

# STADHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd September, 2014

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

<b>Attendees</b>	Cllr. Michael May (MM) (Chair), Cllr. Elizabeth Eales (LE) (V-Chair), Cllr. Pete Smith (PS), Cllr. Melissa Parkes (MP), Cllr. Alaric Smith (AS), Cllr. Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (OCC) (LLG), Paul Isaacs (Clerk) (PI) and 19 members of the public.
<b>Apologies</b>	Cllr Phil Cross (PhC), Cllr. Lesley Shaw (LS).

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
073/14	<b>Welcome</b>	The Chair, Michael May, welcomed those in attendance.	<b>MM</b>
074/14	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	No declarations of interest were received.	<b>For info.</b>
075/14	<b>Oxfordshire Animal Sanctuary</b>	<p>The meeting began with a brief presentation by John Lord representing the Animal Sanctuary. Debbie Heath (Chair) and Phoebe Stewart Cox (Marketing) were also present. John explained that the Sanctuary was the only 'non-destruction' sanctuary in Oxfordshire. He also noted that the recent Open Day held in August had been the most successful ever raising over £7,000. They thanked SPC for allowing car parking on the day and the whole village for their ongoing support and understanding.</p> <p>A question from the floor asked about the number of cats that were able to roam in the locality as there is concern about the deterioration of the local bird population. Debbie answered that the cats number about 60 (down from about 200) and that they are not allowed to roam free.</p>	<b>For info.</b>
076/14	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b>	The minutes of the Parish meeting held on 1/7/14 were confirmed, approved and signed by the Chair.	<b>Approved</b>
077/14	<b>Matters Arising</b>	No matters arising from the minutes were raised that were not elsewhere on the agenda.	<b>For info.</b>
078/14	<b>Public Forum</b>	<p>It was noted that various areas of the village require tidying up. The Clerk to set up a site meeting with Julian Humm, Alan Manzie and Gilbert Hobbs to address the overgrown allotments and overgrown ditch areas along Copson Lane.</p> <p>The Clerk was also authorised to arrange strimming at the roadside pond, clearance of nettles on the northern green and around the pavilion entrances and grass cutting of the triangle at Warren Hill.</p>	<p><b>For info.</b> <b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Approved</b> <b>Clerk</b></p>
079/14	<b>Footpaths and Transport</b>	<p>MM raised the issue of the defective 'SLOW 30' sign on the B480 approaching Chiselhampton. The Clerk to contact Highways.</p> <p>SPC to respond to the phase 1 transport consultation 'Connecting Oxfordshire (LPT4)' by the deadline date of 1/8/14. The consultation feeds into the ongoing preparation of Local Transport Plan (LTP4) which will be presented for full consultation in the spring of 2015.</p> <p>SPC will request that OCC manage HGV lorry routes in the broad area from Wheatley to Henley more pro-actively through use of more weight limits, better signage and enforcement to limit traffic volumes as vehicles access the M40. LE to finalise the wording.</p>	<p><b>MM</b> <b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>LE</b></p>

