STADHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd November, 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 (AES), Cllr. Michael May (MM), Paul Isaacs (Clerk), Cllr. Stephen Harrod (SH) (SODC), Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (LLG) (OCC), and 14 members of the public.
Apologies	Cllr. Colin Keyser (CK).

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
099/15	Welcome	The Chair, Alaric Smith, welcomed those in attendance.	For info.
100/15	Declarations	No declarations of interest were received.	For info.
101/15	Minutes of last meeting	The minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 1/9/15 were confirmed, approved and signed by the Chair.	For info. Approved
102/15	Parish Council Vacancy	A vacancy has arisen with Cllr. Melissa Parkes standing down for personal reasons. Her efforts on behalf of the PC were noted and much appreciated. The vacancy has been advertised via the Stadham website, the newsletter and the community noticeboards. With more than one local resident showing interest, SODC have been contacted for advice so as to ensure full transparency. SODC have advised as follows: • advertise a deadline date for submissions of interest • ask candidates to submit a resume of no more than 500 words as to the reasons why they would like to be considered (and post these on the website and in the newsletter) • reach a decision at the January 2016 meeting by public vote via a secret ballot with all on the current electoral register eligible to vote. The date for submissions of interest was set for 16/11/15 to allow time to publish candidate information in the December newsletter.	For info.
103/15	Matters Arising	Complaint Received - it was reported that SPC had received a complaint from Steven and Ann Hendry, trading as Newington Garden Centre, relating to comments made anonymously in the course of the compilation of the Parish Plan and published briefly on the web. Neither the Stadham website nor the Parish Plan Committee are part of the PC, although the Hendry's assert that they are. A further complaint relates to comments made by a previous councillor on a planning application to the effect that the business of Newington Nurseries Ltd. had been in receivership at some time, as reported in the Oxford Mail. These comments were relayed to SODC Planning and briefly published on their website. SPC has taken legal advice, accepts no liability, and will work with SODC to protect its position and to resolve the matter.	For info.
		 Other matters arising the Ascott footpath fencing has been repaired and renewed; Cllrs. Madry and Keyser attended the Neighbourhood Action Group meeting on 14/10/15; the 'Slow 30' Chiselhampton sign has, again, been repaired; the wall by the bus shelter on Thame Road has been repaired; the allotments ditch has been cleared of debris / unblocked. 	For info.

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104/15	Open Forum	Youth Club request to assist with funding - whilst being well managed and having achieved good summer attendance figures, it was reported that the Youth Club was struggling to meet their hall hire costs. It was agreed to grant the Youth Club £200 for hall hire.	For info.
		Roadside Pond - Sue White is obtaining quotes regarding the infested With the roadside pond now heavily infested with parrot feather weed, Sue White is obtaining quotes to rectify the problem. A decision regarding the next step will then be made.	For info.
		<u>Fireworks Event</u> - it was reported that the arrangements for the annual event on 5/11/15 were going well.	For info.
		Parking outside the church - following a report that a car is using the church / village green new parking area on a regular basis, the status of the parking area was considered. Although it should not be used for regular parking, the lack of general parking spots in the village may sometimes cause the area to be used as an occasional overflow area. It was agreed that the situation will be monitored and that Cllr. AES will talk to the car owner concerned.	For info.
		<u>Crazy Bear</u> - it was reported that, under threat of legal action, the owner of the Crazy Bear has given an undertaking that the use of the land for the holding of recreation and sporting events would cease as of 24/10/15. Mr. Hunt also changed his plea to the two charges of breaching the Noise Abatement Order (which were part heard in the summer and then adjourned) to a plea of guilty prior to a sentencing hearing on 25/11/15. It was also noted that the Crazy Bear has submitted a new planning application seeking permission for "moderated" clay-pigeon shooting and other activities to be situated near to the Farm Shop and to Warren Hill.	For info.
105/15	Pavilion Project	Cllr. Stead had met with the football club, cricket club, youth club and fireworks committee who were all represented at the meeting. It was reported that they will submit a grant application to SODC by the 27/11/15 deadline with the aim of refurbishing the sports pavilion, providing extra storage and establishing pitches on the green. SPC agreed to grant £2,500 towards the project matching the £2,500 pledged by the Fireworks Committee and the £2,500 pledged by the school community hall committee.	For info. Decision
106/15	Report from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)	Cllr. Lorraine Lindsay Gale presented a report: • 2016/17 Budget - OCC plan a further £50m worth of cuts to public services and are 'consulting' on options in an exercise	LLG For info.
		 marketed as Talking Oxfordshire. <u>Savings from Children's Centre & Early Intervention services</u> OCC proposes to cut £8m from children's services budgets by integrating Children's Centres, Early Intervention Hubs and Children's Social Care into eight Children and Family Centres across the county. Options about how universal services can be run without OCC financial support will also be considered. 	For info.
		<u>Better Broadband</u> - OCC is on track to achieve, within budget, its target of connecting 64,500 homes and businesses with superfast (24mbps) broadband by the end of 2015.	For info.
		Libraries - OCC has secured a one-off £86,000 grant from Arts Council England to install wi-fi in the 28 of 43 libraries that do not currently have it. Savings will be made by merging the library service with Customer Services to make the libraries the Council's 'front door'. Further savings will be made by withdrawing the mobile library service but the Home Library Service will be increased for isolated / housebound users.	For info.

