

STADHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7th July, 2015

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

Attendees	Cllr. Alaric Smith (Chair) (AS), Cllr. Sarah Madry (SM), Cllr. Ann Stead (AS), Cllr. Colin Keyser (CK), Paul Isaacs (PI) (Clerk), Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (LLG) (OCC), Cllr. Stephen Harrod (SH) (SODC) and twelve members of the public.
Apologies	Cllr. Michael May (MM), Cllr. Melissa Parkes (MP).

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
063/15	Welcome	The Chair, Alaric Smith, welcomed those in attendance.	For info.
064/15	Declarations	No declarations of interest were received.	For info.
065/15	Minutes of last meeting	The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, AGM and Ordinary meeting held on 12/5/15 were confirmed, approved and signed by the Chair.	For info. Approved
066/15	Matters Arising	<p><u>Appointment of a Vice-Chair</u> Agreed to defer this decision to the July meeting.</p> <p><u>Travellers on the Green</u> The ineffectual response of OCC to the occupation of the Green by Welsh travellers on their way to the annual horse fair at Appleby was raised. The PC expressed disappointment that the OCC Travellers Liaison officer seemed to be either powerless or unwilling to move them on and that the rights of the travellers seemed to be more important than the rights of local residents.</p>	For info. For info.
067/15	Report from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)	<p>Cllr. Lorraine Lindsay Gale (LLG) reported as follows:-</p> <p><u>Budgets Review - further cuts on the way</u> Although OCC achieved a £196,000 underspend on a budget of £424m in 2014/15 and £204m worth of cuts since 2010, further cuts are on the way. A further £88m worth of cuts are scheduled to be made by 2018 increasing the pressures on the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult and child social care where 50% of their budgets are spent on just 2% of the population; • Early Intervention and Children's Centres services. Cabinet is looking at making £6m savings from the annual £16m budget by integrating the services; • Staffing. As part of this, the Chief Executive, Joanna Simons, steps down in September following a negotiated agreement. <p><u>Supported transport services - £6m further cuts proposed</u> OCC have proposed a further £6m of cuts from budgets that support local transport services (for example, the subsidies to rural bus routes and to the Dial-a-Ride service). A consultation to 14/9/15 will be facilitated by ORCC - e.mail orcc@oxonrcc.org.uk or call 01865 883488 or orcc@oxonrcc.org.uk</p> <p><u>New directory of services for adults and carers</u> It was reported that an updated directory is available from the OCC funded Community Information Network. The directory contains a wealth of information about activities and support and listings range from IT clubs, singing clubs, mobile libraries, health and wellbeing centres, to exercise classes and Women's Institutes. See network@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk</p>	LLG For info. For info. For info.

068/15	Report from South Oxford District Council (SODC)	<p>Cllr. Stephen Harrod (SH) reported as follows:-</p> <p><u>Milton Park offices</u> - the offices are now open. Ground floor - Legal and Democratic Services; post room. First floor - Council leaders; SMB; Corporate Strategy; Economy Leisure & Property; Finance; HR, IT & Technical Services. Second floor - Planning; Development and Housing. In a survey regarding our response to the fire at Crowmarsh, 78% of respondents were 'satisfied' including 43% 'very satisfied'.</p> <p><u>The Health of South Oxfordshire and the Vale</u> Public Health England has reported that both districts are healthier than the national average. Life expectancy is above the national average and both councils are at or below the national average in terms of people killed or seriously injured on roads.</p> <p><u>Changes to sports clubs rate relief</u> Clubs with Community Amateur Sports Clubs status now need to prove that more than half of their members are actively involved in the sport (rather than just social members) to qualify for reduced business rates.</p> <p><u>Training evening (South Oxfordshire Food & Education Academy)</u> Notification of an Open Evening on 8/7/15 offering trainee and volunteer opportunities for young people who aren't suited to mainstream schools and colleges.</p>	<p>SH</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
069/15	Public Forum	<p><u>Parish Council meetings</u> The layout of the hall was changed to try and improve the acoustics but it was felt that it was still too difficult for members of the public to hear due to the noise from the fridge and freezer located in the hall. SM has talked to the school manager about the problem but the freezer cannot be moved. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Kerri Jones (Village Hall) to see if meetings can be relocated.</p> <p><u>Pasture Farm</u> The recent refusal (27/3/15) by SODC of the planning application to erect a steel portal frame grain and general purpose building at Pasture Farm was questioned. It was explained that SPC had recommended approval but that the final decision always lies with the District Council (SODC). The reasons for refusal given were:- <i>"that the proposed building by reason of its size and siting would be very prominent in the open countryside. It would be harmful to both the environment and landscape character of the area and to the visual amenities of the occupants of nearby properties particularly Picadilly Cottage and therefore contrary to Policy CSQ3 of the adopted Core Strategy and saved Policy A1 of the Local Plan."</i></p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>For info.</p>
070/15	Village Green & Playground	<p><u>Play area</u> - Inspections are being carried out by SM. The play net and cross beam have been repaired - thanks to John Pattison.</p> <p><u>Travellers</u> - The rubbish, horse manure and general debris have been collected and removed (particular thanks to SM, PI, Ewan, Bob Campbell and Keith Ring). Repairs to the play area directly caused by the travellers have been carried out by Jamie Martin.</p> <p><u>Cricket & Football Clubs</u> - Requests have been received to revive both clubs with a football pitch and a new cricket square being established on the main section of the green. The Clerk to invite both clubs to attend the September meeting. CK noted that Diddy has a roller belonging to the Cricket club in his lock-up.</p> <p><u>Village Show</u> - Permission granted for the WI to hold their village show on the smaller section of the Green on Saturday 5/9/15.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>SM</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>For info.</p>

