

STADHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on **Monday 29th May 2012**

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

Attendees	Michael May (MM) (Chair), Liz Eales (LE) (Vice-Chair), Golda Nann (GN), Sarah Street (SS), Cllr Marc Hiles (SODC), Paul Isaacs (Clerk) and 13 members of the public.
Apologies	Chris Ratcliff (Thames Valley Police), Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (OCC), Cllr Phil Cross (SODC).

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
081/12	Welcome	The Chair, Mick May, opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.	For info.
082/12	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of interest were received.	For info.
083/12	Minutes of Meeting, 1/5/12	The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting & AGM held on 1/5/12 were confirmed, approved and signed by the Chair. The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 1/5/12 were confirmed, approved and signed by the Chair.	For info. For info.
084/12	Matters Arising	There are still two vacancies on the Parish Council. Notices will be posted in the notice boards, on the Statham website and in the Parish newsletter.	For info. Clerk
085/12	Local Police Report	PC Paul Gregory (TVP) reported that there have been two metal thefts from houses in School Lane and Warren Hill. An 11 year old boy recently suffered a serious foot injury in a school bus incident. An e.mail from Brian Goddard (BG) was read out regarding this incident requesting that SPC discuss the possibility of relocating the bus-stop at the junction of School Lane and the main A329 Thame Road. Various possible bus stop alternative locations were suggested. PC Gregory felt that the accident was probably a one-off incident and stressed that it was important to wait for the conclusions of the Roads Policing unit investigation. It was agreed that the Parish Council will consider further possible action at that stage. A further e.mail was discussed regarding reports of speeding and erratic driving along the Newington Road. PC Gregory is aware of the complaints and monitoring has already taken place. The next 'Have your Say' meeting will be on Sat. July 21st at the Village Green (Church entrance). 10 to 11am, with PCSO Matthew Taylor.	For info. For info. For info.
086/12	Public Forum	Whilst PC Gregory was still present, the ongoing issue of noise from the Crazy Bear Clay target shoots every fortnight was raised. SODC has stated that they are operating within licensing and planning legislation but surely the noise and 'shooting over public footpaths' are areas where the local police should get involved. Both PC Gregory and Cllr MH (SODC) will take up this issue which is causing concern in the village. Cllr MH stressed the importance of recording all shoots both in terms of dates and duration. It was also suggested that the Ramblers Association legal department might be a good source for advice regarding shoots in close proximity of public footpaths.	For info. TVP Cllr MH

087/12	Report from Oxfordshire County Council	County Councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale had forwarded her apologies for absence so there was no OCC report for this meeting. However it was reported that the County Council is to continue its Big Society Fund for another two years with a total of £1million available to March 2014.	For info.
088/12	Report from South Oxon. District Council (SODC)	SODC Councillor Marc Hiles reported that it has been a quiet period. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SODC has a new Chair and Vice-Chair. • There is a new loan scheme for local organisations and charities for projects that can benefit communities. 	For info.
089/12	Allotments	Following concerns raised at the May AGM that the proposed increases in allotment rents for 2012/13 were too steep (especially given that there is no water supply) it was decided that allotment rents for the period 1/4/12 to 31/3/13 will stay at the 2011/12 levels. Proposed by SS, seconded by LE.	For info. Decision
090/12	Anvils	<p>The railing fence at Anvils has been moved by the owners, Mr. & Mrs. Heather towards the main Thame Road to accommodate a car parking space. The owners have also submitted an application to the Land Registry regarding ownership of this piece of land. As many parishioners are adamant that the land belongs to the Parish SPC has contested this application.</p> <p>After further healthy discussion, Cllr MM expressed that it would be in the best interests of all parties to resolve the issue amicably and to try to reach a negotiated agreement.</p> <p>Elements contained within such an agreement :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o For SPC to register the piece of land closest to the road to facilitate the creation of a permanent footpath 1.4m wide and for the owners of Anvils simultaneously to register the remains of the land up to the front door of the house; in entering into this agreement the owners of the Anvils to agree that the latter space will be used as a garden as per planning permission and not as a car parking space; o For the owners of Anvils to then remove the car parking space and railings replacing the area with a garden area; o For SPC to request that the County Council to instate a proper pavement 1.4m wide to provide greater safety for pedestrians (especially for children, the elderly and families with buggies). <p>It was unanimously resolved to proceed towards a negotiated settlement along the lines proposed above. Proposed by LE, seconded by GN.</p>	For info. MM Decision
091/12	Easements update	No progress updates regarding the Forge Garage development or Church Farm Barns (Copson Lane) beyond information reported at the 1/5/12 meeting.	For info.
092/12	Community Building Project	Cllr LE reported the excellent news that the CBP committee has been successful with its £50,000 bid to the Big Society fund.	For info.
093/12	Village Green and Playground	<u>Inspection Reports</u> : Completed and noted. The two new dog bins and six 'No Fouling' require putting up.	For info.
094/12	Community Led Planning	Cllr LE reported that the Parish Plan committee would ideally prefer to become a sub-committee of the PC thereby saving VAT on purchases and invoices. There are pros and cons to this and the Clerk will clarify the possibility of this with the internal auditor.	LE Clerk For info.

