

# STADHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on **Tuesday 2nd July, 2013**

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

<b>Attendees</b>	Michael May (Chair) (MM), Elizabeth Eales (LE) (Vice-Chair), Golda Nann (GN), Lesley Shaw (LS), Paul Isaacs (Clerk) (PI), Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (OCC) (LLG), Cllr. Phil Cross (SODC) and 13 members of the public.
<b>Apologies</b>	None

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
051/13	<b>Welcome</b>	The Chair, Michael May, welcomed those in attendance.	<b>MM</b>
052/13	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	No declarations of interest were received.	<b>For info.</b>
053/13	<b>Minutes of the meetings held on 7/5/13</b>	The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, AGM and Ordinary meeting held on 7/5/13 were confirmed, approved and signed by the Chair.	<b>For info.</b>
054/13	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<p>LE mentioned that Newington nurseries are shown to be in two different parishes according to various maps. LE will check to find out the definitive position.</p> <p>Saunders Surfacing have confirmed that they have scheduled to complete the remaining repairs to Copson Lane by the end of September.</p> <p>Keith Ring will clear allotment no. 13 over the winter 2013 period to bring it back into use.</p>	<p><b>For Info.</b> <b>LE</b></p> <p><b>For Info.</b></p> <p><b>For Info.</b></p>
055/13	<b>Crazy Bear Hotel</b>	<p>Following frequent adverse comments raised by members of the Stadhampton community regarding the noise caused by the frequent clay shoots at the Crazy Bear hotel, SPC sent a letter to the hotel in March. Justin Carter (Farm Manager) attended the meeting to address these points.</p> <p>Justin stated that the Crazy Bear always tries to work with the village, that the shoots are within their 28 per year allowance, that shoots are not allowed over the footpaths or bridleways and that they keep within the strict noise limits set and monitored by SODC. To further improve the situation the Crazy Bear are proposing to erect 4 metre high acoustic bunds (topsoil earthworks in keeping with the environment). The bunds will be expensive but the Crazy Bear recognises its duty to the village.</p> <p>Members of the public asked further questions after which Justin was thanked for attending the meeting.</p> <p>Finally, it was agreed that SPC will provide an additional dog bin to the Crazy Bear for their use.</p>	<p><b>For Info.</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p>
056/13	<b>Fireworks Event</b>	As requested, the Clerk has contacted SODC (Environmental Health) inviting them to attend a Parish Council meeting prior to the next fireworks event in November. Martin Morgan has confirmed that he will attend the September meeting. The item will be discussed early	<p><b>For Info.</b> <b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>

		on the agenda and the Clerk will inform the Fireworks Committee c/o Sue White so that they can be present.	
057/13	<b>Public Forum</b>	<p><b><u>Home to School transport</u></b>  Discussion took place regarding the County Council proposals to end free travel from September 2014 to designated catchment schools (unless it is the nearest school to a child's home address). The proposals present a major threat to Stadhampton families as children generally attend three secondary schools (Icknield, Wallingford and/or Wheatley). The meeting was unanimous in objecting to the County proposals and requested that County Councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale forward our concerns to the Education Department.</p> <p><i>Note: a week later, following major opposition by parents and school governors across the whole county, the proposals were shelved and an alternative proposal will be put out to full consultation in October 2013.</i></p>	<b>For Info.</b>
058/13	<b>Report from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)</b>	<p>Cllr. Lorraine Lindsay Gale (LLG) reported as follows :-</p> <p><b><u>Operation Bullfinch</u></b>  This joint operation into child sexual exploitation carried out by OCC and Thames Valley Police reached sentence on 27/6/13 with seven men receiving jail terms ranging from seven to 20 years (life imprisonment). OCC is sorry that it did not stop it sooner but it is hoped that the sentences will send out a strong message that child sexual exploitation will not be tolerated in Oxfordshire.</p> <p><b><u>Minerals &amp; Waste Core Strategy</u></b>  LLG reported that OCC are likely to withdraw the Minerals &amp; Waste Core strategy as the Inspector has expressed serious doubts as to whether OCC has complied adequately with the 'duty to co-operate'. The expectation is that the strategy will now have to go back to square one and that PAGE (Parishes against Gravel Extraction) will have to continue its important local campaigning.</p> <p><b><u>Ongoing Budget Cuts</u></b>  In the latest spending review at the end of June, the Chancellor announced that all local authorities must achieve further 10% cuts for 2015-16. OCC is already under pressure to make service cuts to achieve £74m of savings over the next four years.</p> <p><b><u>Broadband</u></b>  Stadhampton will be one of the BT upgrade areas which will provide faster broadband for 90% of the county.</p>	<p><b>LLG</b> <b>For Info.</b></p> <p><b>For Info.</b></p> <p><b>For Info.</b></p> <p><b>For Info.</b></p>
059/13	<b>Report from South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC)</b>	It was reported that the SODC Governance review has been delayed and that the draft terms of reference approved by the SODC full council will then be subject to a formal consultation period extending through to the end of September.	<b>For Info</b>
060/13	<b>Community Buildings Project Report</b>	Sandra Tebby reported that building is still on schedule, that the toilets are being installed and that work should be completed by early September. A Grand Opening has been pencilled in for the weekend of October 13th and 14th.	<b>For Info.</b>

