

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday 7th January, 2014

Attendees	Cllr. Michael May (MM) (Chair), Cllr. Liz Eales (LE) (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Melissa Parkes, Cllr. Lesley Shaw, Cllr. Pete Smith, Paul Isaacs (Clerk), Cllr. Phil Cross (SODC) and 14 members of the public.	Cllr.
Apologies	Cllr. Golda Nann, Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (OCC), Cllr Marc Hiles (SODC).	

001/14	Welcome	The Chair, Michael May, welcomed those in attendance.	For info.
002/14	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of interest were received.	For info.
003/14	NHS Defibrillator	Rauf Ashraf from the Oxfordshire NHS Foundation Trust ambulance service briefly addressed the meeting regarding a pilot project in West Oxfordshire which is locating defibrillators in rural village locations. The NHS are now looking to expand provision to other areas of the county. The cost of a defibrillator would be £1,400 and would need to be locked in a secure box (approx. cost £750). It would need to be placed in an accessible location such as a phonebox or public house. The logistics of locating a defibrillator in the community were discussed and it was decided that it was unlikely to be a practical purchase at this stage.	For info. Decision
004/14	Minutes of Meeting, 4/11/13	The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 4/11/13 were confirmed, approved and signed by the Chair.	For info.
005/14	Matters Arising	Catherine Juckes, representing PAGE (Parishes Against Gravel Extraction), reported that PAGE will be continuing the campaign now that Cholsey have appealed the original decision (therefore extending the process). SPC confirmed that £1,000 has been budgeted to assist the campaign but that PAGE will need to forward an invoice highlighting precisely how the contribution will be spent.	For info.
006/14	Public Forum	Clay Shoots: A brief discussion regarding the clay shoots at the Crazy Bear Hotel took place. It was confirmed that the issue will be fully debated at the public village meeting being held on Tuesday January 21st, 2014. The Clerk has invited all involved agencies including SODC, OCC, the local police, local councillors and representatives from the Crazy Bear hotel. Home to School Transport: MP reported that the consultation period has been extended for 2 weeks. It was agreed that SPC will, once again, give its full support to local parents and to the primary school.	For info. Clerk MP For info.
007/14	Report from South Oxfordshire District Council	Cllr. Phil Cross (PC) reported as follows:- Budget setting: SODC is currently setting its 2014/15 budget. Merger of Office Space: The Vale of White Horse are to move the majority of their staff to the SODC offices at Crowmarsh Gifford as part of a cost cutting exercise. Oxfordshire County Council will be relocating to the Vale offices in Abingdon. Clay Shoots: PC confirmed that SODC officers have confirmed that the Crazy Bear have shooting rights for 28 days per year only. PC also noted that SODC will be sending important correspondence to the Crazy Bear within the next 48 hours.	PC For info. For info. For info.

008/14	Village Hall at St. John's	David Fordham (DF) reported that there have been strong recent bookings but that the first gas bill was high (but broadly as per estimation). DF noted that there are some ongoing issues regarding how the management committee moves forwards and that plans for car parking are being progressed.	DF For info.
009/14	Fireworks Event, 2014	PS noted that that the bonfire event held on 5/11/13 was the most successful ever with over £4,000 being collected on the night. Unfortunately, however, the PC and fireworks committee have had to pay almost £2,000 between them in clear up costs as the Green was used as a 'dumping ground' for a lot of general rubbish, sofas and builders waste. Once the fireworks have been paid for it is unlikely that any profit will have been made and serious thought needs to be given to the sense of building a bonfire for the 2014 event.	PS For info.
010/14	Report from Oxfordshire County Council	<p>Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (LGG) forwarded a report as follows:-</p> <p><u>Budget Setting</u> OCC is preparing for its budget setting in February OCC. A further £61million has to be found over the next four years and there are no easy options - whatever is saved from one service will mean a cut in another. Whatever decisions are eventually taken, OCC will meet all statutory obligations, protect essential services and look after the most vulnerable elderly and young people in the county.</p> <p><u>Small Grants</u> SPC has received a grant from LLG's delegated budget for small schemes to replace a small section of footpath outside the Primary school (Cratlands Close). Thanks were expressed to LLG.</p> <p><u>Home to School Transport</u> LLG reported that she was aware that Stadhampton parents, governors and teachers were concerned over the long term impact that the proposed changes may have upon pupil numbers and therefore the viability of their schools. Nonetheless, LLG noted that OCC had been more generous than the national 'statutory minimum' for school transport in the past and the level of spend is just not sustainable.</p>	<p>LLG For Info.</p> <p>For Info.</p> <p>For Info.</p>
011/14	Parish Plan Report	LE reported that questions for the Parish Plan are being compiled and trialled prior to it being issued to the whole community later in 2014 (hopefully May).	LE For Info.
012/14	Village Green and Playground	<p>Inspection Reports - completed and noted.</p> <p>Giffords Circus were granted permission to use the Village Green once again in late June and Traylans Fair were granted permission to use the Village Green in early July.</p> <p>The Clerk will obtain an alternative grass cutting quote as the 2013 contractors were not up to standard. For an experimental period, the northern section will be managed as an environmental pasture and sown with a pilot area of wild flowers.</p> <p>It was reported that the Green is occasionally being used to race radio controlled cars. The situation will be monitored.</p>	<p>For info. Decision</p> <p>Clerk For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
013/14	Footpaths and Transport	Signage B4015 - Tom Hall expressed a vote of thanks to the County Council for installing weight restriction signs at each end of the B4015.	For info.
014/14	SODC Governance Review	SODC has circulated its draft proposals for consultation on governance and boundary changes that may affect parish councils with the final stage of public consultation taking place in 2014.	For info.

