

Stadhampton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Stadhampton Parish Council held at the Village Hall, St John the Baptist Church, The Green, Stadhampton OX44 7UA on Monday 15th January 2024 at 7.30pm.

Public Participation:

Oxfordshire Animal Sanctuary: Requested permission to park on the Green on Sunday 19/05/24 for an annual event. Parking marshals and signage will be used (**action: PC**).

Answer: Agreed on the condition that the football pitch, and the trees on the north green are avoided.

Resident 2: A fly-tipped fridge in the layby will be reported by the resident.

Answer: Thank you.

Resident 3: A survey of the gullies near to Copson Lane shows they are 50% full of silt and are blocked. This has been reported on Fix My Street.

Answer: Cllr Fitzgerald will support the request (**action: Cllr Fitzgerald**)

Parish Councillors (Cllrs): Cllrs Allen, Campbell and Fitzgerald (Chairman)

Absent: Cllr Bayoumi.

Staff: Bev Field, Parish Clerk/RFO (PC)

Members of the public: 3

District and County Councillors: Cllr Heritage (South Oxfordshire District Council), Cllr Bennett (Oxfordshire County Council.)

112/0124 Chairperson:

Resolved: Cllr Fitzgerald was proposed as Chairman for the remainder of the Council year by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr Allen. A declaration of office will be signed (**action: PC**).

113/0124 Apologies: Received from Cllr Odell

114/0124 Declarations of interest: None

115/0124 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 18/12/23 were approved as an accurate record.

116/0124 Matters arising:

- 106/1223 Cllr Heritage suggested contact with the Chairman of Little Milton Parish Council regarding lorry traffic. Cllr Fitzgerald has made an initial contact.
- 104/1223 Hedge flaying: a date is to be confirmed.

117/0124 Planning and licensing applications: None.

118/0124 Reports from Ward Councillors:

Cllr Heritage urged residents to participate in the SODC Local Plan 2041 consultation which closes 21/02/24. A report was circulated and will be in the Village Voice.

Cllr Bennett highlighted the Oxfordshire County Council flood toolkit and asked for feedback from any residents affected by the recent flooding. The A4074 will be reviewed following another crash, under the 'Vision Zero' policy for road deaths. Cllr Bennett agreed to support a request by Cllr Fitzgerald to get the footpath cut back between Chiselhampton and Stadhampton.

Cllrs Bennett and Heritage left the meeting at 8.10pm

119/0124 Parish Council s137 Small Grant Scheme (**action: PC**):

Resolved:

- a) To award a grant to Stadhampton Primary School of £1,200.00 for extracurricular projects including Young Voices (a combined school's choir performed at O2 on 15/01/24), coach to festival Opera Brava, visits from authors and clubs to promote inclusion and equality.
- b) To donate the chairs in the large cupboard to the school to use and maintain.

120/0124 Reports from Working Groups and Projects:

a) **Biodiversity and sustainability:**

Resolved: Six rarer, local varieties of apple tree will be sourced (action: Cllrs Campbell and Allen)

b) **Traffic Calming and Safety Measures:** (Cllr Fitzgerald) A request for an additional bus stop in Rofford on route 11 has been supported and Highways are consulting on the request. The large pothole by the BP corner has been reported for a repair. Stadhampton is on the Oxfordshire County Council waiting list for a 20mph proposal to be considered, and possible funding is being scoped.

c) **Allotments and water supply:** No date yet for the Copson Lane hedge cutting.

Agreed: To request help from the community payback team with the allotment site, and to contact plot holders before the next season starts to review use of the allotment site (action: PC)

Agreed: To source a small digger to clear the allotment ditches (action: Cllrs Allen and Campbell)

121/0124 Repair of Church Green Track: A response was agreed to welcome the initiative while continuing to manage the Parish Council land responsibly (action: PC)

122/0124 Defibrillator owned by BP garage:

Resolved: To accept the BP garage defibrillator as a donation, pay any set up costs and maintain it, subject to it being mounted on the BP garage wall as a central location for the community. The Parish Clerk to notify WEL Medical and Cllr Fitzgerald to contact BP (action: Cllr Fitzgerald and PC)

123/0124 Chalgrove Neighbourhood Plan Design Code consultation: Delegated to Cllr Bayoumi (action: Cllr Bayoumi)

124/0124 Use of Social Media:

Resolved: The Parish Clerk will set up a Parish Council Facebook page (action: PC).

125/0124 Finance:

a) **Monthly report:** The bank balances on 31/12/23 were Lloyds current £9,780.77, deposit £ 31,637.33 and CCLA £43,145.24

b) **Funds updates:** The earmarked Community Infrastructure Levy reserve is £45,099.60 with £10,000 of this allocated to playground equipment. The costs of the completed Cat Lane easement were £4,441.00, leaving a £25,559 net gain. The costs of the completed allotment 13 legal work were £24,123.00.

126/0124 Proposed Budget for 2024/25 (action: PC):

Resolved: The budget proposal for 2024/25 was approved (proposed Cllr Campbell seconded Cllr Allen)

127/0124 Parish Council Precept Claim for 2024/25 (action: PC)

Resolved: The Stadhampton Parish Council precept claim for 2024/25 is £31,546.00. This is based on 408 average band D properties (the tax base) giving an average band D household a Parish precept tax of £77.32 per year. This represents 6.1% or £4.44 increase per year (proposed Cllr Fitzgerald, seconded Cllr Allen)

128/0124 Payments: The payment schedule was approved and signed (action: PC)

129/0124 Information and Items for the March (full) agenda: South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Joint Local Plan 2041 consultation, update from the play equipment working group, information to Village Voice on a Parish History Group working on a new parish illustrated reference book, potholes in Cat Lane need filling with some aggregate.

Date and time of Next Meeting (planning focus): Monday 19th February 2024 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, St John the Baptist Church, The Green, Stadhampton OX44 7UA

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signature:

Date: