

STADHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Annual General Meeting held on Monday 9th May, 2011

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

Attendees	Daf Phillips (Chair) (DP), Golda Nann (Vice-Chair) (GN), Michael May (MM), Sarah Street (SS), Liz Eales (LE), Paul Isaacs (Clerk) (PI), Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (OCC) (LLG) and 13 members of the public.
Apologies	Cllr Phil Cross (PhC)

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
037/11	Welcome	The Chair, DP, welcomed the attended audience and introduced the AGM. DP congratulated the five councillors for being elected in the Parish Elections held on May 5th, 2011. They are Councillors Daf Phillips, Golda Nann, Mick May, Sarah Street and Liz Eales. LE was welcomed as a new councillor.	DP For info.
038/11	Acceptance of Office	Declarations of 'Acceptance of Office' were then signed and completed. The Clerk circulated 'Register of Interests' forms for each councillor. The clerk to return these to SODC Electoral Services by July 3rd.	For info. Clerk
039/11	Councillor Vacancy	DP pointed out that there remains one further vacancy for an additional local councillor which the Parish Council would like to fill as soon as possible. The clerk to post details in the Parish Newsletter and in the Community notice boards.	For info. Clerk
040/11	Election of Officers	The Clerk took over for the election of officers. Election of Chair: Daf Phillips re-elected unanimously. Proposed by GN, seconded by LE. DP then took back the Chair for the remainder of the AGM. Election of Vice-Chair: Golda Nann re-elected unanimously. Proposed by MM, seconded by SS.	Clerk For info. DP GN
041/11	Report by the Chair	DP gave a comprehensive overview of Parish Council affairs for 2010/11 and was pleased to be able to announce that SPC has conducted its affairs with an increased level of professionalism. SPC is now processing planning applications far more effectively, is responding quickly to local issues, is introducing up to date allotment tenancy agreements and is financially secure.	DP For info.
042/11	Financial Report	The Clerk presented the 2010/11 accounts to the meeting (appended). SPC carried forward cash reserves of £44,764.20 @ 1/4/11. The summary accounts were approved. Proposed by MM, seconded by GN. The budget setting meeting for 2012/13 will be held in December 2011 so that an early decision can be made regarding the 2012/13 precept. .	For info. Approved

043/11	Other Reports	<p><u>Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)</u></p> <p>Cllr. LLG reported on the budget cuts with OCC facing central government funding reductions amounting to approx. £109 million over the coming four years. This will inevitably mean changing both the provision and delivery of local services. This scale of cuts cannot be achieved simply by efficiencies so OCC will be faced with some very difficult and, in some cases, unpopular decisions.</p> <p>However, LLG reported that there is a 0% council tax increase for 2011/12 which, given the current economic position, will be welcomed by all local council tax payers.</p> <p>LLG also reported on the following issues :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Change of Approach on funding for Libraries 2. Additional funds for highway maintenance 3. Speed Cameras 4. The Big Society 5. The Minerals & Waste Development Framework 6. Berinsfield Library 7. Berinsfield Day Centre and 8. Culham Primary School <p><u>The Community Buildings Project Committee</u></p> <p>Ann Stead (AS) reported on the proposal to reorder St. John the Baptist Church for wider community use. The refined figures for the modifications are now estimated to be £325,000 including the building and equipment costs. AS stated that the CBP committee is grateful to the Parish Council for the transfer of the Village Hall Investment funds and interest in support of other fund raising efforts. In April 2011 the Business Plan was completed as well as a successful planning application to SODC for the toilet block. A major funding bid for £100,000 has also been submitted to SODC and a decision is due on 21st June.</p> <p><u>Copson Lane</u></p> <p>DP reported that 'without prejudice' meetings have been held with Vector Design Consultancy at Church Farm Barns, Copson Lane who are requesting an easement that will give them rights of vehicular access. Our solicitors, Darbys, are corresponding with Manches solicitors in an effort to bring this long standing issue to a satisfactory conclusion for both parties.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
044/11	Forthcoming 2011 Meetings	<p>Monday 4th July, 2011</p> <p>Monday 5th September, 2011</p> <p>Monday 7th November, 2011</p> <p>All meetings to be held at 7.30pm in the Stadhampton Community Hall (Primary School)</p>	For info.
045/11	Close of Meeting	<p>The Chair closed the 2011 AGM at 8.05pm. The meeting then moved on with normal committee meeting business.</p>	For info.