

STADHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on **Monday 21st March, 2011**

Clerk: Paul Isaacs, 11 Thame Road, Great Milton, Oxon., OX44 7HY
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Attendees	Daf Phillips (Chair) (DP), Golda Nann (GN), Michael May (MM), Sarah Street (SS), Paul Isaacs (Clerk) (PI) Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (LLG), Cllr Phil Cross (PhC) and 10 members of the public.
Apologies	None

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
021/11	Public Forum	<p><u>Parish Elections</u> It was reported that the Clerk posted notices in the community noticeboards and in the March Parish Newsletter reminding local residents that there are local Parish Elections on May 5th this year and that we have a need for new local parish councillors. Nomination forms were available for all existing councillors and residents attending the meeting. The nomination forms need to be returned to SODC electoral services by 4/4/11. The Clerk will deliver these forms by hand.</p> <p><u>Car Boot Sales</u> No-one has yet come forward to organise the Car Boot sales. A notice to be placed in the Parish Newsletter.</p> <p><u>Community Building Project (CBP)</u> Ann Stead gave a summary of the current stage of the project and indicated the need for further funding in the short term to maintain the momentum of the Project. It was resolved by unanimous agreement that the Parish Council would proceed to close the Investment Account No.431490001T with CCLA (of which it acts as Trustee) forthwith and that the proceeds would be transferred directly into the account of the Community Building Project. It was also resolved that the remaining accumulated dividend income from this account would be paid into the Community Building Project account as soon as the said income ceased and that this account would then be closed.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>For Info.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>Decision</p>
022/11	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of Interest.	For info.
023/11	Minutes of meeting on 7/2/11	The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7/2/11 were confirmed and approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.	For info.
024/11	Matters Arising (but not elsewhere on the agenda)	<p><u>Royal Wedding Event</u> Permission was granted for a Village Royal Wedding celebration event to be held on Apr. 29th, 2011 using the village greens. The proposal from Mike Horn and Sue White is to hold a hog and lamb roast in the afternoon followed by fireworks (but no bonfire) in the evening.</p>	<p>Decision</p> <p>For info.</p>

024/11 cont.	Matters Arising cont.	<p><u>Crazy Bear Hotel (CBH)</u> The Planning Inquiry decisions have been released. The CBH have been refused use of their temporary marquee but have been granted permission for a more permanent structure. Councillor PC attended most of this inquiry.</p> <p><u>Clay Pigeon shooting</u> MM raised the issue of clay pigeon shoots at the Crazy Bear. MM will contact SODC planning enforcement to see how often they are allowed to hold these shoots and whether or not they should be allowed to be shooting over the route of a footpath / bridleway. Clerk will provide MM with the contacts for SODC planning enforcement.</p> <p><u>Historical Trail Opening Ceremony</u> It was reported that DP and GN represented SPC at this event on 21/3/11 and that the Farm Shop were excellent hosts.</p> <p><u>Dog Fouling</u> MM mentioned that 'Community Payback' might be prepared to provide people to keep the village green clear of dog mess. Awaiting installation of an additional dog waste bin along Newells Close.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>MM</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>DP/GN</p> <p>MM</p>
025/11	Report from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)	<p><u>Minerals & Waste Strategy</u> Councillor Lorraine Lorraine Lindsay-Gale reported that the County's decision taken on 16/2/11 concerning this strategy was called in for re-examination on 9/3/11 but that the decision was made not to make changes to the agreed policy. The plan now goes forward for further consultation.</p> <p><u>Highways Maintenance</u> The Government has announced an additional £100m for highways maintenance and the County is likely to receive around £1.1m of this.</p> <p><u>Boundaries Review</u> The County is in the process of developing preferred option proposals for changes to Divisional boundaries as a result of having decided to reduce the number of County Councillors by nine (three from South Oxfordshire). The proposals will be submitted to the Boundary Commission by the end of March 2011. The Boundary Commission may not take any notice of any submitted proposals and their own option will go out to public consultation later this year.</p> <p><u>The Big Society Fund</u> On 16/2/11 the County officially launched its £600,000 Big Society Fund aimed at allowing local people to bid for start-up funding to take over responsibility for providing local community services. For further queries contact big society fund@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>