		The hedges on either side of the entrance path have had to be cutback at a cost of £250. It was agreed that half of the cost will be paid by the PC as one of the hedges borders an allotment.	<b>For Info.</b>
061/13	<b>Parish Plan Report</b>	Cllr. Eales reported that there is still a need for more local residents to get involved in the parish planning process. The current key issues being looked at are traffic and the overall look of the village.	<b>LE</b>
062/13	<b>Village Green and Playground</b>	<p>It was noted that travellers arrived on the Green on 17/6/13 (the day after Giffords Circus set up). TVP and the County Council Travellers Liaison Team have been informed. No interference has as yet been caused to the Circus but there is already a lot of general mess gathered on site. In particular a lot of tree, hedge and general garden cuttings are being 'dumped' at the edge of the green (the travellers seem to be cutting trees down in the vicinity for cash payments and not disposing of the vegetation properly).</p> <p>The completed play area inspection reports were noted.</p> <p>Confirmation that new safety cushionfall will be laid on July 4th and that the replacement seats will also be erected.</p>	<b>For info.</b>       <b>For info.</b>
063/13	<b>Footpaths and Transport</b>	Cllr. Nann will contact Highways regarding hedges that need cutting back on the stretch of road between Stadhampton and Chiselhampton.	<b>For Info. GN</b>
064/13	<b>Planning Matters</b>	<p>P13/S1322/HH (Householder) The Mount, Thame Road, Stadhampton, OX44 7TX. Removal of existing garage and erection of new garage and home office. SPC replied by 12/6/13 and recommended 'APPROVAL'. Awaiting a decision from SODC.</p> <p>P13/S1456/RM (Reserved Matters) Wholesale Plants Ltd, Ascott Lane, Ascott, OX44 7UH. Application for reserved matters following outline permission P10/W1770/O for erection of agricultural workers dwelling (re-submission of refused application P12/S1417/RM). SPC recommended 'NO STRONG VIEWS'. Awaiting a decision from SODC.</p> <p>P13/S1608/HH (Householder) Fairview, Thame Road, Stadhampton, OX44 7TX. First floor extension for new bathroom. SPC replied by 26/6/13 and recommended 'REFUSAL'. Awaiting a decision from SODC.</p> <p>P13/S1002/HH (Householder) 17 Bear Lane, Stadhampton, OX44 7UR. Erection of two storey side extension and new entrance porch. SPC to reply by 4/7/13.</p> <p>P13/S1790/FUL (Full Application) and P13/S1791/LB (Listed Building Consent) Crazy Bear Hotel, Bear Lane, Stadhampton, OX44 7UR. Retrospective application for erection of a single storey extension to existing hotel and new parking layout (works already carried out). SPC to reply by 11/7/13.</p>	<b>For info.</b>       <b>For info.</b>       <b>For info.</b>       <b>For info.</b>

065/13	<b>Financial Update</b>	<p>A list of cheques approved and authorised for payment at the 2/7/13 meeting is appended.</p> <p>At 2/7/13 the SPC current account stood at £56,875.51.</p> <p>The Clerk will receive a 1% wage increase backdated to 1/4/13 in line with the nationally negotiated agreement.</p>	<p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
066/13	<b>Consultations and Correspondence</b>	<p>The Animal Sanctuary is holding its annual Open Day on 21/7/13 and requested use of the Green for car parking. Permission was agreed.</p> <p>The Church requested that they hold a Car Boot Sale on the Green on August Bank Holiday Monday (Sale 26/8/13). Permission was agreed.</p> <p>It was noted that three minor crimes were recorded in the Stadhampston area for the period 1/6/13 to 30/6/13 - two thefts from motor vehicles and one theft of a motor vehicle. The next 'Have Your Say' meeting will be held on Sunday July 7th, 11am to noon at the Village Green with PCSO Diane Greenwood.</p> <p>Community Emergency Planning Survey - the Clerk to complete and return this survey on behalf of SPC.</p>	<p><b>For Info.</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>For Info.</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>For Info.</b></p> <p><b>For Info.</b></p>
067/13	<b>Any Other Business</b>	<p>Expressions of interest were forwarded in filling the two available Parish Council vacancies. Co-options will hopefully take place at the September meeting.</p> <p>MM gave apologies in advance for the September meeting as it is his wedding anniversary.</p>	<p><b>For Info.</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p>
068/13	<b>Next Meetings</b>	<p>Tuesday September 3rd, 2013</p> <p>Tuesday October 1st, 2013</p> <p>Monday November 4th, 2013</p> <p>All meetings to be held at 7.30pm in the Stadhampston Community Hall (Primary School).</p>	<p><b>For info.</b></p>

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Signed as a true and accurate record:-

Elizabeth Eales (Vice-Chair)

Date: 3/9/13