

STADHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 1st July, 2014

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

Attendees	Cllr. Michael May (Chair), Cllr. Elizabeth Eales (LE) (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Lesley Shaw (LS), Cllr. Melissa Parkes (MP), Cllr. Alaric Smith (AS), Paul Isaacs (Clerk) (PI), Cllr Phil Cross (PhC) and 23 members of the public.
Apologies	Cllr. Pete Smith (PS), Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (OCC) (LLG), Cllr Marc Hiles (MH).

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
054/14	Welcome	The Chair, Michael May, welcomed those in attendance.	MM
055/14	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of interest were received.	For info.
056/14	Minutes of the meetings held on 6/5/14	The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, AGM and Ordinary meeting held on 6/5/14 were confirmed, approved and signed by the Chair.	Approved
057/14	Matters Arising	<p><u>Bus Shelter</u> The bus shelter has been cleaned and whitewashed ready for the 'Lend a Hand' community event on the 5th and 6th of July. The Clerk to write to SODC asking that the waste bin that has 'disappeared' be replaced.</p> <p><u>Home to School Transport</u> Cllr. Melissa Parkes reported that she had attended a recent meeting at Stadhampton primary school. As a cost cutting measure, OCC are changing their transport arrangements from September 2015 and, effectively, the County Council will NO LONGER provide transport from Stadhampton to Icknield Community College. OCC will only provide free transport to the <u>nearest</u> school and the secondary school closest to Stadhampton is the Oxford Academy. If parents want to send their children to Icknield a seat on the school bus will cost £540 per annum and even then there is no guarantee of a space being available. The annual cost will then increase at least 5% per year for the first 5 years. Other possibilities are to purchase and operate a community owned bus or for parents to negotiate a specific contract with a local bus company for those pupils affected.</p> <p><u>War Memorial</u> It was reported that quotations have been received to add the name of 'William Moores' to the War memorial. It was agreed to accept the quote for £200 from Tony James. SPC will pay the invoice but will request a contribution from the family of William Moores. Proposed by MM, seconded by LE. Approved unanimously.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>For info. MP</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>Approved</p>
058/14	Crazy Bear update	<p>No further update regarding the Noise Abatement notice (Section 80 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990) served to the Crazy Bear Hotel by SODC in January 2014.</p> <p>District Cllr. Phil Cross commented that the Crazy Bear are due to be served a breach of building irregularities notice by SODC and that the long awaited planning application from the Crazy Bear is expected during July. SPC will respond accordingly.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>

059/14	Public Forum	<p><u>Planning Refusal</u></p> <p>A complaint was aired that the SPC decision to recommend refusal of planning application P14/S0548/FUL (3, The Laurels - see 067/14) was handled poorly in that the applicant was not spoken to by a councillor prior to our response to SODC. MM explained that:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SPC responses are only recommendations - the final decision is made by SODC Planning based on material considerations; 2. that parish councils have a much shorter response period ever since the Government decided that they wanted to make the planning process faster; and 3. that applicants can ring parish councillors for a chat prior to the response dates - all contact telephone numbers are readily available in the Parish newsletter. <p>However, it was agreed that it is best practice for SPC to always endeavour to speak to the applicant prior to the council deciding to recommend that an application be refused.</p>	For info.
060/14	Oxfordshire Animal Sanctuary	<p>A representative of the Animal Sanctuary who was to attend the meeting cancelled at late notice.</p> <p>The Animal Sanctuary is holding its annual Open Day on Sunday August 10th, 2014. Permission was granted for use of the green for car parking. The Clerk to inform the Animal Sanctuary.</p>	For info. Approval Clerk
061/14	OCC Report (County Council)	<p>Cllr. Lorraine Lindsay-Gale tabled a report as follows:-</p> <p><u>Children's Services</u></p> <p>OCC Children's Services have been judged as 'Good' in all 6 categories in a 4-week OFSTED inspection. They were also awarded an Achievement Award alongside their Health & Police partners for their joint working in the Kingfisher Unit (a specialist unit working with vulnerable children and investigating child sexual exploitation).</p> <p><u>Services for people with learning disabilities</u></p> <p>OCC and the Clinical Commissioning Group are re-assessing the provision of services for people with learning disabilities to ensure the safety of those who are being cared for in the county.</p> <p><u>Services for homeless people and substance misusers</u></p> <p>For the past four years OCC had subsidised a reduction in central government funding for housing related support. However, given the need to save £1.5m over the next 2 years, OCC can no longer do so and a 12-week consultation seeks to challenge and engage with stakeholders, providers and service users on how relevant services can be delivered in the future. It is proposed that three hostels in Oxford will remain open.</p> <p><u>British Empire Medal Award</u></p> <p>Firefighter Gary Mattingley has been awarded the BEM in recognition of his innovative flood management work that kept Oxford open to traffic during the February floods.</p> <p><u>New Children's Homes</u></p> <p>OCC is to build an Assessment Centre for up to six children on the 'edge' of the care system in Thame and a 'move-on' home in Didcot for older teenagers preparing to leave care. The homes will enable vulnerable young people to live closer to home and reduce the need to send children to costly out-of-county settings.</p> <p><u>Summer Reading Challenge</u></p> <p>OCC has launched a 'Mythical Maze' challenge running from 12/7/14 to 13/9/14 to encourage children to read at least 6 books over the holiday collecting amazing rewards on the way.</p>	LLG For info. For info. For info. For info. For info.

