## **STADHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th January, 2015

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

**Attendees** 

Cllr. Michael May (MM) (Chair), Cllr. Melissa Parkes (MP), Cllr. Lesley Shaw (LS), Cllr. Pete Smith (PS), Cllr. Alaric Smith (AS), Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (LLG) (OCC),

Paul Isaacs (PI) (Clerk), Cllr. Elizabeth Gillespie (EG) (SODC) and 17 members of the public.

**Apologies** 

Cllr. Liz Eales (LE) (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Phil Cross (PC) (SODC), Cllr Marc Hiles (SODC).

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001/15	Welcome	The Chair, Michael May, welcomed those in attendance.	For info.
002/15	Declarations	No declarations of interest were received.	For info.
003/15	Minutes of Meeting, 4/11/14	The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 4/11/14 were confirmed, approved and signed by the Chair.	For info.
004/15	Matters Arising	The defective 'SLOW 30' sign on the B480 has been repaired.  Ken King reported that over 80% of households completed a community plan questionnaire - an excellent result. Thanks were given to the small band of volunteers who distributed and collected them. The results from the questionnaire are currently being collated by SODC and it was noted that a further £150 may be required to cover the costs of final distribution. Cllr. LLG then made the draw for the £200 prize which was won by Clive Parker, 19 Cratlands Close.  MM thanked all of the volunteers for their excellent work.	For info. For info.  LLG
005/15	Cllr. Elizabeth Gillespie (EG)	<u>Cllr. Elizabeth Gillespie (EG)</u> - MM introduced EG, the SODC Cabinet member for Planning, and thanked her for attending the meeting. EG commented regarding the noise abatement and planning enforcement notices that have been served to the Crazy Bear hotel. Bob Campbell expressed thanks to SODC for their work on this issue to date. EG also noted the concern of many present regarding the possibility of a residential development to the East of the A329 (see 006/15).	For info.
006/15	Possible Residential Development	P14/S3394/SC9 - discussion took place regarding a screening option request submitted by Catesby's for a proposed 71 unit residential development on land owned by Rodney Gerring to the east of the A329 Newington Road, Stadhampton. It was noted that the application was not submitted prior to the SPC meeting on 4/11/14 and that SPC have not been formally consulted as yet. The 'screening request' sought to establish the levels of works and detail (eg, infrastructure and environmental impact assessments) that an applicant would have to carry out in order to submit a full application. Catesby's then held an initial consultation event in the Village Hall on 10/12/14 and it is expected that a full application will be submitted shortly. If a full application is submitted SPC will be formally consulted for views and recommendations.  In response to a query from the floor, MM confirmed that SPC have initial concerns as 71 dwellings added to the current 305 in the parish would inevitably overstretch the current infrastructure (the school, road capacity etc). MM confirmed that SPC will respond to any such application accordingly, that a village meeting will be called and that residents should not forget that they will also have every right to respond as individuals.	For info.

007/15 Report from Oxfordshire **County Council** 

Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (LGG) forwarded a report as follows:-

<u>Transport Improvements</u> - the £7m A423 Southern Bypass Scheme at Hinksey and Kennington has been completed and work on a series of additional transport improvement projects including the A34 Milton Interchange are getting underway. For information on future schemes:-oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/news/2014/dec/major-transport-improvement-work-begin-january

 $\underline{2015/16~Budget}$  - in line with national reductions in public spending OCC has made savings totalling £265 since 2010. Once again the referendum limit is 2% so OCC are considering an increase in council tax of 1.99%. The proposed budget will be presented on 27/1/15 and be further debated by all 63 councillors in February.

<u>Tri-county alliance</u> - on 16/12/14 the Leaders of Oxon., Bucks and Northants jointly signed 'A shared approach to driving prosperity' - a proposal to Government to unlock further economic growth and to build on the £45 billion value of goods and services that the area already generates. The proposal would develop a 'combined authority' alliance focused on innovation, science, technology and creative industries. The proposal is NOT about a super unitary authority and there is no intention to merge councils as each council would retain sovereignty. oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/news/2014/dec/new-tri-county-council-alliance-rev-local-prosperity

Recycling - OCC is one of the top counties for recycling waste coming top in 3 of the 7 categories compiled by DEFRA. Oxfordshire has the lowest amount of residual waste per household in the country and tops the tables for recycling & composting percentage, dry recycling percentage and household waste per head.

oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/news/2014/dec/oxfordshire-leads-way-recycling

'Move on Home' for older teenagers - OCC will build accommodation in Witney for up to four 16-19 year olds as they prepare to leave care and make the transition to adulthood. The move on home will help keep vulnerable young people safe and enable them to live closer to home as they prepare to leave the council's care.

oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/news/2014/dec/move-home-will-help-keep-vulnerable-young-people-safe

New Year's Honours - David Etheridge, the OCC Chief Fire Officer responsible for managing the 2014 Oxford floods and for overseeing the 2012 Olympic Torch route has been made an OBE. Katherine Powley, County Network co-ordinator, has been awarded the MBE.

