

STADHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on **Monday 17th January 2012**

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

Attendees	Daf Phillips (Chair) (DP), Liz Eales (Vice-Chair) (LE), Mick May (MM), Golda Nann (GN), Brian Goddard (BG), Sarah Street (SS), OCC Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (LLG), SODC Cllr Phil Cross (PhC), Paul Isaacs (Clerk) (PI) and 27 members of the public.
Apologies	SODC Cllr. Marc Hiles (MH),

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
001/12	Welcome	The Chair, Daf Phillips, opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed those in attendance.	For info.
002/12	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of interest were received.	For info.
003/12	Public Forum	No items were raised under this section.	For info.
004/12	Minutes of meeting, 7/11/11	The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7/11/11 were confirmed, approved and signed by the Chair.	For info.
005/12	Matters Arising (but not elsewhere on the agenda)	Mr. & Mrs. Heather (Forge Garage) have not replied to the recorded delivery letter sent regarding the need to agree a Deed of Easement with SPC. Agreed that SPC now needs to send a solicitors letter. Proposed by LE, seconded by SS. Clerk to instruct Darbys LLP. The winter grit bin and free one tonne bag of salt to be located at the rear of the bus shelter have not yet been delivered. Clerk to contact Paul Wilson (OCC Winter Operations). MM to request that the cleared bonfire area be reseeded.	For info. Decision Clerk For info. Clerk MM
006/12	Report from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)	County Councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale reported as follows :- 1) that the proposals for the future of the library service were considered on December 12th, 2011. The decision of the Cabinet was to approve a revised plan that will see 43 libraries remain open. 22 will remain staffed by the County Council; 4 will be 'Community Plus' libraries (2/3 paid staff, 1/3 volunteers); the remainder will be 'Community' libraries (1/2 paid staff, 1/2 volunteers). 2) that OCC has given its support to the Government decision to approve funding for a new East-West rail link between Oxford and Bedford via Bicester, Aylesbury & Milton Keynes. 3) that OCC is opposed to the HS2 high-speed rail link and is arguing that the finance should be spent on the existing rail network instead. 4) that there has been a huge response to the OCC Minerals and Waste Plan Consultation which highlighted Cholsey as the South Oxon. site for future gravel extraction (being nearest to the centres of demand and having limited flood risk). See agenda item 012/12. 5) that the Local Government Boundary Commission has now reached its draft recommendations regarding the Parliamentary review of MPs constituencies and has proposed a reduction of eleven County Councillors to 63 representing 59 single-member divisions and 2 two-member divisions. Full details : www.lgbce.org.uk .	For info. For info. For info. For info.

007/12	Community Building Project (CBP)	<p>The Community Building Project committee made an excellent presentation to SPC on 7/11/11. The project will cost an estimated £350,000. There followed a letter from the CBP committee requesting a £15,000 development grant required for architects and set up fees.</p> <p>This request was backed up by numerous letters of support sent to SPC. The majority of residents present at the meeting were supportive too. However, it is to be minuted that although it is hoped that this grant will help to secure other funding (for example, BIFFA, WREN), there is no guarantee of this.</p> <p>SPC voted to agree the request for the £15,000 development grant, 50% available with immediate effect and the remaining 50% upon the signature by both parties of an agreement governing how the money may be spent. Proposed by MM, seconded by LE.</p> <p>It was explained that (and why) SPC is unable to reclaim the VAT on architects fees incurred by the CBP committee which is independent both in terms of governance and finance.</p> <p>LLG noted her support for the project and suggested that the CBP committee submit a grant application to the Big Society fund.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>LLG</p>
008/12	Report from South Oxon. District Council (SODC)	<p>Cllr. Phil Cross also expressed his support for the Community Building project and suggested that the CBP committee resubmit a grant application to SODC.</p> <p>The deadline for responses to the SODC Budget Consultation has passed and all decisions will be made public shortly - see www.southoxon.gov.uk/haveyoursay</p> <p>Otherwise it has been a fairly quiet period for SODC.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
009/12	Church Farm Barns, Copson Lane	<p>DP updated the meeting :-</p> <p>A revised and final offer in writing has now been made by Vector Design Consultancy (VDC) that will grant them an easement from SPC granting them rights of vehicular access to their land at Church Farm Barns, Copson Lane. The offer is for £45,000, an additional £5,000 towards SPC legal costs and a commitment to make road repairs up to a value of £20,000.</p> <p>Agreed unanimously. Proposed by LE, seconded by GN.</p> <p>DP will instruct Darbys to draft a solicitors letter.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>DP</p>
010/12	Village Green and Playground	<p><u>Inspection Reports</u> : Completed and noted. Both swing seats have now been replaced and the gap in the rail has been closed off.</p> <p>The clerk has contacted SODC Waste Services to request removal of the sofas dumped near the pavilion but SODC say that clearance is our responsibility.</p> <p>Complaints regarding dog mess at the play area have been received from the parents of the babies and toddlers group. Clerk to :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise 'No Fouling' signs; • Note the ongoing problem in the February Parish newsletter; • Place notices in the Community noticeboards; • Notify the local police; • Contact SODC Planning to investigate the possibility of erecting a fence to surround the play area; • Purchase two more dog waste bins (locations to be decided). <p>A £700 budget was unanimously agreed for the above bins and notices. Proposed by MM, seconded by BG.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info. Clerk</p> <p>Decision</p>