015/14	Planning Matters	<p>P13/S3305/HH (Householder) Sheephouse Farm House, Milton Road, Stadhampton, OX44 7XS. Extensions to dwelling. SPC replied and recommended 'Approval'. Planning Permission GRANTED by SODC on 18/12/13.</p> <p>P13/S3320/HH and P13/S3321/LB (Listed Building Consent) Piccadilly Cottage, Ascott, OX44 7UJ. Proposed increase in height to existing boundary wall. SPC replied and recommended 'Approval'. Planning Permission GRANTED by SODC on 23/12/13.</p> <p>P13/S3256/HH (Householder) Fairview, Thame Road, Stadhampton, OX44 7TX. Erection of single storey entrance porch. SPC recommended 'Refusal' on grounds of 'over-development'. Planning Permission GRANTED by SODC on 18/12/13.</p> <p>P13/S3719/FUL (Full Application) Richmond Hill Farm, Chiselhampton, OX44 7XF. Erection of a stable block. SPC to reply and recommend APPROVAL.</p> <p>P13/S3747/HH and P13/S3748/LB (Listed Building Consent) D'Oyleys Farm, The Green, Stadhampton, OX44 7UB. Single storey rear extension, various alterations and repairs. SPC to reply and recommend APPROVAL.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
016/14	Financial Update	<p>SPC held the annual Budget Setting meeting on 3/12/13. The following recommendations were adopted:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2014/15 SPC 'day to day' budget 2. 2014/15 precept (nil increase from 2013/14) 3. 2014/15 allotment rents (nil increase from 2013/14) 4. 2014/15 Risk Assessment & Review of Fixed Assets 5. Minor capital projects regarding repairs to the Limes and tidying around the roadside pond 6. RGM Accountancy adopted as the internal auditor 7. BDO adopted as the external auditor <p>All recommendations were adopted unanimously. Proposed by Cllr. Eales and seconded by Cllr. Parkes.</p> <p>In addition a list of 'possible' capital projects for 2014/15 were noted. A copy of the proposed budget for 2014/15 is appended. At 1/1/14 the SPC current account stood at £49,751.78. A list of cheques approved for payment at the 7/1/14 meeting is appended.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>Adopted</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
017/14	Correspondence and Any Other Business	<p>Local Police: It was noted that nil crimes were recorded for the period 1/12/13 to 31/12/13. To report Stadhampton neighbourhood issues directly, e.mail dawn.hunt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk</p> <p>NHS Services: Residents can have their say in how NHS services in the County can be improved in the future as follows:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. contact the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (regarding general NHS services) online http://tinyurl.com/OCCGStrat 2. Contact the Oxfordshire NHS Foundation Trust (regarding the ambulance service) at getinvolved@scas.nhs.uk or call 01869 365000. 	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
018/14	Next Meetings	<p>Tuesday March 4th, 2014 Tuesday May 6th, 2014 (AGM & Annual Parish meeting) Tuesday July 1st, 2014 Tuesday September 2nd, 2014 Tuesday November 4th, 2014 7.30pm in the Stadhampton Community Hall (Primary School).</p>	<p>For info.</p>

