

# STADHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2011

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<b>Attendees</b>	Daf Phillips (Chair) (DP), Golda Nann (GN), Michael May (MM), Paul Isaacs (Clerk) (PI) and 10 members of the public.
<b>Apologies</b>	Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (LLG), Sarah Street (SS), Cllr Phil Cross (PhC).

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
001/11	<b>Vice-Chair / Parish Elections</b>	<p>With the resignation of Tom Peers, there is a vacancy for the position of Vice-Chair. Cllr. Golda Nann kindly offered her services and was duly accepted for the position.</p> <p>There is, however, a current shortage of local parish councillors so the Clerk has posted notices in the community noticeboards reminding local residents that there are local Parish Elections on May 5<sup>th</sup> this year.</p> <p>Clerk to place a notice in the March Parish Newsletter requesting interested residents to contact the Chair or Clerk for further information.</p>	<p><b>GN</b></p> <p><b>For Info.</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
002/11	<b>Public Forum</b>	<p><b>Long Ground</b> All correspondence regarding movements and developments are being filed as the issue is ongoing.</p> <p>A hedgerow has been removed alongside the road between Chiselhampton and Marylands. The Clerk contacted SODC who have advised that the hedge should not have been removed, that a revised planning application is due for that piece of land and that SODC will be insisting on replanting of the hedgerow.</p> <p>As to whether or not it is legal to remove hedgerows without prior local govt permission, theoretically hedgerows are covered by the 1997 Hedgerow Act whereby landowners should seek local council approval prior to removal. This then triggers a 42 day assessment period and, if considered sufficiently important, the local council can issue a Hedgerow Retention notice.</p>	<p><b>For Info.</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>For Info.</b></p>
003/11	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	No declarations of Interest.	
004/11	<b>Minutes of meeting on 6/12/10</b>	The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6/12/10 were confirmed and approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.	<b>For Info.</b>
005/11	<b>Matters Arising (but not elsewhere on the agenda)</b>	Crazy Bear Hotel - the final day of the Planning Inquiry took place on 28/1/11 (deferred from December 2010). Both sides presented summing up statement. The Planning Inspector will make his initial report in the week commencing 21/3/11.	<p><b>For Info.</b></p> <p><b>For Info.</b></p>

006/11	<b>Approval of the SPC Budget for 2011/12</b>	SPC councillors and the Clerk met to agree the Parish Council budget for 2011/12 on 19/1/11. The clerk confirmed that SODC have approved our request for a precept of £11,355 for 2011/12 and that a budget has been set for £14,500. The difference will be made from earned income and reserves. The 20011/12 budget was approved.	<b>For info.</b>  <b>Clerk</b>  <b>Decision</b>
007/11	<b>Village Green &amp; Playground</b>	<u>Playground</u> The inspection reports have been completed and recorded. <u>Grass Cutting</u> Clerk to review the numbers of cuts that are likely to be required in 2011.	<b>For Info.</b>  <b>Clerk</b>
008/11	<b>Allotments Review</b>	DP launched an Allotments Review that will be carried out over the next six weeks. New Allotment Gardens tenancy agreements (in line with the national guidelines) will have to be signed by all allotment holders for the forthcoming year, 2011/12. This will give security of tenure to allotment holders but also represents best practice by the Parish Council who have the responsibility for effectively managing the parish allotments.  A meeting will be organised between the Chair, Julian Humm, our Allotments Officer and the Clerk and a progress report will be presented at the March SPC meeting.	<b>DP</b>     <b>DP, Clerk</b>
009/11	<b>Report from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)</b>	LLG was unable to attend the meeting but presented the following report :- <b>Gravel Extraction</b> - See PAGE, item 013/11.  <b>Berinsfield Library</b> - the public meeting held on 15/1/11 to discuss the withdrawal of funds from the Berinsfield library was attended by about 60 people. A working group has been formed to bring forward ideas and to bid for part of the £200,000 pump priming fund offered by the County Council to help community libraries get started.  <b>Berinsfield Day Centre</b> - efforts are being made to relocate this day centre back to Berinsfield (it currently meets on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Marsh Baldon Village Hall).  <b>Culham Primary School</b> - efforts are being made to find a new head teacher for the school.	<b>For info.</b>     <b>For info.</b>  <b>For info.</b>
010/11	<b>SODC</b>	No report on this occasion.	
011/11	<b>Community Building Project</b>	David Fordham reported that the CBP Committee are in the process of submitting an initial planning application.	<b>For Info.</b>
012/11	<b>Dog Fouling</b>	Clerk to chase the installation of an additional dog waste bin along Newells Close.	<b>For Info.</b> <b>Clerk</b>
013/11	<b>Joint Users Agreement</b>	SPC are still awaiting a copy of the newly proposed Joint Users agreement. Once received SPC will write to the County Council requesting the change in the agreement to a 50/50 split (from the current 15/85 split).	<b>For Info.</b>  <b>Clerk</b>
014/11	<b>Footpaths &amp; Transport</b>	Works to relay the pavement adjacent to the main road to Chiselhampton have been completed. Clerk to thank OCC for their good work.	<b>GN</b>  <b>Clerk</b>

015/11	<b>Parishes Against Gravel Extraction (PAGE)</b>	The OCC report on gravel supply and demand in Oxfordshire goes to cabinet on 16/2/11. It supports the contention that 2.1mtpa was far too high and comes down in favour of 1.26mtpa. In addition Nuneham Courtney is now precluded from assessment within the period of the proposed Minerals & Waste Development Framework. Stadhampton & Chiselhampton are precluded but not totally exempted as yet. All proposals will now be subject to a further round of consultation in June 2011.	<b>For info.</b>
016/11	<b>Planning Matters</b>	<p><u>Planning Decisions :-</u> Notification has been received from SODC that the following have been approved :- P10/W1768 - Permission granted to erect polytunnel. P10/W1769 - Permission granted to erect polytunnel.</p> <p><u>Planning Applications :-</u> There were no current planning applications for the Parish Council to consider.</p> <p><u>Planning Policy :-</u> The Clerk circulated information from SODC to the SPC councillors concerning current planning policy. Essentially SPC must have justified material grounds if they are going to recommend the rejection of any future planning application.</p>	<p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
017/11	<b>Treasurers Report</b>	<p>At 19/1/11 the SPC held a cash balance of 46,886.66 represented by £2,220.53 in the current account and £44,666.13 in the investment account. Estimated expenditure for the period to 31/3/11 is a further £3,450.</p> <p>The next precept payment will not be received until April 2011. The clerk requested that £5,000 be transferred from the investment account to the current account for cash flow purposes. This was approved.</p>	<p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
018/11	<b>Correspondence</b>	<p>DP and GN will represent SPC at the Historical Trail Opening Ceremony on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011.</p> <p>GN represented SPC at an open event at RAF Benson on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011.</p>	<p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p>
019/11	<b>Any Other Business</b>	SPC has supported the suggestion that Badgers Copse be renamed as Chick's Copse in memory of Chick White.	<b>For info.</b>
020/11	<b>Meeting Closure and dates of next meetings</b>	<p>The meeting closed at 8.55pm</p> <p><u><b>Next meetings :</b></u> Monday March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011</p> <p>Monday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 - Annual Parish Meeting</p> <p>Both at 7.30pm in the Stadhampton Community Hall</p>	<b>For info.</b>