>Notification that there will be carols around the Millennium tree on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010.</p>	<p><b>For Info.</b></p> <p><b>For Info.</b></p> <p><b>For Info.</b></p> <p><b>For Info.</b></p> <p><b>For Info.</b></p>
	<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p>Monday February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Stadhampton Community Hall</p> <p>7.30pm</p>	