026/11	Report from South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC)	<p><u>Council Tax freeze</u> Cllr Phil Cross (PhC) reported that SODC has not increased their proportion of Council Tax for 2011/12 and that SODC will continue to look for cost saving efficiencies such as sharing strategic directors with the Vale of White Horse.</p> <p><u>Crazy Bear Hotel</u> PC attended most of this inquiry (see 024/11).</p> <p><u>Planning Issues</u> A discussion took place regarding the Long Ground proposed planning application (see 027/11). PC gave assurances that he will be happy to support SPC with its planning decisions and to call-in applications if necessary. However, it was re-iterated that everyone is bound by the planning criteria and that 'refusal' can only be recommended on material grounds..</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
027/11	Long Ground	<p>Whilst Cllr. PC was still present, it was decided to discuss developments regarding Long Ground including a recently submitted planning application P11/W0309 - "<i>application to erect an agricultural building and to relocate the access to the B4015 and the track from this into site</i>".</p> <p>It was reported that :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new hedge has been planted across the old access to the B4015 • The hedgerow which had been removed illegally has now been replanted • There were sufficient concerns regarding the current planning application (to erect an agricultural building on the site) for SPC to recommend refusal. This was a unanimous decision. <p>Clerk to draft the wording to recommend refusal to circulate to Parish Councillors and to Cllr. Cross in advance of the deadline submission date of 31/3/11.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>Clerk</p>
028/11	Village Green & Playground	<p><u>Playground</u> The latest inspection reports were submitted and recorded by George Bowden.</p> <p><u>Grass Cutting</u> The Clerk has managed to arrange that the six 2011 cuts be at the same price as for 2010. Five of the six cuts have been scheduled for the 3rd weeks of April, May, June, July and August.</p> <p><u>The Limes</u> GN expressed concern that the 'bits and pieces' in the Limes require clearance to avoid anti-social usage. GN will contact PCSO Chris Ratcliff.</p> <p><u>Goalposts</u> DP has a spare chain and lock so that the posts can be chained together to prevent unauthorised use.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>GN</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>DP</p> <p>For info.</p>
029/11	Joint Users Agreement	Clerk to contact the County Council solicitors department requesting a change in the Joint Users agreement to put in place a 50/50 split (from the current 15/85 split).	Clerk

030/11	Allotments Review	<p>It was reported that the Chair and Clerk had met with the Allotments Officer, Julian Humm.</p> <p>New allotment tenancy agreements (in line with the national guidelines) will be issued in May to be signed by all allotment holders for the forthcoming year (2011/12).</p> <p>There will be no rental increase until April 2012 but the new agreements will give security of tenure to allotment holders and will represent good practice on behalf of the Parish Council.</p>	<p>DP, Clerk</p> <p>For info. Clerk</p> <p>Decision</p>
031/11	Planning Matters	<p><u>Planning Applications :-</u></p> <p>P11/W0128 - Thatched Cottage, School Lane, OX44 7TR. <i>Application to erect a single storey extension to rear with internal alterations.</i> SPC decided to approve.</p> <p>P11/W0217/EX0 - Camoys Farm, Chiselhampton, OX44 7UZ. <i>Application to change use from grain store to storage. (Class B8) and business (Class B1(b) and (c)) use (Extension of time to implement permission P08/W0543).</i> SPC decided to approve.</p> <p>P11/W0309 - Field known as 'Long Ground', Clifton Hampden Rd, Chiselhampton. Application to erect an agricultural building and to relocate the access to the B4015 and the track from this into site. SPC to OBJECT to this application.</p> <p>P11/W0164 - St. John's Baptist Church, Copson Lane, Stadhampton, OX44 7TR. Application for the addition of wheelchair accessible toilet facilities as a single-storey extension. SPC decided to approve.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>Decision</p>
032/11	Treasurers Report	<p>The end of financial year (2010/11) accounts will be presented to Parish Councillors at the May meeting. They will then be presented for internal audit.</p> <p>The SPC budget setting meeting for 2012/13 needs to be held in November or December as next year's application for the Parish precept will need to be made early in January 2012.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
033/11	Copson Lane	<p>The condition of Copson Lane is getting increasingly worse following the bad mid-winter weather.</p> <p>DP suggested that we open further discussions with the management of Church Farms Barns to see whether we can progress the problem to everyone's satisfaction.</p> <p>DP to arrange a 'without prejudice' meeting with CFB and to inform Darby's (our solicitors) of our intentions.</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>DP</p> <p>Dp</p> <p>DP, GN, Clerk</p>

		DP, GN and the Clerk to attend and report back to the May meeting.	
034/11	Correspondence	<p><u>Consultation on Services for Children, Young People & Families (CYP&F)</u> Notification of a consultation on services to deliver good outcomes for all children and young people and, in particular, for the poorest and most vulnerable in society. Responses to be received by 4/4/11. http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/CYPFserviceredesign</p> <p><u>Consultation on a Household Waste Recycling</u> Notification of a consultation on the review of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Oxfordshire. Responses to be received by 4/4/11. www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/waste</p> <p><u>Survey on 'Meeting Everyone's Needs'</u> Notification of a survey by SODC and the Vale of White Horse (Shared Equalities) to promote good relations between different groups and to make sure that services are delivered fairly. Responses to be received by 8/4/11. www.southoxon.gov.uk/haveyoursay</p>	<p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p> <p>For info.</p>
035/11	Any Other Business	No any other business.	
035/11	Meeting Closure and dates of next meetings	<p>The meeting closed at 9.05pm</p> <p>Next meeting : Monday May 9th, 2011 - Annual Parish Meeting</p> <p>7.30pm in the Stadhampton Community Hall</p>	For info.