## **STADHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

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

Attendees	Cllr. Alaric Smith (Chair) (AS), Cllr. Sarah Madry (SM), Cllr. Colin Keyser (CK), Paul Isaacs (Clerk), Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (LLG) (OCC) and 24 members of the public. After item 118/15 - Cllr. Tony Brandon, Cllr. Mike Stevenson-Smith.
Apologies	Cllr. Ann Stead (AES), Cllr. Stephen Harrod (SH) (SODC), outgoing Cllr. May.

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
001/16	Welcome	The Chair, Alaric Smith, welcomed those in attendance.	For info.
002/16	Parish Council Vacancies	The Chair announced that Cllr. Michael May had tendered his resignation with immediate effect and that TWO councillor posts were vacant. For this reason both Mike Stevenson-Smith and Tony Brandon, who had put themselves forward for election, were duly elected unopposed onto the PC.  Mike Stevenson-Smith - proposed Cllr. SM, seconded by Cllr. CK. Anthony Brandon - proposed Cllr. AS, seconded by Cllr. SM. Both new councillors were welcomed by the Chair.	For info.  Approved Approved
		The Clerk to notify SODC Democratic Services and to arrange a 'welcome' meeting to be held at the end of the month (when AES returns from France) to bring the new councillors up to speed.	Clerk
		The Chair thanked Mick May for his unstinting service to the Parish Council and to the Stadhampton community over many years, a number of them as Chair. Mick conscientiously carried out his responsibilities with sound judgement and good humour and even worked diligently through a period of ill health. The Clerk to relay the heartfelt thanks of the PC to Mick and his family.	AS Clerk
003/16	Declarations of Interest	The Clerk reminded all present that Councillors have a duty to declare all personal interests prior to the discussion of a subject at PC meetings so as not to contravene good governance. Councillors declaring an interest are not able to contribute to the discussion of that subject and may be requested to vacate the room for that section at the discretion if the Chair.	Clerk / For info.
004/16	Minutes of last meeting	The minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 3/11/15 were considered. A minor amendment to section 103/15 was made - Newington Nurseries' was amended to 'Newington Nurseries Ltd'. The amended minutes for 3/11/15 were then confirmed, approved and signed by the Chair.	For info. Approved
005/16	Matters Arising	Newington Garden Centre - the Chair reported that SPC has received a letter from solicitors acting for Steven and Ann Hendry, relating to their allegation of defamation, and making an offer under Part 36 of the Civil Procedures Rules 1998 of settlement. The offer was on the basis that SPC pays a sum of £10,000 to Mr. and Mrs. Hendry plus their costs, which in our estimation will now amount to a sum higher than £10,000. Having discussed the matter, SPC has instructed its solicitors to reject this offer on the basis that the claim is, in the Council's view, without merit, and that such a sum would effectively wipe out the Council's reserves. In the Council's view, there is therefore nothing to be gained in agreeing to such a settlement.	AS For info.

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Report from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)

Cllr. Lorraine Lindsay Gale forwarded the following report:-

£70m worth of further cuts announced - Following the Autumn statement, OCC has received details of future grant funding from Central Government and the levels are even worse than feared. OCC had been preparing to make a further £50m worth of cuts from 2016 to 2020 (on top of the £292m made for the period 2010 to 2018). However, in the changes to the formula for funding local government councils, shire counties in the south of England have come off worst. It now looks as though the real figure will be cuts totalling £70m. The proposals for £50m worth of cuts was already controversial so an additional £20m worth of cuts will obviously affect all areas of OCC service provision and certain areas will suffer disproportionately. There are bound to be some very difficult and controversial decisions with only services that have statutory protection (eq. education) being exempt. OCC has to approve a balanced budget with no revenue borrowing by mid-February. Initial recommendations will be published on 18/1/16 for decision on 26/1/16 and final Full Council approval on 16/2/16.

