

# STADHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, AGM and Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 7th May, 2013

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

<b>Attendees</b>	Michael May (Chair) (DP), Elizabeth Eales (LE) (Vice-Chair), Golda Nann (GN), Sarah Street (SS), Paul Isaacs (Clerk) (PI), Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (OCC) (LLG), Cllr Phil Cross (PhC), Cllr Marc Hiles (MH) and 17 members of the public.
<b>Apologies</b>	Lesley Shaw (LS).

Ref	Item	Notes	Action						
034/13	Welcome	<p>The Chair, Michael May, welcomed the attended audience and introduced the AGM.</p> <p>Cllr. Sarah Street announced her decision to stand down as a Parish Councillor. Sarah was thanked for her hard work during her three years of service to the Parish.</p> <p>The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 5/3/13 were confirmed, approved and signed by the Chair.</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>SS</p> <p>For info.</p>						
035/13	Report by the Chair	<p>MM commented on a busy 2012/13 year and made particular comment regarding the excellent progress made with the Community Building project and the successful culmination of the Copson Lane easement for vehicular access with Vector Design.</p> <p>MM thanked all of councillors for their ongoing support and thanked the Clerk, Paul Isaacs, for keeping everything in excellent order.</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>						
036/13	2012/13 Financial Report	<table><tr><td>Precept income</td><td>£11,355.00</td></tr><tr><td>Day to day expenditure</td><td>£11,408.51</td></tr><tr><td>Reserves c/f @ 31/3/13</td><td>£54,291.95</td></tr></table> <p>A question arose regarding the level of legal costs accrued. It was explained that the main legal expenditures were with regards to the Copson Lane easement and that Vector Design added £5,000 to the final settlement to contribute towards the Parish Council legal costs.</p> <p>The 2012/13 summary accounts were approved and adoption was proposed by Cllr. Michael May and seconded by Cllr. Golda Nann.</p> <p>The accounts will now be verified at internal audit and presented for national audit in June 2013.</p> <p>The budget setting meeting for 2012/13 will be held in December 2013 so that an early decision can be made regarding the 2014/15 precept.</p>	Precept income	£11,355.00	Day to day expenditure	£11,408.51	Reserves c/f @ 31/3/13	£54,291.95	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
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037/13	Parish Plan Report	<p>Cllr Elizabeth Eales reported that the steering group continues to gather data for the Community Plan and that information and suggestions can be submitted using :- communityplan@stadhampton.org</p> <p>An additional £1,000 was set aside for 2013/14 Parish Plan expenditure. Approved unanimously.</p>	<p>LE</p> <p>Decision</p>						

038/13	<b>Report from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)</b>	<p>Cllr. Lorraine Lindsay-Gale was congratulated on being elected as our County Councillor (Berinsfield &amp; Garsington ward) at the election held on 2/5/13. LLG achieved a 634 majority and 40% of the vote. The County Council is now represented by 63 councillors (down sized from 74).</p> <p>LLG commented on the following issues :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Budget cuts - County Council funding from central Government has been reduced in successive years since 2010 and the settlement received on 21/12/12 for 2013/14 has been reduced by a further £17 million.</li> <li>2. Social Care - this budget is under particular pressure but the Council continues to prioritise social care services increasing funding by £1.4m for more children's social care workers and keeping all 44 childrens' centres and the county's libraries open.</li> <li>3. Broadband - the County Council aims to provide 90% of Oxfordshire with 24Mbit/sec broadband by the end of 2015. Finance available includes contributions from the County, from SODC, from Central Government and approx. £25m from the private sector.</li> <li>4. Highways - the Area Stewards fund for pro-active road maintenance schemes has been cut but, on a more positive note, the Government has allocated a £3m grant for highway maintenance. The focus is on repairing potholes following a very harsh winter.</li> <li>5. Minerals &amp; Waste Core Strategy - the Public Inquiry has been put back to September 2013 at the earliest.</li> <li>6. City Deal - this joint agency bid has been successful and will speed up infrastructure and housing schemes in order to boost countywide economic growth and create thousands of new local jobs.</li> <li>7. Localities fund - LLG was able to fund a small number of local projects throughout 2012/13 including a new pedestrian crossing at Shillingford.</li> </ol>	<p><b>LLG</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p>
039/13	<b>Report from South Oxford District Council (SODC)</b>	<p>Cllr. Marc Hiles commented on the following issues :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SODC now has 36 councillors (down sized from 48) and a number of ward boundaries have changed.</li> <li>• SODC adopted the Core Strategy during the past year.</li> <li>• Housing infill may increase in the district but there are no plans for any major housing developments in the Stadhampton area.</li> <li>• There is recognition that speeds of 20Mbit/sec rather than 24Mbit/sec broadband might have to be provided to the 'hard to reach' 10% of the district.</li> </ul>	<p><b>MH</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p>
040/13	<b>Community Buildings Project Report</b>	<p>Ann Stead presented a report to the meeting which highlighted the successful fundraising to the tune of £385,000 allowing building work to begin in March 2013. Ann thanked the Parish Council for the further £12,500 that it granted towards the additional £34,000 required to equip the new community hall (tables, chairs, kitchen equipment, audio-visual equipment etc.).</p>	<p><b>AS</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p>