062/14	Report from South Oxford District Council (SODC)	<p>Cllr. Phil Cross (PC) reported as follows:-</p> <p><u>Recycling</u> - the SODC waste service has got even better! The waste put in grey bins that previously went to landfill now goes to the new Energy from Waste facility (EfW) at Ardley where it's burnt to produce energy. This new service means that something good comes from the little waste left in grey bins when everything else has been recycled or reused instead of giving off harmful gases for many years in landfill.</p> <p><u>Value for Money</u> - recent survey results reveal that 59% of residents think that SODC are providing good value for money (higher than the national average).</p> <p><u>Customer Service Excellence</u> - Housing and Environmental Health have been awarded Customer Service Excellence accreditation.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
063/14	Village Hall at St. Johns	<p><u>Car parking</u></p> <p>With the new hall becoming more popular and well used, car parking has become problematic. Richard Evelyn from the Old Vicarage stated that access to his property is sometimes blocked. When notes are then placed on the vehicles concerned asking them to park more considerately the car owners themselves take umbrage. Furthermore, the increased use of the access road is causing erosion of the verges and potholes.</p> <p>Constructing an official parking area protecting the Green with a five metre strip plastic meshing will hopefully provide an answer.</p> <p>Cllr. Liz Eales presented four quotes for this work.</p> <p>Two were too expensive at £33,582.72 and at just under £20,000 leaving quotes from:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">County Construction £14,236.97 + VAT and Dryw Churchill £11,245.00 + VAT</p> <p>It was agreed to accept the quote from County Construction as they are reliable (they were the contractors for the Village Hall). Proposed by AS, seconded by LS. Unanimously approved. LE to inform County Construction and to obtain a full specification and schedule of work.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>LE</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>Approved LE</p>
064/14	Parish Plan Report	<p>Cllr. Liz Eales reported that the questionnaire is being reviewed prior to being printed and circulated.</p> <p>LE requested that £700 be allocated for these costs.</p> <p>Proposed by MM, seconded by AS. Unanimously approved.</p>	<p>LE</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>Approved</p>
065/14	Village Green and Playground	<p>It was reported that the damaged spar has been made safe and that the play area inspection reports have been completed and noted.</p>	For info.
066/14	Footpaths and Transport	<p>Cllr. Liz Eales reported that she had attended a Local Traffic Group meeting on 13/6/14 meeting. The focus is currently on HGVs and the need to lobby OCC to manage lorry routes in the broad area from Wheatley to Henley more pro-actively (for example, through use of more weight limits, better signage and better enforcement). This links in to the 'Connecting Oxfordshire' consultation (see 069/14) which runs to 1/8/14. It was agreed that LE will word the SPC response to this initial consultation.</p>	<p>LE</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>LE</p>
067/14	Financial Update	<p>A list of cheques approved and authorised for payment at the 1/7/14 meeting is appended.</p> <p>At 1/6/14 the SPC current account stood at £47,243.51</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>For info.</p>