<u>Winter Preparations</u> - OCC are committed to keeping a network of major roads free from ice to minimise the risk of accidents and ensure the smooth flow of traffic. Gritting teams have been out to routinely salt during the winter. The OCC website provides advice and emergency information as follows:- <u>winter.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/node/21</u> oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/salting-gritting-and-snow-clearance

Grenoble Road - the results of the Core Strategy consultations that will recommend housing locations in the county to 2031 to meet revised targets will soon be published. The debate over housing numbers rages on with the four district councils unwilling to absorb thousands of extra homes and the City pushing to develop 4,000 houses on green belt land at Grenoble Road. OCC opposes the City's plan for Grenoble Road for technical reasons but will be obliged to provide the infrastructure once we know where houses are going to be built. Ay present OCC has plans for two new Park and Ride sites in the area and continues to consider the option of a link road from the A34 north of Abingdon to the M40 passing Nuneham Courtenay and Garsington.

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008/15	OCC Minerals & Waste Strategy update	Disappointing news was reported that OCC are now recommending a staggering 42% increase in sand and gravel extraction levels for Oxfordshire up to 2031 following the consultation that closed on 13/10/14. The proposal overturns the decision reached by OCC in November 2013 and is based on a consultant's Local Aggregates Assessment report that was commissioned directly by the County! If approved at the OCC Cabinet meeting to be held in March 2015, PAGE areas (including Stadhampton and Chiselhampton) will once again be seriously threatened by gravel extraction. It was noted that four County Councillors (including Cllr. Lindsay-Gale) abstained when a vote was then taken.	For info.
		John Taylor, representing PAGE, commented as follows:- "Despite many strong negative comments, OCC seem driven to achieve their timetable of a Minerals Core Strategy to be in place by the end of 2015. OCC officers have bent over backwards to ensure that they don't fall foul of the 'duty to co-operate' this time and have done all they can to gain the support of SEEAWP (South East England Aggregates Working Party) and other MPA's (Minerals Planning Authorities) by proposing the 10 year plus approach. Naturally the other MPAs and mineral operators will be delighted to support a higher figure for Oxfordshire in line with the withdrawn strategy despite sales falling over the last few years. OCC are unwilling to go back to SEEAWP with a lower figure based on the 10 year sales average. However in 2014 OCC have failed to consult with their local communities as required in their Statement of Community Involvement. Additionally the Cabinet appeared not to listen to 4 members of their own CAG, including the Vice Chairman".	PAGE
009/15	Crazy Bear update	Noise Abatement notice (served January 2014) A reminder that the court hearing for this has been adjourned to March 2015 as the Crazy Bear witness was unwell on the originally hearing date (8/9/14).	For info.
		Planning Enforcement notices (served September 2014) It was reported that the Crazy Bear lodged an appeal against the two planning enforcement notices served against them prior to the deadline of 26/11/14. The notices were as follows:-  Notice A - that the land cease to be used for the holding of recreation and sporting events including but not limited to clay pigeon shooting, axe throwing, air rifle shooting, air pistol shooting, archery and cross bow shooting; and that the land be removed of a portable amenities block, scaffold towers and clay pigeon traps that facilitate the above use (compliance period one month).  Notice B - that the following engineering and building operations be removed from the land:  i) a hardstanding;  ii) various earth bunds;  iii) various timber screens, shelters and stands; and iv) a building known as 'the shooting lodge'.  Notice B requires that disturbed areas of land are thereafter reinstated (compliance period two months).	For info.
		As the Crazy Bear have lodged an appeal, the two enforcement notices are suspended pending the outcome of the said planning appeal.	
		SPC noted the disappointment felt by the majority of the village that the Crazy Bear continues to delay compliance to the planning and environmental notices served. The clerk to submit evidence and objections on behalf of the Parish Council to the planning inspectorate by the deadline date of 27/1/15. The planning appeal is expected to take place in April 2015.	For info.

