

STADHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday 15th January, 2013

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

Attendees	Cllr. Michael May (MM) (Chair), Cllr. Sarah Street (SS), Cllr. Golda Nann (GN), Paul Isaacs (Clerk), Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (OCC), Cllr Marc Hiles (SODC) and 11 members of the public.
Apologies	Cllr. Liz Eales (LE) (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Lesley Shaw, Cllr. Phil Cross (SODC), Chris Ratcliff (TVP).

001/13	Welcome	The Chair, Michael May, welcomed those in attendance.	For info.
002/13	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of interest were received.	For info.
003/13	Minutes of Meeting, 6/11/12	The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 6/11/12 were confirmed, approved and signed by the Chair.	For info.
004/13	Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk has written to Revd Caroline King welcoming her to her new role as Team Vicar in the Dorchester team. • The recent wet weather has caused a lot of local potholes. Part of the reason is that the gulleys and drains are not cleared as regularly as in the past. Cllr. LLG noted that the County Council were under major budgetary pressures but that she would pass on our concerns to Highways c/o Keith Stenning (KS) and stated that she will be happy to attend a site meeting. SPC is still waiting for KS to address other highways issues such as parking at the School Lane / Thame Road junction (and the possibility of turning it into a one way system and the rain run-off outside Chiselhampton Church. The Clerk to provide Cllr. LLG with a list of our concerns and hopefully a site visit can be arranged. • Clerk to chase OCC Countryside Services (and cc to Cllr. LLG) as the bridleway between Ascott and the Crazy Bear is still waiting to be cut back and is becoming dangerous. • Cllr. LE and the Clerk attended the Annual SODC Town & Parishes forum held on 21/11/12. 	For info. Clerk For info. LLG Clerk For info. Clerk LLG For info.
005/13	Public Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was reported that potholes are also a major problem at the end of Mill Lane where it crosses the Green and along the Limes. SPC to obtain quotations for repair before the situation gets worse. • A list of Crazy Bear Hotel Clay Shoots held in December and January were recorded. The Clerk will forward the list to SODC. • SOHA residents at Newells Close reported problems with rats nesting under the hedges at the front of the properties. The nests are being baited on 16/1/13 and the residents will contact SOHA to confirm who has responsibility for the hedge. The overgrown roadside verge is definitely the responsibility of OCC and the Clerk will add this to the list for Cllr. LLG. • A number of 'Cream Teas' signs have been put up by Newington nurseries. The Clerk to inform SODC asking that they be removed. • Vehicles are being parked on the verges of the Village Green along Copson Lane near the Thame Road junction. The Clerk will produce some polite 'please do not park here' posters and Edwina volunteered to post them on windscreens whenever necessary. 	For info. For info. For info. Clerk LLG For info. Clerk For info. Clerk

006/13	Adopting Financial and Budget decisions	<p>SPC held the annual Budget Setting meeting on 6/12/12 and provisionally recommended that the following should be adopted at the next full Parish Council meeting :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2013/14 SPC budget 2. 2013/14 precept (nil increase from 2012/13) 3. 2013/14 allotment rents (nil increase from 2012/13) 4. 2013/14 Risk Assessment & Review of Fixed Assets <p>All were adopted unanimously. Proposed by GN, seconded by SS. A copy of the proposed budget for 2013/14 is appended.</p>	<p>For Info.</p> <p>Decision</p>
007/13	Report from Oxfordshire County Council	<p><u>2013/14 County Council Budget</u></p> <p>LLG provided detailed information about the 2013/14 budget. The Council's 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.</p> <p>At the same time some Council services are under budget pressure as a result of growing demand – particularly adult social care, child protection and services for older people. Protecting young and old people, and people with special needs are a priority for the Council and it will continue to invest in those services. £1.4m increased funding is proposed for more children's social care workers and all 44 children's centres and the county's libraries will remain open.</p> <p>Unfortunately the Area Stewards Fund (£1.09m) established two years ago is to be cut and pro-active road maintenance schemes will receive reduced funding. The Stewards fund to take forward small-scale highways projects will continue for one more year focused on maintenance activity only. The reductions will hopefully have little or no impact on reactive road repairs (e.g. fixing potholes).</p> <p>2013/14 & 2014/15 will see the introduction of daytime charges at Thornhill and Water Eaton Park and Rides as free parking free is no longer sustainable. A daily fee matching charges at the three City council-operated Park and Rides will be introduced.</p> <p><u>Council Tax</u></p> <p>Given the above, OCC proposes to increase Council Tax by 1.99% for 2013/14 (just below the 2% trigger level where councils are required by Government to hold a referendum on Council Tax rises).</p> <p><u>Oxfordshire Minerals & Waste Plan</u></p> <p>The Public Inquiry has been put back to May 2013.</p>	<p>LLG</p> <p>For Info.</p> <p>For Info.</p> <p>For Info.</p>
008/13	Report from South Oxfordshire District Council	<p>Cllr Marc Hiles (SODC) reported as follows :-</p> <p>The SODC Core Strategy has now been adopted and has become part of the development plan - see www.southoxon.gov.uk/corestrategy. As expected, the district councillors are to be reduced to 36 from 48 and Stadhampton will not be in the same ward as Chalgrove or Newington despite our representations.</p> <p>SODC is currently setting its 2013/14 budget.</p> <p>SODC and the Vale have received a national award for its recent levels of recycling.</p> <p>Due to a change of job, MH may find it difficult to attend SPC meetings in the near future.</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
009/13	Community Building Project (CBP)	<p>The great news is that the funding required (£385,000) has virtually been achieved and that building works will begin in the Spring.</p> <p>The Newington House fundraiser held on 7/12/12 was well attended.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>