107/15	Report from South Oxford District Council (SODC)	 Cllr. Stephen Harrod (SH) reported covering the following areas:- Air quality website - a website funded by a £20,000 DEFRA grant giving updates on air pollutants and air quality levels. GO Active Gold - in January this new 3 year project will launch offering sports and fitness classes for the over 60's. Activities include dance, tai chi, bowls, pilates, yoga and Nordic walking. LEADER funding - LEADER has handed out more than £1.2m to projects aimed at supporting the rural economy across the two districts in the past 4 years. A countywide LEADER scheme is now launching with £1.5m on offer to 2020 for rural 	SH For info. For info.
		 projects such as local organic food, vibrant villages, reviving waterways and unlocking the potential of woodlands. Green Belt - the conclusion of an independent study just published is that the Green Belt in South Oxfordshire is continuing to do its job of protecting our settlements and rural setting (giving further weight to the SODC position against large scale development on the edge of Oxford). Opportunities for sustainable small scale development and Green Belt boundary changes will also be considered. 	For info.
		 <u>Criminal Behaviour Order</u> - SODC has issued Anthony Joyce of Redbridge Hollow with a Criminal Behaviour Order and a £7,770 fine for dealing scrap metal without a licence. <u>CCTV</u> - the CCTV team has assisted the police with 141 arrests across both districts between April and September. They monitored 1,256 incidents in Abingdon and Wantage and 	For info.
		 1,216 in Didcot, Henley, Thame and Wallingford. Community Grants - £400,000 has been granted to projects such as the Henley skate park (£100,000), the Henley Rugby and Football clubhouse extension (£100,000), the Stoke Row play area (£28,950), Stoke Row village hall (£53,700), the Great Milton play area (£49,037), refurbishing the Watlington Club (£39,028), improvements to the football clubhouse in Berinsfield (£51,691) and Wallingford Rowing Club (£21,360). 	For info.
108/15	Footpaths and Transport	Neighbourhood Action Group and Local Bus Group meetings Cllrs. Keyser and Madry have attended recent local meetings including the NAG meeting on 14/10/15. SPC supported the Five Parishes Bus group response objecting to the OCC proposals to make further cuts to local bus service subsidies. There were 2,656 responses to the consultation plus numerous emails and letters, 13 detailed submissions and 7 petitions. 275 people attended public and specific stakeholder meetings about the proposals. Despite this, OCC made the decision to end all subsidies for local and rural bus services, to axe the Dial-a-Ride scheme and to shelve support local voluntary transport schemes in rural communities.	For info. SM/CK
109/15	Village Green & Playground	Play area - it was reported that some graffiti inside the tunnel area has been removed / painted over and the whole area has been reraked.	For info.
110/15	Village Hall at St. John's	 AES reported as follows:- the audio-visual and induction loop system is working well and, so far, two successful Film Club evenings have been held; the storage shed has been erected and will be insulated; unfortunately the toddler group is struggling and might soon have to fold. 	AES For info.