010/15	Fireworks Event	MM made note of the highly successful fireworks event held on 5/11/14. The pre-planning to rope off the green, display large banners, block the Limes and only build the bonfire on the day itself worked extremely well. Thanks were given to Sue White and the fireworks committee.	For info.
011/15	Report from SODC	Cllr. Marc Hiles forwarded apologies and noted that he would not be standing for re-election in May. The new ward of Berinsfield will be a single member ward to include Drayton-St-Leonard & Dorchester and Stadhampton will be going into a ward with numerous parishes.	MH For info.
012/15	Village Hall at St. John's	It was noted that the Youth Club is holding a 'Grand Opening' event on Wednesday January 7th between 6pm and 8pm to which the councillors have been invited.	For info.
013/15	Village Green and Playground	Inspection Reports - completed and noted. Three new play area benches have been ordered.	For info.
		Giffords Circus will use the Village Green once again in 2015. They will arrive on 26/5/15 and depart on 1/6/15 (shows Thurs. to Monday).	For info.
014/15	Planning Matters	P14/S3238/HH & P14/S2918/LB (Listed Building Consent) The Mount, Thame Road, Stadhampton, OX44 7TX. To carry out repairs and modifications to existing railings and gate. SPC recommended APPROVAL. Planning permission & Listed Building Consent was GRANTED by SODC on 3/12/14.	For info.
		P14/S3352/HH Cameley, The Green, Stadhampton, OX44 7UW. Amendment to existing consent P11/W1836 to add glass covered way from porch to side of extension and raise level of barn section. SPC responded by 26/11/14 and recommended APPROVAL. SODC GRANTED planning permission on 17/12/14.	For info.
		P14/S3636/A (Advertising Consent) Summit Service Stations Ltd., Thame Road, OX44 7TP. Erection of new signage. SPC responded by 15/12/14 and recommended APPROVAL. No decision issued by SODC at 6/1/15.	For info.
		P14/S3801/HH (Householder) 7 Marylands Green, Chiselhampton, OX44 7XD. Erection of single storey rear extension. SPC to respond by 20/1/15 and to recommend APPROVAL,	For info.
		P14/S3981/LB (Listed Building Consent) Chiselhampton House, Chiselhampton, OX44 7XF. Replacement of areas of flooring on the ground floor. SPC to respond by 25/1/15.	
015/15	Financial Update	It was reported that SPC held the annual Budget Setting meeting on 16/12/14. The following recommendations were adopted:-  1. 2015/16 SPC 'day to day' budget  2. 2015/16 precept (nil increase from 2014/15)  3. 2015/16 allotment rents (nil increase from 2014/15)  4. RGM Accountancy adopted as the internal auditor	For info.
		5. BDO adopted as the external auditor All recommendations were adopted unanimously. Proposed by Cllr. AS, seconded by Cllr. MP.	Adopted
		A copy of the proposed budget for 2015/16 is appended.  At 1/1/15 the SPC current account stood at £35,188.22. A list of cheques approved for payment at the 6/1/15 meeting is appended.	For info.

016/15	Footpaths and Transport	Mill Alley - OCC replied that, in their view, the footpath / alley between Mill Lane and Thame Road (footpath 10) is passable and does not require their attention at present. Ken King, footpaths officer, will contact them to see if they will reconsider but the problem is probably a lack of budget to carry out the necessary clearance work.  Bus Services - It was reported that Go Ride buses are, once again, in financial trouble and are likely to request additional funding to keep the 101 service in operation.	For info.
017/15	Consultations	OCC Consultation on a Children and Young People's Plan A consultation to 20/2/15 driving the work of the Children's Trust and based on evidence from the Oxfordshire Children's Needs Analysis 2014. For further information:-  consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/CYPplan_Adults/consultationHome  OCC Consultation on Care Home Fees A consultation to 8/2/15 regarding the fees paid to care homes for 2015-16. The aim is to provide sustainable and properly funded care.  consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/carehomefee2014/consultationHome	For info.
018/15	Correspondence	Local Police - It was noted that nil crimes were recorded for December 2014 but that TVP received 23 calls for Stadhampton as follows:- 5 x miscellaneous, 4 x traffic incidents, 5 x anti social behaviour, 7 x noise complaints, 1 x parking issue, 1 x abandoned vehicle. A reminder that the non emergency number for Thames Valley Police is 101  'Have Your Say' meeting - the next meeting is on Saturday January 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2015, 2 to 3pm outside St. John's Church.	For info.
019/15	Any Other Business	Summit Service Station - It was noted that SPC has written to both SODC Planning and the OCC Highways department to report that the contractors are not allowing safe passage for pedestrians as they pass the garage construction site. The problem becomes worse if cars are parked haphazardly outside the shop and pedestrians (including children going to and from the local Primary School) are being put in danger by vehicles using the busy B480.	For info.
020/15	Next Meetings	Tuesday March 3rd, 2015 Tuesday May 5th, 2015 (AGM & Annual Parish meeting) Tuesday July 7th, 2015 Tuesday September 1st, 2015 Tuesday November 3rd, 2015 7.30pm in the Stadhampton Community Hall (Primary School).	For info.