068/14	Planning Matters	<p>AMENDED DETAILS : P14/S0542/FUL Oxfordshire Animal Sanctuary, Stadhampton, OX44 7UB. Demolition of existing dog kennels and erection of new timber dog kennels for 8 dogs <i>with associated fencing plus paved exercise yard and compound area for storing skip.</i> SPC replied by 6/5/14 and recommended REFUSAL. SODC GRANTED planning permission on 6/6/14.</p> <p>P14/S0928/A (Advertisement) The Church of St. Katherine, Chiselhampton, OX44 7XF. Erection of one free-standing single bay oak notice board. SPC recommended APPROVAL. SODC GRANTED Advertisement consent on 13/5/14.</p> <p>P14/S0961/ HH (Householder) Westwold, 12 Warren Hill, Stadhampton, OX44 7UT. To demolish front of garage and single storey rear extension and erect single and two storey rear extension and single storey front extension to form porch. SPC recommended APPROVAL. SODC GRANTED planning permission on 28/5/14.</p> <p>P14/S0548/ FUL (Full Application) 3, The Laurels, Stadhampton, OX44 7XP. Conversion of existing dwelling into two separate flats (one ground floor and one first floor), with proposed ground floor rear extension and new rear access. SPC recommended REFUSAL. Awaiting a decision from SODC.</p> <p>P14/S1245/HH (Householder) Marylands Cottage, Chiselhampton, Oxon., OX44 7XD. Post & wire fence, 1.2m high, to enclose the site. SPC replied by 2/6/14 and recommended APPROVAL. SODC GRANTED planning permission on 17/6/14.</p> <p>P14/S1548/LDP (Certificate of Lawful Development) Elmbank, Thame Road, Stadhampton, OX44 7TX. Single storey extension at the rear - FOR INFORMATION ONLY.. <i>The proposed development falls within permitted development under the Town & Country Planning Order 1995 and, on that basis, can proceed without the need for a planning application.</i></p> <p>P14/S1573/HH - Ascott Paddocks, Ascott, OX44 7UH. Erection of a single storey side extension. SPC agreed to recommend APPROVAL.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
069/14	Consultations	<p><u>Connecting Oxfordshire</u> The consultation feeds into the next Local Transport Plan (LTP4), a draft of which will be presented for full consultation in the spring of 2015. LTP4 will shape the OCC vision for a strategic transport network to 2020 to support economic growth across the County. https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/news/2014/apr/county-council-leader-outlines-his-vision-transport-connecting-oxfordshire</p> <p><u>2031 Issues & Scope Document</u> SODC are required by Government to prepare a new district wide Local Plan for the period to 2031. The LP will identify sites for new homes within South Oxfordshire as part of identifying the housing requirements across the whole county to 2031. http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/news/2014/2014-03/countys-new-housing-market-assessment</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
070/14	Correspondence	<u>Thames Valley Police</u>	For info.

		No crimes were reported for Stadhampton for the period 1/6/14 to 30/6/14.	
071/14	Any Other Business	<u>Lights Out!</u> Notification of a dramatic national centenary celebration on 4/8/14 marking the hour that Britain entered WW1. The UK will plunge into darkness between 10 & 11pm and residents are encouraged to switch off the lights of at least one prominent room. A candle or lamp can be placed in the room so it's visible from the outside.	For Info.
072/14	Remaining 2014/15 Meetings	Tuesday September 2nd, 2014 Tuesday November 4th, 2014 Tuesday January 6th, 2015 Tuesday March 3rd, 2015 Tuesday April 7th, 2015 Tuesday May 5th, 2015 (<i>AGM & Annual Parish meeting</i>) All meetings to be held at 7.30pm in the Stadhampton Community Hall (Primary School).	For info.