080/14	<b>Crazy Bear update</b>	<p>It was reported that the Crazy Bear were served a breach of building irregularities notice by SODC in early July. This follows the Noise Abatement notice (Section 80 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990) served by SODC earlier in 2014. The Crazy Bear have a period of time to respond so there was no further progress to report.</p> <p>It was reported that the Crazy Bear submitted a planning application as follows:-</p> <p>P14/S1429/FUL (Full) - Crazy Bear Farm, Stadhampton, OX44 7XJ. <i>Use of the site as an outdoor activity and rural pursuits centre with related educational activities, including the provision of a welcome and education centre; petting farm, course fishing ponds; a children's play and picnic area; multi-purpose animal shelters; toilet block; extension to farm shop to create tea room; conversion of building to gun and outdoor clothing shop; provision of temporary parking area and access thereto and associated landscaping.</i></p> <p>SPC replied by the deadline 14/8/14 and recommended REFUSAL. The full transcript giving material reasons for refusal is in the public domain and can be accessed through the SODC planning website. There were many other responses from local residents that can also be viewed. The Crazy Bear then WITHDREW their application on 28/8/14 prior to determination.</p> <p>It was reported that the Crazy Bear are to hold an Open shoot day on 20/9/14 where their new quieter guns will be used.</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>
081/14	<b>OCC Report (County Council)</b>	<p>Cllr. Lorraine Lindsay-Gale forwarded the following report:-</p> <p><u>Thriving Families Scheme</u> - national funding will allow OCC to begin working with more than 400 new families by the end of March 2015 and the Oxfordshire results will inform and influence the national scheme roll-out beginning April 2015.</p> <p><u>Road Projects</u> - notification that OCC are undertaking a number of major road projects. The 2 most likely to affect Stadhampton are:-          Kennington / Hinksey Hill Roundabout - a £6m project to increase capacity by 30% in the evening peak period. Milton Interchange - major roadworks to improve A34 traffic flows.</p> <p><u>Exam Results</u> - 'A' level results throughout the county are similar to 2013 with 93% achieving at A*-E in at least two or more subjects and 43% achieving two or more 'A' levels at A*-B.</p> <p><u>Tour of Britain</u> - South Oxon. is hosting the cycling tour on 12/9/14.</p> <p><u>Trading Standards</u> - OCC Trading Standards have prosecuted a trader who attempted to charge a 72 year old Carterton resident £13,600 for work that was not required.</p>	<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>
082/14	<b>Report from South Oxford District Council (SODC)</b>	<p>Cllr. Phil Cross forwarded the following report:-</p> <p><u>Registering to vote</u> - registration for the 2015 elections will need to be completed individually and can be completed online.</p> <p><u>Flood Repair &amp; Renewal Grants</u> - grants of up to £5,000 are available for houses or business flooded internally between Dec. 2013 and March 2014. Visit <a href="http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/flooding">www.southoxon.gov.uk/flooding</a></p> <p><u>Scam calls</u> - notification of incidences of people posing as planning or building control officers to gain access to properties under the pretence they're looking into enforcement issues. Planning enforcement officers will always have photo ID and are always happy to explain the reason for their visit. Please report any suspicious behaviour to the Police on 101 or call 999.</p>	<p><b>PC</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p>

083/14	<b>Fireworks 2014</b>	<p>Sue White (SW), on behalf of the Fireworks committee, requested permission to hold the annual Fireworks event on the Green on Wednesday November 5th, 2014. Agreed unanimously.</p> <p>The decision as to whether or not a bonfire should be constructed has not been finalised. The 2013 event attracted major fly-tipping on what is an unfenced and highly accessible village green. SW stated that the Fireworks committee will meet shortly and will contact SPC via Cllr. PS (our representative on the committee).</p>	<p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>Approved</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p>
084/14	<b>Village Hall at St. Johns</b>	<p><u>Standby Funds</u> - Ann Stead reported that bookings at the new Village Hall have been encouraging and that the £5,000 funds put aside by SPC (minute ref. 078/13) to cover a possible first year operating shortfall are no longer required.</p> <p><u>Youth Club</u> - fundraising is taking place to provide a storage shed to store equipment for a new youth club.</p> <p><u>Car parking</u> - the Clerk and Ann Stead will progress the approved parking project by meeting on site with Alan Butler of County Construction Ltd. The green will be protected with a five metre strip of plastic meshing through which grass can grow. The cost of the project (£14,236.97 + VAT) was agreed unanimously at the meeting held on 1/7/14 (minute ref. 063/14).</p>	<p><b>AS</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>Clerk/AS</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p>
085/14	<b>Parish Plan</b>	<p>LE reported that the questionnaire is still being reviewed by SODC and OCC but is expected to be ready for circulation shortly.</p> <p>SPC has applied to ORCC for a grant of £1,040 to assist with ongoing Parish Plan costs.</p>	<p><b>LE</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>LE/Clerk</b></p>
086/14	<b>Village Green &amp; Playground</b>	<p>The grass cutting has been better in July and August.</p> <p>The play area inspection reports have been completed and noted.</p> <p>The Clerk to arrange that the broken manhole cover on the Northern side of the green be replaced.</p>	<p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p>
087/14	<b>Planning Matters</b>	<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. SODC <b>GRANTED</b> planning permission on 16/7/14.</p> <p>P14/S1548/LDP (Certificate of Lawful Development) Elmbank, Thame Road, Stadhampton, OX44 7TX. Single storey extension at the rear - FOR INFORMATION ONLY. SODC <b>GRANTED</b> a Certificate of Lawful Development on 14/7/14.</p> <p>P14/S1573/HH - Ascott Paddocks, Ascott, OX44 7UH. Erection of a single storey side extension. SPC recommended APPROVAL. SODC <b>GRANTED</b> planning permission on 6/8/14.</p> <p>P14/S2501/PAR (Permitted Development Rights, Amended) Camoys Farm, Chiselhampton, OX44 7UZ. Conversion of agricultural building to dwelling. Note that this application was forwarded to SPC <u>for information only</u> but that SPC responded to SODC Planning on 24/8/14 pointing out that we felt that the proposal should have been judged as a full planning application given that there will be transport and highways consequences and that the proposal erodes the rural / agricultural nature of the parish.</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>