		The two new community marquees purchased for the Diamond Jubilee will be useful for future Community Led Planning events.	
095/12	Footpaths and Transport	<p>The main issue was the recent unfortunate incident at the bus stop (see item 085/12). Cllr. GN will speak to the schools concerned about their collection and dropping off procedures.</p> <p>It was reported that £140,000 of Big Society funding has been set aside specifically to support community transport projects between April 2012 and March 2014. In the first year to 31/3/13 the focus of the fund is on community transport projects that support service delivery for older people - for example to enhance their health and well being or to support existing schemes that wish to develop new services. For further information contact bigsocietyfund@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
096/12	Car Boot Sales	<p>Mr. Webb from Watlington has made a proposal of a £250 payment to the PC per boot sale in advance. Boot sales to be held on Bank Holiday Mondays with assurances that all litter will be cleared and that the village green will be repaired if there is any damage from cars.</p> <p>It was unanimously resolved that permission be granted to hold a trial car boot sale on the August 2012 Bank Holiday on this basis. Decisions regarding further Boot Sales will be made after the trial event.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>Decision</p>
097/12	Planning Matters	<p>P11/W0566 - Oxfordshire Animal Sanctuary, Village Green, OX44 7UB. Installation of an onsite Incinerator. SODC target date for a decision was 4/7/11. Awaiting a decision from SODC.</p> <p>P12/S0269 - Orsinval, Newington Road, Stadhampton, OX44 7US. Loft conversion and associated works. SPC responded by 14/5/12 and recommended to APPROVE. SODC granted planning permission on 28/5/12.</p> <p>P12/S0409 - Wholesale Plants, Ascott, Stadhampton, OX44 7UH. Erection of tractor shed / workshop. SPC responded by 17/5/12 and recommended to APPROVE. Awaiting a decision from SODC.</p> <p>P12/S0716/HH - Ascott Paddocks, Ascott, OX44 7UH. Demolish the existing ground floor kitchen and replace with a 2 storey extension to provide a larger kitchen at ground floor level and a 3rd bedroom at first floor level. A new porch is also proposed on the east elevation. SPC decided to recommend 'No Strong Views'.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For Info.</p> <p>Decision</p>
098/12	Financial Update	<p>A list of cheques approved and authorised for payment at the 29/5/12 meeting is appended. At 29/5/12 the SPC current account stood at £6,311.74 and the savings account stood at £20,000.</p> <p>The signatories for the SPC bank accounts will be MM, GN and LE.</p> <p>Awaiting the return of the internal audit ready for submission to national audit on 18/6/12.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>Decision</p>
099/12	Correspondence	<p>Thanks received from the Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust for our help in assisting them with their recruitment of volunteers (posters in the community notice boards and websites).</p> <p>Notification from SODC Legal & Democratic Services that SPC is required to adopt an updated Councillors Code of Conduct, effective from 1/7/12. The Clerk will circulate the proposals for comment.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
100/12	Any Other Business	It was reported that preparations for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations on 3/6/12 are in full swing. Hopefully the weather will be kind.	For Info.

101/12	Forthcoming 2012 Meetings	Tuesdays July 3rd, September 4th, October 2nd and November 6th. All at 7.30pm in the Stadhampton Community Hall (Primary School).	For info.
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