010/13	Copson Lane	<p><u>Church Farm Barns, Copson Lane</u> The easement agreement with Vector Design Consultancy (VDC) has now been concluded. Negotiations began in 2003!! MM expressed thanks to the previous Chair, Daf Phillips, to Cllr. LLG, to Golda Nann and to the Clerk for their efforts in reaching a satisfactory conclusion. He also thanked Jeff Wood from VDC for his diligence. SPC received £42,500, a further £5,000 towards legal costs incurred and the agreement that VDC would fully undertake the initial repair and resurfacing of Copson Lane. The Lane is now in the process of being repaired and two local residents have already written to thank the Parish Council for the remedial works to date.</p> <p>It was also noted that the repaired road may cause a different problem if vehicles drive too fast and fail to respect local residents. The potential problem will be monitored.</p> <p><u>Allotments ditch</u> The ditch further along Copson Lane opposite the allotments is now very overgrown and the recent wet weather has exacerbated the problem. SPC has responsibility for keeping the ditch clear so quotes will be obtained to dredge the ditch and to remove brambles already cut down. Julian Humm (Allotments officer) and Alan Manzies offered to project manage the works once approved by the SPC councillors.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>GN Clerk</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
011/13	Planning Matters	<p>P11/W0566 - Oxfordshire Animal Sanctuary, Stadhampton, OX44 7UB. Installation of an onsite Incinerator. SPC replied by deadline date of 3/6/11 and recommended REFUSAL. This application was WITHDRAWN on 20/12/12 prior to determination. No appeal lodged.</p> <p>P12/S1953/FUL - 1, Chapmans Close, Chiselhampton, OX44 7XE. To provide a gated access for vehicle and pedestrian use to a land locked area of land known as 'Jack's Piece'. SPC replied by deadline date of 24/10/12 and recommended 'No Strong Views'. The plans were the amended and SPC responded by 8/11/12 stating 'No Strong Views'. SODC registered the decision to APPROVE on 12/11/12.</p> <p>P12/S1417/RM (Reserved Matters) Wholesale Plants, Ascott, OX44. Erection of agricultural workers dwelling. SPC replied by deadline date of 9/11/12 and recommended REFUSAL. SODC registered the decision to REFUSE on 10/12/12.</p> <p>P12/S2495/HH - Lucerne House, Thame Rd, Stadhampton, OX44 7TX. Erection of PVCu conservatory at the rear of the property. SPC replied and recommended 'No Strong Views'. SODC registered the decision to APPROVE on 10/12/12.</p> <p>P12/S24911/HH - Warren House, Newington Road, OX44 7US. Replacement of existing render with timber cladding. SPC responded by 8/1/13 stating 'No Strong Views'. Awaiting a decision from SODC.</p> <p>P12/S3130/LB (Listed Building Consent) Ascott Park Cottage, Ascott, Stadhampton, OX44 7UJ. New single storey rear extension and single storey side extension, and alterations to 1986 rear single storey extension. SPC to respond by 28/1/13.</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>
012/13	Village Green and Playground	<p>Inspection Reports - completed and noted.</p> <p>The new play area seats will be installed in March.</p> <p>Giffords Circus were granted permission to use the Village Green for their annual shows in late June.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>Decision</p>

013/13	Footpaths and Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road repairs to the junction by the Coach & Horses, Chiselhampton will take place in early February. The Clerk will send the information to the website and post notices in the community noticeboards. 	For info. Clerk
014/13	Correspondence and Consultations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCSO Chris Ratcliff reported that the next 'Have Your Say' meeting will be held on Weds. Jan. 23rd, 11am to 12 noon at the Village Green with PCSO Matthew Taylor. <u>Older People's Joint Commissioning Strategy, 2013-16</u> The Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board are inviting residents to express their views on this strategy that will encourage people to stay healthy as they age and support older people who need help and care. It has been put together by the NHS, County and District Councils, and older people themselves. To have your say :- publicinvolvementnetwork.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/OPstrat 	For info. For info.
015/13	Any Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was reported that there has been a recent marked increase in the number of thefts from motor vehicles across the area. These are primarily theft of number plates and items in vehicles such as sat navs. No items of value should be left visible and vehicles should be locked at all times when not being used. David Fordham requested that local 'Neighbourhood Watch' be discussed at the January meeting but as he was not in attendance the matter was deferred until the March meeting. 	For Info. For Info.
016/13	Next Meetings	<p>Tuesday March 5th, 2013 Tuesday May 7th, 2013 (AGM) Tuesday June 4th, 2013 Tuesday July 2nd, 2013 Tuesday September 3rd, 2013 Tuesday October 1st, 2013 Tuesday November 5th, 2013 - this date may need to be changed if there is a clash with the Annual Fireworks event.</p> <p>7.30pm in the Stadhampton Community Hall (Primary School).</p>	For info.