

# STADHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2010

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<b>Attendees</b>	Daf Phillips (Chair) (DP), Tom Peers (Vice-Chair) (TP), Golda Nann (GN), Paul Isaacs (Clerk) (PI) and 12 members of the public
<b>Apologies</b>	Sarah Street (SS), Jonnie Rockingham-Smith (JRS), Michael May (MM), Cllr Phil Cross (PhC), Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (LLG)

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
128/10	<b>Public Forum</b>	No items raised for discussion.	
129/10	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	No declarations of Interest.	
130/10	<b>Minutes of meeting on 5/7/10</b>	The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 <sup>th</sup> July, 2010 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.	<b>For info. only</b>
131/10	<b>Minutes of meeting on 7/6/10</b>	Following a requested amendment by a parishoner re: the Parish Council position on the application made by the Crazy Bear Hotel to build a permanent function room, the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> June, 2010 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. The amendment was added to section 105/10 and read :-  <i>The Parish Council decided to approve the application as they concluded that the proposed function room would be more suitable than the current arrangements in terms of its appearance. They also concluded that a permanent function room would allow the Crazy Bear to continue their functions business whilst also helping to minimise noise and disturbance to neighbouring properties. This decision was on the basis of the assurances given in the planning application regarding limiting guests within the Hotel whilst a function was taking place and improving the current parking arrangements etc.</i>	<b>For info. only</b>
132/10	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<u>Long Field Ground Update</u> Update received from Kim Langford (Planning Enforcement Officer, SODC) on 3/9/10 :- <i>"The owners' newly appointed agent has decided not to make a planning application seeking to retain the access in its current location but is proposing to move the access further along the field (apparently closer to, or in the original access) and reinstate the hedge / remove the gates at the other end."</i> SPC will be informed when this new planning application is submitted.	<b>For info. only</b>

133/10	Village Green	<p><u>Playground</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Inspection reports received and noted. Clerk to go ahead and order wood chippings from Enviromulch (approx. 60 cubic metres).</li> <li>2. Clerk to contact Keith Ring to prepare the site (£120) and spread when delivered (£160).</li> <li>3. Clerk to meet with Spadeoak to discuss possibility and costs of a longer term (rubberised) safety surface. Will also look at possible replacement of baby swing seat (rubber is showing signs of perishing).</li> </ol> <p><u>Car Boot Sale sign</u></p> <p>E.mail (with photos) received from John Bedford (Planning Enforcement Officer, SODC) on 28/7/10 stating that the Car Boot Sale sign is unauthorised and needs to be removed. Also that the sign is <i>"loose in the ground and is likely to be detrimental to the amenity and use of the Green as a public open space"</i>.</p> <p>The SPC view was that the sign has been in position for well over 10 years (so does not require planning permission), is sufficiently stable and does not in the least cause detriment to the green. However, the sign will be removed after each car boot sale and then put up prior to the next one.</p> <p><u>Car Boot Sales</u></p> <p>Letter received from Mike and Alan Horn and Ann Tothill stating that they have decided to retire from organising Car Boot Sales on the Green as from November 2010. DP stated that this would be a great loss for Stadhampston and offered a huge vote of thanks to Mike, Alan and Ann for their tremendous efforts on behalf of Stadhampston community groups over so many years.</p> <p><u>Stadham Feast</u></p> <p>Request received from Billy Hebborn (Fair) that they be allowed to open on Thursday evening as well as the agreed Friday, Saturday and Sunday times.</p> <p>No objection as long as the £350 fee is paid in advance and as long as they leave the Green in a clean condition. Clerk to contact Billy Hebborn with this decision.</p> <p><u>Pavilion</u></p> <p>Report received from Mike Horn and Ann Tothill that the Pavilion had been left in a bad state prior to the Car Boot Sale on 30/8/10. Stephen Dawson has already apologised to Ann as he had not been able to inspect after the Charity Football match as he was on holiday.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clerk to contact Mandy Winfield (Charity Football users) requesting a formal apology to the Car Boot organisers and telling them that a deposit and charge for the facility will be required if they wish to use the Pavilion again next year.</li> <li>2. In the future ALL USERS will have to pay a fee and leave a deposit for using the Pavilion whether or not it is for charitable use. It would then be for the Parish Council to decide to donate back the fee if it so wished to.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Decision Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Decision Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Decision Clerk</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>Decision Clerk</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>Decision Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p>
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133/10 cont.	<b>Village Green Cont.</b>	<p><u>Fireworks</u> Letter received from E. J. (Chick) White requesting permission to hold the annual fireworks and bonfire on the Green on 5/11/10. Permission granted. SPC will pay for the fireworks and the Fireworks Committee will re-imburse from the money collected on the night.</p> <p><u>Travellers</u> Incident in July when travellers stopped at the Green for 24 hours. TP handled the situation well as DP was on holiday. No damage and the local police were extremely helpful. Clerk to contact the police to thank them for their assistance.</p>	<p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
134/10	<b>Easements Review - Church Farm Barns</b>	No update this month but SPC instructed that this issue should remain on the agenda.	<b>For info. only</b>
135/10	<b>Forge Garage Railings</b>	<p>Stephen Dawson reported :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Although it can be proven that Mr Heather did not purchase the land currently obstructed by the railings, I have not been able to find evidence which conclusively proves that the land is owned by the Parish.</i></li> <li>2. <i>The land was not included in the registration of Parish land and records indicate that this was not an oversight, more likely that there was not enough evidence to make an application for registration.</i></li> <li>3. <i>The only way it would be possible to register the land as Parish owned would be to either find evidence to prove ownership or to find someone who has seen evidence of ownership and is willing to make a statutory declaration to that effect.</i></li> </ol> <p>GN is in contact with Geoff Barrow and will chase for further information if possible.</p>	<p><b>For info. only</b></p> <p><b>GN</b></p>
136/10	<b>Transport / Footpaths</b>	<p><u>Footpath 11 (Copson Lane)</u> E.mail received from Katharine Turvey (Countryside Service, OCC) informing SPC that the County Council intend to reinstall a metal fingerpost at the eastern end of Footpath 11. No objection. Clerk to let OCC know of this decision. E. J. (Chick) White to meet with PI on site to show where the fingerpost has been broken.</p>	<p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>Decision Clerk</b></p>
137/10	<b>Animal Sanctuary</b>	Various problems reported regarding increased use of the Animal Sanctuary which will be highlighted in the October edition of the Parish News. TP to arrange a visit and report back to the next meeting.	<b>TP</b>
138/10	<b>Waste Bins</b>	The waste bin in Bakehouse Yard was removed but yet to be replaced by Verdant. Third dog waste bin also required. Clerk to chase to progress these issues.	<p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>