071/15	Footpaths and Transport	<p>Confirmation that Cllr. Colin Keyser is our new representative regarding bus, transport and footpath issues.</p> <p>Notification that the 5 Parishes Bus users group are arranging a meeting with Thames Travel with a view to working in partnership regarding local bus services. In addition the group will be making a response to the OCC LTP4 consultation.</p>	<p>CK</p> <p>For info.</p>
072/15	Village Hall at St. John's	<p><u>Car park area</u> - The 'footpath' and 'village hall' signs have been removed following damage by a lorry. This means that cars are now able to park on the footpath. Traffic cones to be provided to keep the footpath clear during events.</p> <p><u>Audio-visual and induction loop system</u> - To be installed on 23/7/15.</p> <p><u>Film Club</u> - Plans are well underway with the first film evening hopefully being held in September.</p> <p><u>Stoarge Shed for the Youth Club</u> - A concrete base is being laid to provide a shed for storage in the corner of the churchyard and a path will be extended from the Vestry door.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
073/15	Crazy Bear update	<p><u>Planning Issues</u> The planning enforcement notices served have been appealed by the Crazy Bear. This suspends action pending the appeal outcome.</p> <p>Notification has been received from Rob Cramp (SODC Planning Enforcement) that Crazy Bear hotel works granted planning permission on 31/7/13 have commenced. These works include:- (1) the replacement of a marquee-type roof on parts of the building with a roof of comparable design and materials to the remainder of the building, (2) other site works relating to the construction of the car park and (3) improvements to access and the provision of landscaping. SODC have given assurances that the works will be monitored to ensure that they are undertaken in accordance with the planning permission granted.</p> <p><u>Noise Abatement Notices</u> The Noise Abatement notice served in January 2014 for alleged breaches of Noise Abatement Orders issued by SODC in respect of Clay Pigeon Shooting at the Crazy Bear has also been adjourned. The initial trial took place at Oxford Magistrates' Court on 23/3/15 and 24/3/15 but the trial was incomplete at the close. The date for the resumption has been set as</p> <p><u>Crazy Bear new structure</u> It was reported that a large wooden platform has been constructed on the island of the pond although its purpose is unclear.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
074/15	Community Plan	<p>It was reported that the Community Plan is close to completion. Once completed the Steering Group will request that SPC adopts its findings.</p> <p>It was noted that SPC can then discuss the possibility of using an adopted Community Plan as the basis for a more detailed Neighbourhood Plan. The potential advantage of developing a Neighbourhood Plan is that it may carry additional influence regarding local issues such as affordable housing, infrastructure development and planning.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
075/15	Financial Update	<p>A list of cheques approved and authorised for payment at the 7/7/15 meeting is appended.</p> <p>At 7/7/15 the SPC current account stood at £33,248.95.</p>	<p>For info.</p>

077/15	Consultations	<p><u>Core Strategy 2031 (Local Plan Examination)</u> A planning inspector has been appointed to examine the SODC Local Plan submitted in March 2015. A document explaining the issues and questions the inspector will be addressing has been posted on the SODC website.</p> <p><u>Minerals and Waste Strategy</u> OCC are due to submit their Minerals and Waste pre-submission plan to the Inspector in October 2015. PAGE along with the other groups, will look closely at the content and prepare a response statement with supporting documentation (also to be submitted to the Inspector). The public examination is expected to take place in January 2016.</p> <p><u>OCC Transport Strategy (LTP4)</u> As part of the LTP4 Plan for 2015-2031 consultation (Connecting Oxfordshire), OCC are considering the business cases for new 'out of city' Park and Ride schemes for Oxford, the A40 bus lane scheme and the long-term development of the A40.</p> <p><u>SODC Homelessness Strategy</u> Over the past 5 years SODC and the Vale have housed nearly 90% of those threatened with homelessness without having to use temporary accommodation. The actions include improving access to affordable rented homes. The consultation invites comments on our new draft strategy and closes on 14/7/15.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
078/15	Correspondence	<p><u>Thames Valley Police Report</u> During May & June TVP received 45 calls from the Stadhampton area as follows:- 19 x miscellaneous non-urgent calls, 15 x traffic incidents, 6 x noise complaints, 1 x fear for welfare and 4 x suspicious activity. In addition there were 9 reported crimes:- 4 x fuel theft (bilkings), 1 x burglary (non-dwelling), 2 x thefts from vehicles, 1 x criminal damage, 1 x dangerous dog.</p>	For info.
079/15	Any Other Business	<p>It was reported that the bench at the bus stop has been repaired. Notification that SODC are contacting all households across the district to confirm and update the details for all eligible voters.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
080/15	Next Meetings	<p>Tuesday September 1st, 2015 Tuesday November 3rd, 2015 Tuesdays January 5th, 2016 Tuesday March 1st, 2016 Tuesday May 3rd, 2016</p>	For info.