

STADHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting *held on* **Tuesday 6th September, 2016** *at the* **Village Hall at St. John's**

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

Attendees	Cllr. Alaric Smith (Chair) (AS), Cllr. Sarah Madry (SM), Cllr. Mike Stevenson-Smith (MSS), Cllr. Ann Stead (AES), Cllr. Tony Brandon (AB), Cllr. Stephen Harrod (SH) (SODC), Paul Isaacs (Clerk) and nine members of the public.
Apologies	Cllr. Colin Keyser (CK), Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (LLG) (OCC).

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
077/16	Welcome	The Chair, Alaric Smith, welcomed the attended audience.	SM
078/16	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of interest were received.	For info.
079/16	Minutes of last meeting, 5/7/16	The minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Tuesday July 5 th , 2016 were confirmed, approved and signed by the Chair.	For info.
080/16	Matters Arising	<p><u>Water Leaks on the B4015</u> - Thames Water notified the PC on 24/8/16 that the ongoing leaks on the B4015 have been repaired. The main leak seems to have been fixed but the smaller leak opposite Camoys Farms remains unresolved. The Clerk to report this to Thames Water.</p> <p><u>Local Government Reorganisation</u> - it was noted that OCC (Grant Thornton) and the Districts (PcW) have published separate independent unitary status proposals explaining how they propose to support economic growth, protect the most vulnerable and drive efficiency in public services in the County. Both reports identify areas where savings in excess of £100m are possible over a 5-year time period. It has cost over £200,000 to produce the reports. However, the new instruction from the new Prime Minister and the Secretary of State is that any future restructuring of local government in Oxfordshire now has to be <u>jointly</u> developed with a way forward to be reached by consensus. Further comment is expected in the Autumn statement.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>For info.</p>
081/16	Open Forum	It was reported that the gully at the junction of Newington Road and Thame Road is blocked which causes flooding even with average rainfall. This has been reported to OCC by the householders on numerous occasions but, as yet, nothing has been done to resolve the problem. SPC to chase OCC regarding this long-term issue.	For info.
082/16	Chalgrove Airfield	<u>Chalgrove Airfield</u> - it was reported that SPC councillors attended public meetings held on 15/7/16 and 21/7/16 at Chalgrove. The Homes & Communities Agency (HCA) are proposing construction of a 3,500-4,000 residential development at the airfield site and SODC are supporting the proposal as they are required to allocate housing sites to meet their local plan commitments to 2030. SPC submitted a response to the SODC Revised Core Strategy consultation by the deadline date of 19/8/16 opposing the proposed construction on grounds of overdevelopment. This is in support of the Chalgrove PC position. SODC received over 1,500 responses from individuals and organisations to the consultation with 815 responses reacting negatively to the proposal (question 5). The responses will now be examined prior to the release of an interim report by SODC in the New Year. Following this there will then be further consultation with an Examination in Public expected to be conducted by a government inspector in the summer of 2017. The inspector will have the power to make amendments and will release a ruling in late 2017 / early 2018.	For info.