139/10	<b>Car Parking on the Triangle, Copson Lane</b>	<p>Reports of vehicles parking on this piece of Parish Council land. This is unnecessary as there are official parking bays that can be used by residents and may cause damage to the verges with the onset of wetter months.</p> <p>Problem to be monitored at present.</p>	<p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p>
140/10	<b>Community Building Project Committee</b>	<p>A debate took place regarding plans by the Community Buildings Project Committee to go ahead with plans for a new Village Hall linked to the Church.</p> <p>A report from Stephen Dawson stated that the CBPC have met with representatives from the Diocesan Advisory Committee who were impressed with the level of consultation and research carried out to date. The DAC will give a formal opinion at the end of July. CBPC will then be in a position to apply for formal permissions.</p> <p>However, there was a feeling from those present at the meeting that adequate consultation with the local community had not yet taken place, that proposed parking arrangements had not yet been adequately addressed and that many local residents would actually prefer an independent Village Hall to be located on the Village Green. TP assured all present that there would be full consultation before any decisions were reached.</p>	<p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>TP</b></p>
141/10	<b>Reports from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) and South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC)</b>	<p>Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale had passed on the following :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the County were extremely busy with budgets ;</li> <li>SPC will be asked to join in the consultation regarding emergency planning.</li> </ul> <p>GN will attend a meeting on the Oxfordshire Travel Advice Line and will also participate in the AA Neighbourhood Roadwatch Scheme.</p>	<p><b>GN</b></p>
142/10	<b>Parishes Against Gravel Extraction (PAGE)</b>	<p>TP gave his report on PAGE. TP attended a meeting at Benson in July where the County Council outlined 3 revised and clear options as follows :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) to use existing sites</li> <li>2) to use all new sites</li> <li>3) to use a mixture of old and new.</li> </ol> <p>Nearly everyone present chose option1 (the exception being those who currently live near to existing sites). However, if current demand continues to fall due to the recession it is unlikely that any new sites will be required and likely the existing sites will see us through until 2026. OCC now suggest a lower target of 1.82MT per year. PAGE is arguing to all levels of government that 1 to 1.2mt is more realistic, which would mean a total of 14MT to 2026. The capacity of existing sites is approx 29MT, so no there would be no need for new sites.</p> <p>PAGE submitted an interim report to the County Planning Dept. In mid-August covering PAGE findings on transport,</p>	<p><b>For info.</b></p>