011/12	Community Led Planning	<p>LE & BG attended a Community Led Planning training session on 'Consultation and Methods of Involving People in CLP' on November 28th and they will now work towards the development of a Parish Plan.</p> <p>There will be an initial meeting for all residents in the Community Hall on Tuesday February 21st, 2012 beginning at 7.30pm. Anton Nath from ORCC will give a presentation and be able to answer questions.</p> <p>LE & BG requested that £1,000 be set aside for use in getting a Parish Plan underway during 2012/13. Agreed unanimously by the committee. Proposed by LE, seconded by DP.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>Decision</p>
012/12	PAGE (Parishes Against Gravel Extraction) update	<p>MM updated the meeting re PAGE. Cholsey is unsurprisingly fighting its selection as the chosen South Oxon. site for gravel extraction which means that PAGE will need to continue the campaign to prevent proposed gravel extraction in the Stadhampton area.</p> <p>PAGE therefore requested a £1,000 donation that <u>may</u> be required for the ongoing campaign fund. Agreed unanimously by the committee. Proposed by MM, seconded by DP.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>Decision</p>
013/12	Footpaths and Transport	<p>GN will be attending a Bus Services review meeting later in January. No other matters to report.</p>	For info.
014/12	Planning Matters	<p>P11/W0566 - Oxfordshire Animal Sanctuary, OX44 7UB. Proposal to install an onsite Incinerator. SPC recommended to "REFUSE". Still awaiting a decision from SODC.</p> <p>P11/W1367 - Richmond Hill Farm, Chiselhampton, OX44. Installation of solar panels on the roofs of existing buildings. SPC recommended "APPROVAL". Planning permission GRANTED, 9/11/11.</p> <p>P11/W1789 - Field 116, 2 The Mount, Chiselhampton, OX44 7UY. Change of Use - proposal to change part of field no.116 from agricultural to the keeping of horses. SPC recommended "APPROVAL" subject to the following:- <i>that the number of horses is appropriate to the size of the field; that the land is not used for residential purposes of any kind; and that care must be taken that any subsequent stable building does not obscure the views across this field from the neighbouring properties.</i> Awaiting a decision from SODC. It was reported that horses are already kept in the field - the Clerk to contact SODC to report this.</p> <p>P11/W1824/LB - Vine Cottage, The Green, Stadhampton, OX44 7UA. Removal of paint on three external walls. Repointing stonework as necessary with lime mortar. Optionally repaint with lime wash. SPC recommended "APPROVAL". SODC GRANTED Listed Building Consent on 6/1/12.</p> <p>P11/W1836 - Cameley, The Green, Stadhampton, OX44. Extension to existing house (resubmission of P11/W1233). SPC recommended "APPROVAL". Planning permission GRANTED, 6/1/12.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
015/12	Treasurers Report (Clerk)	<p>The revenue position of SPC at 1/1/12 stood at £46,710.</p> <p>A £18,355 budget has been set for 2012/13 at a Councillors meeting held on Thurs. December 1st, 2011. Proposed by LE, seconded by GN.</p> <p>The 2010/11 audit has been off by the national auditors, BDO LLP.</p> <p>Agreed that RGM Accountancy Services be retained as our internal auditors for 2012/13. Proposed by DP, seconded by MM.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>For info.</p>

		A list of cheques approved and authorised for payment at the 17/1/12 meeting is appended.	
016/12	Correspondence	<p>There were 141 chimney fires in the County during 2011. People with open fires are advised to have their chimneys swept and to make sure that fires are properly put out before they go to bed.</p> <p>It was agreed that Giffords Circus can once again use the Village Green for shows between Thursday 28th June and Monday 2nd July 2012. Stadhampton & Chiselhampton residents will be given the opportunity to buy discounted tickets for the first show and the Clerk will ask for preferential booking for other shows.</p> <p>LE & BG will attend a 'Roles & Responsibilities' training session for new Councillors to be held on February 27th, 2012, Didcot Civic Hall.</p> <p>'Tell Us Once', a new Bereavement Service, is being launched to take on the responsibility from loved ones of notifying relevant government departments and services of a family bereavement. The free and optional service will be administered by County Council registrars at the end of a death registration appointment.</p> <p>The local police are holding a 'Have Your Say' meeting for Stadhampton by the Church entrance on Thurs. 26/01/12, 10-11am.</p> <p>SPC has contacted the local police and SODC regarding the issue of noise from the Crazy Bear Clay Target Shoot. It has been alleged that the guns are three times as close to a residential home as they ought to be according to the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health 2003 Report "Clay Target Shooting – Guidance on Control of Noise" so further clarification is being sought.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
017/12	Any Other Business	<p>Clerk to recheck with SODC Planning Enforcement as to the legality of a residential caravan located on the track to Gotham Farm (agricultural ground owned by Mr. Nixey).</p> <p>The tenants of the Crown are understood not renewing their lease from the middle of February. The future of the pub is unsure at present.</p> <p>LE reported that there have been garden shed burglaries on two occasions on Sunday nights near Marylands recently. Be vigilant.</p> <p>BG encouraged those present to have a look at the upgraded Stadhampton website which is an excellent community resource.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For Info.</p>
018/12	Forthcoming 2012 Meetings	<p>Tuesdays February 7th, March 6th, May 1st (AGM), June 5th, July 3rd, Sept. 4th, October 2nd and Nov.6th.</p> <p>All at 7.30pm in the Stadhampton Community Hall (Primary School).</p>	For info.
019/12	Close of Meeting	The Chair closed the meeting at 9.35pm.	For info.