083/16	Report from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)	<p>Cllr. Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (LLG) was not in attendance but forwarded a report as follows:-</p> <p><u>Libraries</u> - OCC are to expand its Home Library Service so that people with mobility problems who can't get to a library can have books and other items delivered to their door by local volunteers.</p> <p><u>Culham Science Centre</u> - OCC supports growth within Science Vale, the area concentrated around the science parks at Harwell Campus, Culham Science Centre, and Milton Park and the two enterprise zones at Didcot. The planned new road from Didcot, the river crossing and a Clifton Hampden bypass would be viable prospects if such a vision was adopted.</p> <p><u>Oxfordshire Comet</u> - a new not for profit, bookable transport service for those who can't access suitable public transport. It can be booked for any type of trip, whether it's to meet friends in town, travel across the county, attend an appointment or pop to the shops. The service is available 10.15am - 2.30pm Monday to Friday (not Bank Holidays) and uses vehicles that normally take children to school and adults to day care centres. Because OCC already owns these vehicles, OCC only has to cover running costs, meaning charges are low for passengers.</p> <p><u>Free Electric Blanket checks in October</u> - OCC's Fire & Rescue Service and Trading Standards are offering free tests ahead of the winter. In 2015 a total of 22% of electric blankets failed the safety test and were declared unsafe. Testing at various locations throughout October can be arranged by pre-booking an appointment - call 01865 815000.</p> <p><u>Household Waste Recycling Centres</u> - OCC is seeking a new management contract to operate these sites.</p>	LLG For info. For info. For info. For info. For info.
084/16	Report from South Oxford District Council (SODC)	<p>Cllr. Stephen Harrod (SH) presented a report as follows:-</p> <p><u>Further efficiency savings</u> - further changes to South and Vale services are due to take place at the start of October. The biggest change is the way we will provide HR support and a smaller change is that Capita will be holding new benefits claim interviews by appointment only.</p> <p><u>Active women vouchers</u> - women across South and Vale can claim up to 6 free exercise sessions at Willowbrook, Didcot or the Park, Milton. The vouchers can be used for classes that include yoga and body pump.</p> <p><u>Community Payback</u> - Thames Valley Community Rehabilitation can arrange for offenders given Community Payback sentences to help out with community projects such as clearing overgrown pathways, removing graffiti or repainting play equipment in public spaces. This might be useful for small village projects such as keeping Mill Lane clear and freeing the roadside pond of parrot feather. Contact Diane Major on 01869 328500.</p> <p><u>New Chief Executive</u> - David Hill began his new post on 1/9/16.</p> <p><u>Green Recycling Bins</u> - from 3/11/16 SODC will only empty green wheelie bins if the recycling in them is loose or in clear sacks. Unfortunately some people continue to contaminate recycling with food waste and nappies and when this happens whole loads of recycling are rejected.</p> <p><u>Housing developments approved</u> - SODC Planning committee has recently approved the following large developments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to 1,880 homes north-east of Didcot • 280 homes at the former Didcot A Power Station • 78 homes at Mill Lane, Chinnor <p>All require Section 106 agreements to ensure they provide enough affordable housing and to pay for on-site infrastructure. With the exception of the north-east Didcot site, which is allocated in the Core Strategy, the developers will also have to pay significant contributions via the Community Infrastructure Levy.</p> <p><u>New coffee lounge at the Cornerstone Centre, Didcot</u> - the new 'Nourish' coffee lounge opened on 6/9/16.</p>	SH For info. For info. For info. For info. For info. For info. For info.