111/15	Planning Matters	P15/S2446/PAR - Tractor/Machine Shed, Wholesale Plants Ltd. Change of use from Agricultural to dwelling. SODC deemed on 21/9/15 that prior approval cannot be issued.	For info.
		P15/S2447/PAR - The Potting Shed, Wholesale Plants Ltd. Change of use from Agricultural to dwelling. SODC deemed on 20/9/15 that prior approval cannot be issued.	For info.
		P15/S2458/HH - Pear Tree Cottage, School Lane, OX44 7TR. Part conversion of garage to include lifting roof pitch and providing ancillary accommodation in roof space. New dormer windows. Bay window extension to front. Replace existing conservatory along rear with single storey extension with similar footprint. New pitched roof over existing flat roofed side extension. New pitched roofs on existing rear dormer. SPC recommended that SODC conduct a further site visit given the potential loss of light to a neighbouring property. Following an amendment SODC GRANTED permission on 8/10/15.	For info.
		P15/S2834/FUL - Church Farm Barns, Copson Lane. Demolition of existing agricultural barn and construction of a new 4-bed dwelling & double garage. Permission GRANTED on 15/10/15.	For info.
		P15/S2970/HH - Sheephouse Farm Cottage, Milton Road. Construction of a garage with farm office above. SPC responded by 29/9/15 and expressed 'NO STRONG VIEWS'. SODC GRANTED planning permission on 29/10/15.	For info.
		P15/S2998/FUL - Oxfordshire Animal Sanctuary, The Green. Demolition of existing stable building. Erection of new timber horse stable. SPC recommended 'APPROVAL'. Planning permission GRANTED by SODC on 23/10/15.	For info.
		Amendment - P15/S3021/FUL - Manor Barn, The Green. Variation of condition 2 (drawing numbers) of planning permission P15/S0142/HH to amend the location of the proposed garage. SODC granted permission for the original application on 15/5/15. SPC responded by 12/10/15 and recommended APPROVAL. No decision from SODC at 31/10/15.	For info.
		Amendment - P15/S3162/LB & P15/S3300/HH The Coach House, Millstream House, Stadhampton, OX44 7TP. Variation to planning consent P15/S0739/HH and listed building consent P15/S0740/LB to change dormer windows to roof lights. Conversion of existing garage and two dormer windows to the Coach House. SODC granted permission for the original applications on 1/6/15. SPC recommended APPROVAL. No decision from SODC at 31/10/15.	For info.
		P15/S3392/DIS (INFORMATION ONLY) Summit Service Station Ltd. Discharge of conditions 4 and 5 on application ref. P13/S0061/FUL (granted permission by SODC on 11/3/13). Change of use of existing shop from A1 use to C3 to form two flats.	For info.
		P15/S3304/FUL - Land at Crazy Bear Farm Newells Lane. Mixed use of the land for agriculture and recreation/sporting events, together with the provision of associated structures, the change of use of an existing agricultural building to form a welcome centre for the recreation / sporting events, new pathways and additional temporary parking. SPC to respond by 20/11/15.	For info.
		P15/S3602/DIS (INFORMATION ONLY) Marylands Cottage Section of B4015 Passing Marylands Farm, Chiselhampton. Discharge of condition 4a on application ref P12/S1462/HH. Demolish single storey extensions/ garage. New 2 storey extension.	For info.

112/15	Consultations	Oxfordshire Together - a consultation outlining the OCC proposal to delegate numerous public services to local communities (including parishes) due to their continued programme of cuts.	For info.
		Minerals and Waste Strategy - the public examination is due to take place in January 2016 to consider the latest OCC Minerals and Waste pre-submission plan.	For info.
		Cuts to Household Waste Recycling Centres It was reported that SPC responded to this public consultation opposing the OCC plans to reduce the number of recycling centres from 7 to 3 and to reduce opening hours. The proposal includes the closure of the Oakley Wood site near Wallingford.	For info.
113/15	Financial Update	The cheques for payment at the 3/11/15 meeting were approved and authorised. A recommendation for the 2016/17 precept will be considered at the January 2016 meeting.	For info.
		Conclusion of Audit - notification from BDO (the national auditors) that the 2014/15 accounts have been approved without issue.	For info.
114/15	Correspondence	Thames Valley Police - during September & October TVP received 29 calls from the Stadhampton area - 1 x welfare check, 9 x traffic, 9 x noise, 2 x suspicious activity, 1 x ASB motorbike on A329 and 7 miscellaneous. There were also 12 reported crimes relating to 4 x Bilkings (fuel theft), 1 x dangerous dog, 1 x Burglary non Dwelling and 6 miscellaneous. HAVE YOUR SAY meeting - Wednesday 18 th November, 1-2pm on the Green at St. John's.	For info.
115/15	Any Other Business	Anvils has now been sold and the new owner knows that SPC has offered to re-instate the pavement once the skip to remove some contents is removed.	For info.
116/15	Next Meetings	Tuesday January 5th, 2016 Tuesday March 1st, 2016 Tuesday May 10th, 2016 All meetings, 8pm at the St. John's Church Village Hall	For info.