		No decision from SODC at 2/9/14.	
088/14	<b>Financial Update</b>	<p>A list of cheques approved and authorised for payment at the 2/9/14 meeting is appended.</p> <p>At 1/9/14 the SPC current account stood at £44,655.09 but that £18,000+ has already been committed for the Parish Plan (£700), for play area improvements (£3,000) and for the Village Hall car parking project (£14,236.97 + VAT).</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p>
089/14	<b>Consultations</b>	<p><u>Draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for Oxfordshire</u> Response deadline - 19 September 2014 floodmanagement@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p><u>Waste Strategy update</u> - It was noted that PAGE will be responding to the OCC consultation on the 'Draft Revised Oxfordshire Statement of Community Involvement' by the deadline of 13/10/14. This initial consultation precedes a Revised Waste Strategy policy later in 2015.</p>	<p><b>For info.</b></p> <p><b>For info.</b></p>
090/14	<b>Correspondence</b>	<p><u>Thames Valley Police</u> - notification that Thames Valley Police received 10 calls from the Stadhampton area for the period 1/8/14 to 28/8/14. There were 9 miscellaneous non urgent calls and 1 regarding Anti Social Behaviour. No crimes were reported. The next 'Have Your Say Meeting' will be with PCSO Diane Greenwood outside the Garage on Wednesday 1/10/14, 7 to 8pm.</p> <p><u>Giffords Circus</u> - the dates for 2015 will be 15/6/15 to 24/6/15 with the opening show on Thursday 18/6/15. The use of the green once again by Giffords Circus was approved.</p> <p><u>SODC Town &amp; Parish Forum</u> - notification that the annual forum is being held on Wednesday 12th November, 2014 at the Crowmarsh Gifford offices.</p> <p><u>Community Resilience</u> - notification of a Flood Protection Event being held on 31/10/14 at the Oxford Town Hall.</p> <p><u>Better Broadband</u> - notification that British Telecom (in conjunction with OCC) are carrying out further surveys through to October 2015 as the £25m rollout programme to extend superfast fibre optic broadband in the county continues.</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>
091/14	<b>Any Other Business</b>	<p><u>Anvils</u> - even though SPC has offered to re-instate the footpath removed by the builders at no cost to the Holt's, no progress has been made and the house is now up for sale. SPC has informed the estate agents that the land is not registered to the Anvils.</p> <p><u>Mill Lane</u> - it was reported that the alley is, once again, heavily overgrown which is making access difficult. It is believed that the footpath is the responsibility of the County Council. The Clerk to establish ownership and to contact OCC if it does belong to them. In the case of ownership belonging to the PC, a £250 budget was approved unanimously.</p>	<p><b>For Info.</b></p> <p><b>For Info.</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Approved</b></p>
092/14	<b>Remaining 2014/15 Meetings</b>	<p>Tuesday November 4th, 2014 Tuesday January 6th, 2015 Tuesday March 3rd, 2015 Tuesday April 7th, 2015 Tuesday May 5th, 2015 (<i>AGM &amp; Annual Parish meeting</i>)</p> <p>All meetings to be held at 7.30pm in the Stadhampton Community Hall (Primary School).</p>	<b>For info.</b>