085/16	Pavilion Project	<p>Sue White (SW) presented a fundraising strategy to address the budget shortfall of £3,719 from the total £24,890 pavilion project budget. SW was able to report that income from community events including the August Bank Holiday boot sale had decreased the shortfall to £3,310. Other fundraising activities will include 'Boot-Camp' fitness sessions beginning in September. SW stated that she hoped that a further £2,000 could be raised from the fireworks committee and from the cricket club. Upon further discussion SPC agreed that, if this £2,000 can be confirmed, SPC will then approve the remaining £1,310 towards the shortfall.</p> <p>Proposed by AES, seconded by TB. Approved unanimously.</p> <p>Finally, it was noted that the car park area awaits completion with the surface materials needing to be spread and levelled.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>For info.</p>
086/16	Play Area	<p>It was reported that the annual RoSPA play area inspection took place on 8/8/16. The play area is fit for use but is over 12 years old and requires more and more day-to-day repairs and maintenance. The immediate repairs noted in the report are being addressed.</p> <p>It was agreed that the PC will begin the process of applying for grants towards an estimated budget of £30,000 so that the play area can hopefully be renewed over the next three year period.</p> <p>The open bin near the play area has been replaced by a new bin with a lid to deter the crows.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
087/16	Village Green	<p>On behalf of the pavilion committee, Sue White requested that the two trees closest to the pavilion in the Limes be removed or cut back. As it would be a shame to remove healthy trees an inspection will take place to see if they pose a structural danger to the pavilion before a decision is made.</p>	<p>For info.</p>
088/16	Footpaths	<p>It was noted that SPC is awaiting confirmation from TOE2 that the application to widen and resurface the footpath across the village green from Long Barn to the A329 Thame Road has been approved.</p> <p>Notification of a pre-order consultation regarding an application for a Public Path Diversion Order at Piccadilly Farm, Ascott.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
089/16	Transport	<p><u>Speed indicator device (SID)</u> - Cllr. SM reported that training for four community volunteers carried out by TVP will hopefully take place in October.</p> <p><u>Transport Representatives meeting</u> - 2pm at Speedwell House on 9/9/16.</p> <p><u>Heavy Vehicles</u> - SM to contact PCSO Ryan Dollery regarding the tractors and heavy farm machinery that are travelling through the village at high speeds. The main road from Newington into Stadhampton is the worst affected. In addition complaints have been received from residents who feel that the maximum weight limit is being ignored by lorry drivers and that they are not using the right routes. Local weight regulations to be clarified.</p>	<p>SM</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
090/16	Consultations	<p><u>Minerals & Waste Strategy (Gravel Extraction)</u> - the Examination in Public hearings conducted by a government inspector will take place over 10 days beginning on 20/9/16. SPC are being represented by PAGE (Parishes Against Gravel Extraction) and will soon be asked to release the £1,000 donation budgeted for 2016/17 as the legal expenses required to challenge the OCC recommendations have been substantial.</p>	<p>For info.</p>
091/16	Financial Report	<p>It was reported that the SPC account balance stood at £24,771.54 of which £708.60 is ring-fenced for the Community Plan.</p> <p>The 2015/16 accounts have successfully passed internal inspection (RGM Accountancy) and a national external inspection (BDO LLP) without issue. The notice of completion will be posted on the community noticeboards upon receipt from BDO LLP.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>

092/16	Planning Matters	<p>P16/S1277/LDP (Certificate of Lawful Devt) - INFORMATION ONLY The Potting Shed, Wholesale Plants Ltd, Ascott Lane, OX44 7UH. Conversion to a single dwellinghouse with no alteration to the exterior. SODC REFUSED planning permission on 2/8/16.</p> <p>P16/S1581/HH - Springwell, 18 Warren Hill, Stadhampton, OX44 7UT. Two storey rear extension. Enlargement of existing garage. Alterations to fenestration. SPC expressed 'No Strong Views'. SODC GRANTED planning permission on 11/7/16.</p> <p>P16/S1785/LB - Brookside, School Lane, Stadhampton, OX44 7TR. Insertion of 2 ground floor windows in east elevation. Widening of French windows to dining area. Relocation of utility room window. Retention of 1st floor landing window. Relocation of bathroom windows. SPC recommended approval. Planning permission GRANTED on 16/7/16.</p> <p>P16/S1931/HH - Ascott Holdings, Stadhampton, Oxon, OX44 7UQ. Stopping up of two existing household accesses and the creation of a safer access off Watlington Road (B480). SPC expressed 'No Strong Views'. SODC GRANTED planning permission on 22/7/16.</p> <p>P16/S1643/HH - Ascott Holdings, Stadhampton, Oxon, OX44 7UQ. Removal of existing storage structures and restoration of barn as ancillary annex and store. SODC GRANTED planning permission on 8/7/16.</p> <p>P16/S2192/DIS - Yard at Piccadilly Farm Access Road off B480 Ascott. Discharge of conditions 4 (Materials), 7 (Parking and turning) and 10 (Archaeological) of planning permission P15/S3826/FUL. Redevelopment of redundant farm yard and buildings to create a family dwelling with detached garage and detached ancillary accommodation (as revised by drawings 1415 - 207A, 208A, 213A and 215A with letter dated 16/12/15). SPC expressed 'No Strong Views'. Awaiting a decision from SODC.</p> <p>P16/S2118/FUL - Camoys Farm, Clifton Hampden Rd, OX44 7UZ. Operational development and demolition associated with the Permitted Development Rights granted on 23/12/15 (Open Barn change of use from Class B8 to Class C3). SPC expressed 'No Strong Views'. SODC GRANTED planning permission on 3/9/16.</p> <p>P16/S2451/HH - Church Farm, Copson Lane, Stadhampton, OX44 7TZ. Proposed extension & alteration to existing farmhouse. Proposed demolition and rebuilding of existing stable block. Proposed new detached double garage. SPC expressed 'No Strong Views'. Awaiting a decision.</p> <p>P16/S2337/HH - 14 The Close, Stadhampton, OX44 7TR. Remove existing pitched roof to garage at side of building. Erect first floor bedroom over. SPC expressed 'No Strong Views'. Awaiting a decision.</p> <p>P16/S2443/HH - Pear Tree Cottage, School Lane, OX44 7TR. Part conversion of garage to provide ground floor bedroom and shower room. New dormer windows. Bay window extension to front. Replace existing conservatory to rear with two storey extension on similar foot print under double pitched gable roof and flat roof section between. New pitched roof over existing flat roofed side extension. SPC expressed 'No Strong Views'. Awaiting a decision from SODC.</p> <p>P16/S2798/LB - Brookside, School Lane, OX44 7TR. Repointing south wall of existing house. SPC to reply by 16/9/16.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
093/16	MP Surgeries	<p>It was noted that John Howell MP is holding surgeries in the local area:- Thurs. 22/9 - Islip, 2pm; Bletchingdon, 3.30pm; Weston, 7.30pm Friday 23/9 - Benson, 10am; Little Milton, 11.30am; Chalgrove 4.30pm Monday 26/9 - Chinnor, 10am; Berinsfield, 2pm; Sonning 4pm Tuesday 27/9 - Goring, 10am; Whitchurch, 11.15am Wednesday 28/9 - Horspath, 11am; Dorchester, 2pm Thursday 29/9 - Woodcote, 10.30am; Shiplake, 2pm For an appointment call 01491 613072 or e.mail howelljm@parliament.uk PO Box 84 Watlington, Oxfordshire, OX49 5XD.</p>	<p>For info.</p>