142/10 Cont.	<b>PAGE cont.</b>	<p>landscape impacts and archaeology. Current timescales suggest that a decision is likely by the end of October 2010.</p> <p>On the Archaeology front things are moving swiftly - take a look at the PAGE website. Steve Thompson has recently added a slideshow of the features that have become visible in the crops on Farrants farm at Drayton St Leonard. They have appeared due to the recent drought conditions. It appears that preliminary work is already starting on George Farrants Land.</p> <p><b>Diary Dates :</b> Two dates in October have been organised for field-walking, for which we are looking for volunteers. Bob Campbell is heading up the field-walking team. Contact him directly if you would like to be involved or e.mail fieldwalking@pagecampaign.org. 26<sup>th</sup> Sept - Country Day organised by Sally Rowlands. A day for horses which will open up the PAGE area so that everyone can see the importance of the countryside from a different angle, rather than just a view from the road. 24<sup>th</sup> October - Car Treasure hunt (£20 per car) from Drayton St Leonard. Contact Rachael Heron on 400267 or e.mail dsltrasurehunt@hotmail.co.uk.</p>	
143/10	<b>Planning</b>	<p>Planning Matters :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- P09/W0596 &amp; P10/W0632 – The appeal against the refusal of permission for the retention of the marquee at the Crazy Bear Hotel due for September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 was cancelled. A new inquiry which will include an appeal against the non-determination of application P10/W0632 for an extension to provide a function room with ancillary bar/server, storage and toilets will now take place on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010.</li> <li>- P10/W1204 – Instruction from SODC that they deem lawful the erection of a first floor rear extension and vent pipe at 10, Warren Hill.</li> <li>- P10/W0655/LD – Construction of a timber framed garage with 3 open and 1 enclosed bay – The Bothy, Richmond Hill Farm, Chiselhampton – Lawful development granted</li> <li>- Application for Street Trading Consent – A329 layby nr. Little Milton – mobile food. No objection as the application lies outside the SPC area of jurisdiction.</li> </ul>	<b>For info.</b>
144/10	<b>Community Led Planning</b>	The Clerk and Stephen Dawson attended a Community Led Planning workshop led by Anton Nath of the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC) on Monday July 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2010. ORCC provide free advice and guidance.	<b>For info.</b>

145/10	<b>Treasurers Report</b>	<p>The 2008/09 audit has been signed off (July 2010) by BDO. There was one issue regarding the Village Hall Trust monies held in the SPC account but the previous Clerk, Stephen Dawson (SD) reports that this should not be an issue for the future as the monies are now being held separately from the PC. SD is also finalising the return for the 2009/10 accounts but this is overdue.</p> <p>The current account balance stands at £4,272.87.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that, from now on, a full financial report will now be delivered to PC meetings on a quarterly basis.</p>	<b>For info.</b>
146/10	<b>Correspondence</b>	<p><u>Resignation</u> DP announced that he had received an e.mail from Jonnie Rockingham-Smith informing the PC that he was resigning with immediate effect. The main reason is that he has just got engaged and is now buying a house further South, near Basingstoke. DP has already sent his thanks but the Clerk will write to Jonnie on behalf of the PC too.</p> <p><u>Becci's Mobile shop</u> A request was received from Becci Cox to bring a mobile shop to the village for 30/45 mins per week beginning November 2010. The mobile shop would provide a range of local fresh produce, seasonal fruit and vegetables, meat and dairy products from Oxfordshire, freshly baked goods and ecologically sound alternatives to some major brands. SPC had no objection in principle to the proposal but the location is likely to present more of a problem as it is not possible to use the Village Green and 'Street Trading Consent' from SODC would probably be required if trading from a lay-by. One suggestion was that Becci ask the owners of the Crazy Bear Hotel if they would be prepared to allow you space once a week. Clerk to contact Becci Cox.</p> <p><u>Lucerne Drive</u> Request from Mr. Khan (Hill View, Thame Road, Stadhampton) that the PC cut back vegetation that is growing through his rear fence from Lucerne Drive. The vegetation is on PC land so the PC agreed to the request. DP to organise clearance.</p> <p><u>Area review of Bus services</u> The Clerk to contact Emily Lewis (Community Transport Advisor, ORCC) to ask her to a SPC meeting to explain the forthcoming 'Area Review of Subsidised Bus Services' for the Wheatley, Thame and Wallingford Area.</p> <p><u>Community Hall Furniture</u> Request received from the Community Hall Management Committee that the PC make a donation towards new furniture for the Community Hall. TP to attend a meeting on 22/9/10 and report back to the October SPC meeting.</p> <p><u>Chalgrove Neighbourhood Policing</u> PCSO Rebecca Freeman will be at the Village Green on Sunday Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 between 1pm and 2pm.</p>	<p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>Decision DP</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>TP</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p>

146/10	<b>Next Meeting</b>	Mon. Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2010, 7.30pm - Stadhampton Community Hall	<b>For info.</b>
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