Combined Authority - in December 2015 OCC Leader Ian Hudspeth, District leaders, LEP representatives and health colleagues attended a meeting with the Secretary of State to put forward the case for Oxfordshire devolution. The meeting was very positive. As yet Government has not said what it will ask for or offer. Any move towards a Combined Authority is very much dependent on this and will be preceded by a governance review. All aspects of the offer and governance have to be agreed by each individual council before a Combined Authority can be created.

<u>Flooding</u> - Oxfordshire's High Volume Pump has been deployed to flood-hit areas in the North to assist with operations. The pump is crewed by seven fire-fighters, all of whom volunteered to go and help - thus missing out on New Year celebrations with their own friends and family. OCC Leader Ian Hudspeth personally thanked them for their commitment.

New Libraries app - County libraries can now be accessed from smart phone or tablet. People can manage their accounts, search catalogues, renew and reserve books. Bar code scanning is available on devices with a front-facing auto-focus camera.

Applications Deadline for Primary School Places - parents or carers of children born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012 should visit the primary school admissions pages and apply online by the 15/1/16 deadline. Applications also need to be made for children currently attending an infant school who were born between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009.

County Youngsters improve in Core Subjects - According to the latest published figures, Oxfordshire's 11 year olds have surged ahead in reading, writing and maths tests. The proportion of pupils reaching Level 4+ in all three core subjects at Key Stage 2 increased to 81% in 2015 (up from 79% in 2014). Oxfordshire is now above the national average of 80%. The proportion of children making expected progress between 7 and 11 is also higher than the national average for reading and writing, and in line for maths.

The recent Oxfordshire Reading Campaign, backed by the Oxford Mail and delivered by the National Literacy Trust, has assisted targeted primary schools to make significant improvements in literacy attainment at Key Stages 1 and 2. Many schools intending to carry on using the programme.

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007/16	Report from South Oxford District Council (SODC)	Cllr. Stephen Harrod (SH) was not present but had e.mailed to say that he would circulate his SODC January report later in the week.	SH
		It was noted, however, that SODC has been recognised as being the second best location in England to live in.	For info.
008/16	Pavilion update	It was reported that the grant application to SODC has been duly submitted. Their decision is being awaited.	For info.
		A question regarding car parking was raised from the audience. Provision will need to be made to ensure that the cars of pavilion users are not parked on the verges of the Green.	For info.
009/16	Planning Matters	Amendment - P15/S3021/FUL - Manor Barn, The Green. Variation of condition 2 (drawing numbers) of planning permission P15/S0142/HH to amend the location of the proposed garage.  SODC granted permission for the original application on 15/5/15.  SPC recommended APPROVAL.  SODC GRANTED planning permission on 25/11/15.	For info.
		P15/S3392/DIS (INFORMATION ONLY) Summit Service Station Ltd. Discharge of conditions 4 and 5 on application ref. P13/S0061/FUL (granted permission by SODC on 11/3/13). Change of use of existing shop from A1 use to C3 to form two flats. No decision from SODC at 5/1/16.	For info.
		P15/S3304/FUL - Land at Crazy Bear Farm Newells Lane. Mixed use of the land for agriculture and recreation/sporting events, together with the provision of associated structures, the change of use of an existing agricultural building to form a welcome centre for the recreation / sporting events, new pathways and additional temporary parking. SPC recommended REFUSAL. The application was <b>WITHDRAWN</b> by the applicant on 3/12/15 prior to determination by SODC.	For info.
		P15/S3488/FUL - Acorn Nurseries, Milton Road, Stadhampton. Erection of general purpose barn for the purposes of storage of animal feed, straw and animal bedding storage, tractor and forklift store, harvest store. Removal of two poly tunnels. SPC responded 'NO STRONG VIEWS'. SODC <b>GRANTED</b> planning permission on 15/12/15.	For info.
		P15/S3602/DIS (INFORMATION ONLY) - Marylands Cottage, Section of B4015 Passing Marylands Farm, Chiselhampton. Discharge of condition 4a on application ref P12/S1462/HH. Demolish single storey extensions/ garage. New 2 storey extension. Planning permission <b>FULLY DISCHARGED</b> by SODC on 3/12/15.	For info.
		P15/S3706/PSH (Permitted Development Rights) Open Barn, Camoys Farm, Chiselhampton, OX44 7UZ. SODC <b>GRANTED</b> Change of Use (Class B8 to C3) on 23/12/15.	For info.
		P15/S3775/LB (Listed Building Consent) - Riverside Cottage, Unnamed B480 Single Carriageway (36210103), Chiselhampton. Remove Stud partitions in order to reconfigure existing bathroom. SPC recommended APPROVAL. SODC <b>GRANTED</b> Listed Building Consent on 4/1/16.	For info.
		P15/S3826/FUL - Farm Yard, Access Road off B480, Ascott. Redevelopment of redundant farm yard and buildings to create a family dwelling with detached garage and detached ancillary accommodation. SPC recommended APPROVAL subject to resolution of redirecting the public footpath. No decision at 5/1/16.	For info.