094/16	Correspondence	<p><u>New system for contacting OCC</u> - OCC is setting up a new service to enable PC's to contact OCC directly to follow up matters affecting the community. As of 12/9/16 the Liaison Service is available by email or phone (03452 412129) from 8.30-5pm, Mon. to Friday. Highways matters are still to be reported via 'Fix my Street' or 'Our Streetlights' in the first instance. <i>liaisonteam@oxfordshire.gov.uk</i> c/o OCC Customer Service Centre, County Hall, New Road, Oxford, OX1 1ND.</p> <p><u>Place-making conference</u> - notification of a free afternoon event at the Oxford Abingdon Hotel on Nov. 8th (1.30-4pm). The event is being promoted by Community First Oxfordshire in conjunction with the Diocese of Oxford. The aim is to get local authorities, developers and voluntary groups to discuss how to create thriving new communities alongside existing ones.</p> <p><u>Parking Outside the Church</u> - a complaint had been received regarding the regular parking of a vehicle on the car parking area outside St. John's Church. Cllr. Ann Stead said that she would speak with the person concerned.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
095/16	Any Other Business	<p>Giffords Circus - a request to use the Green between 10/7 and 17/7/17 has been received but the location will need to change if it goes ahead due to the new football pitch and cricket square. Giffords to carry out a site visit prior to permission being allowed.</p> <p>It was reported that Mr. Bates is officially retiring from his litter picking and village tidying duties. Hearty thanks were given for his many years of service to the village and a well-earned rest is due!</p> <p>Cllr. TB made note that Emma Brandon has organised a fundraising coffee morning taking place at the Crown on 1/10/16 in aid of McMillan Cancer Research.</p> <p>The Chair closed the meeting at 9.36pm.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
096/16	Forthcoming Meetings	<p>Tuesday November 1st, 2016 Tuesday January 3rd, 2017 Tuesday March 7th, 2017 Tuesday May 2nd, 2017 (Annual Parish Meeting & AGM)</p> <p>All meetings, 8pm at the St. John's Church Village Hall</p>	<p>For info.</p>