041/13	<b>Fireworks Committee Report</b>	<p>Sue White reported that the fireworks committee has not yet repaired and levelled the bonfire area and damage caused by car parking as the winter was firstly too wet and the green is now too dry.</p> <p>Unfortunately this means that the first cut of the green has not yet been completed as the contracted grass cutters, Berinsfield Community Business, refuse to cut whilst there are dangerous ruts which might damage their mowers.</p> <p>Regarding finances Sue failed to present a written financial report which had been promised for the AGM. However, Sue did mention that the PC might be asked for a further financial contribution towards repairing the green. It was noted that the PC has already had to pay SODC to remove a number of sofas removed from the bonfire area.</p> <p>MM commented that this really was not professional or acceptable and highlighted the major ongoing issues which need to be resolved before permission can be considered for a 2013 event :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Control of the bonfire construction so that it does not become a dumping ground for sofas and general waste as it did last year with SODC Environmental Services almost cancelling the event;</li> <li>2. Control of the event itself with enough trained stewards to control car parking and ensure the safety of all attending;</li> <li>3. Control of the fireworks so that the debris does not land in local gardens;</li> <li>4. A commitment that the bonfire area will be reseeded and that, even more importantly, damage caused to the village green will be repaired;</li> <li>5. Financial accountability with an assurance that full and correct records will be presented to a Parish Council meeting within three months of the event.</li> </ol> <p>Further debate of this issue will take place at the July meeting and the Clerk will invite SODC to attend so that advice can be given regarding the organisation of successful local community events.</p>	<p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
042/13	<b>Clay Shoots</b>	<p>It was reported that Cllr. Eales has held an initial meeting with the Crazy Bear regarding ongoing issues to do with their Clay Shoots.</p>	<b>For info.</b>
043/13	<b>Election of Officers</b>	<p>The Clerk took over for the election of officers.</p> <p>Michael May agreed to stand as Chair. Proposed by LE, seconded by GN. Unanimous.</p> <p>Elizabeth Eales agreed to stand as Vice-Chair. Proposed by MM, seconded by GN. Unanimous.</p> <p>The resignation of Sarah Street as a local councillor leaves two vacancies on the PC. The Clerk tol place notices in the community noticeboards.</p> <p>The Chair then closed the 2013 AGM and the meeting then moved on with normal committee meeting business.</p>	<p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>Elected</b></p> <p><b>Elected</b></p> <p><b>For Info.</b> <b>Clerk</b></p>



048/13	<b>Correspondence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was reported that the next 'Have Your Say' meeting will be held on Saturday 25th May, 11am to midday at the Village Green with PCSO Matthew Taylor.</li> <li>Thames Valley Police reported that there has been a significant fall in the number of thefts of (or from) motor vehicles and that only one incident of anti-social behaviour (a burglary to a non-dwelling in Stadhampton) was recorded during April 2013.</li> </ul>	<b>For info.</b>  <b>For info.</b>
049/13	<b>Any Other Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allotments - it was noted that the majority of allotments are being very well kept. No increases have been made to the allotment rents for this financial year. The Clerk to notify Julian Humm (Allotments Officer) so that the rents for 2013/14 can be collected.</li> <li>The dredging works of the drainage ditch along Copson Lane have been completed. Thanks to Alan Manzies (and Julian) for project managing the works. Quotes are now being obtained to resurface that stretch of Copson Lane and Mill Road.</li> <li>Due to prior commitments, it was decided that there will be no June meeting unless there is an unforeseen emergency.</li> </ul>	<b>For Info.</b>  <b>For Info.</b>  <b>For Info.</b>
050/13	<b>Next Meetings</b>	<p>Tuesday July 2nd, 2013  Tuesday September 3rd, 2013  Monday November 4th, 2013</p> <p>All meetings to be held at 7.30pm in the Stadhampton Community Hall (Primary School).</p>	<b>For info.</b>