010/16	Village Green & Playground	Play area - SM reported that the area has been raked and is being regularly inspected.	SM For info.
		<u>Travellers</u> - SM will raise the potential issue of travellers arriving on the Green in the summer at the next Neighbourhood Action Group meeting being held in February.	SM For info.
		Following this, the Clerk will organise a meeting to be attended by Peter Gammond (OCC Travellers Liaison officer), Cllr. LLG, the local police and representatives from SPC.	Clerk
011/16	Footpaths and Transport	It was reported that the recent winds have caused debris from the Willow by the bus stop to be scattered over the pavement leaving it slippery and dangerous. SM to arrange for it to be swept.	For info.
		CK to attend the next 5 Parishes Bus meeting. The date has yet to be confirmed as Cllr. Turner is currently in New Zealand.	СК
012/16	Village Hall at St. John's	No report was forwarded.	For info.
013/16	Consultations	Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme - five public consultation events are to be held as an opportunity to view and comment on the various routing options that have been developed.	For info.
		Minerals and Waste Strategy - awaiting decisions that will be made at the public examination later in January to consider the latest OCC Minerals and Waste pre-submission plan.	For info.
		<u>Household Waste Recycling Centres</u> - it was noted that OCC have deferred a decision following overwhelming opposition to their proposals to reduce the number of recycling centres from 7 to 3 and to reduce opening hours.	For info.
014/16	Financial Update	No cheques were authorised for payment as two signatorees were not present. At 5/1/16 the SPC current account stood at £26,778.37.	For info.
		A recommendation regarding the 2016/17 precept will be made at a councillors meeting to be held later in January.	For info.
015/16	Correspondence	Thames Valley Police - during November & December 2015 TVP received 19 calls from the Stadhampton area - 4 x suspicious activity, 5 x traffic, 1 x property, 3 x welfare check, 1 x dumped dead horse, 5 x misc. There were 12 reported crimes - 4 x Bilkings (fuel theft), 1 x theft from motor vehicle, 7 x miscellaneous. The next HAVE YOUR SAY meeting is to be held on Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February, 2016, 2.30pm - 3.30pm on the Green at St. John's.	For info.
		<u>High Sheriff Awards</u> - notification that applications are invited by 15/1/16 for nominations to recognise people in Oxfordshire who have made outstanding contributions to the communities in which they live and work.	For info.
016/16	Open Forum	Roadside Pond - quotes to rectify the roadside pond now heavily infested with parrot feather weed will be considered once received as will a decision regarding the next step to be made.	For info.
017/16	Any Other Business	Cllr. AS announced that Mick May had received a much deserved OBE in the New Year's Honours list.	For info.
018/16	Next Meetings	Tuesdays March 1 <sup>st</sup> , May 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Annual Parish Meeting & AGM), July 5 <sup>th</sup> , September 6 <sup>th</sup> and November 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2016	For info.
		All meetings, 8pm at the St. John's Church Village Hall	