

STADHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 4th November, 2014

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

Attendees	Cllr. Michael May (MM) (Chair), Cllr. Elizabeth Eales (LE) (V-Chair), Cllr. Pete Smith (PS), Cllr. Melissa Parkes (MP), Cllr. Alaric Smith (AS), Cllr Phil Cross (PhC), Paul Isaacs (Clerk) and 7 members of the public.
Apologies	Cllr. Lesley Shaw (LS), Cllr. Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (OCC) (LLG), Cllr. Marc Hiles (SODC).

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
093/14	Welcome	The Chair, Michael May, welcomed those in attendance.	MM
094/14	Declarations	No declarations of interest were received.	For info.
095/14	Minutes of the last meeting	The minutes of the Parish meeting held on 2/9/14 were confirmed, approved and signed by the Chair.	Approved
096/14	Matters Arising	<p>The Clerk met with Julian Humm, Alan Manzie and Gilbert Hobbs to address the overgrown allotments and overgrown ditch areas along Copson Lane. Initial works have been carried out and further work will be carried out in the Spring.</p> <p>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 has been carried out.</p> <p>The Clerk contacted Highways re the defective 'SLOW 30' sign on the B480 approaching Chiselhampton but it remains out of order. Clerk to chase.</p> <p>Confirmation that the footpath / alley between Mill Lane and Thame Road is part of Stadhampton footpath 10 (on maps 359/10) and is the responsibility of Oxfordshire County Council. The Clerk contacted Mark Sumner and Jonathon Beale (OCC Countryside Services) on 7/10/14 to ask that the footpath be cleared so that residents can use it safely but, as yet, no clearance work has been carried out. Clerk to chase.</p> <p>The broken manhole cover on the Northern side of the green has been replaced.</p> <p>OCC has carried out essential tree works at Ascott Park to remove potentially dangerous trees and conduct remedial maintenance to the historic Lime Avenue. However, a lot of 'debris' remains to be cleared. Clerk to chase.</p> <p>LE reported that there is a water mains leak on the B4015 (at the culvert by Camoys Farm). Clerk to report to Thames Water.</p>	For info. For info. For info. Clerk For info. Clerk For info. For info. For info. For info. For info. For info. For info. Clerk For info. For info. For info. For info. For info. Clerk
097/14	Public Forum	No items were raised.	For info.
098/14	Report from South Oxford District Council (SODC)	Cllr. Phil Cross (SODC) commented on the sad passing of the Leader of the Council, Ann Ducker, in September. Ann was first elected to SODC in 1983 and was subsequently returned on a further seven occasions by the electorate of Goring. She became leader of the Conservative group in 1995 and Leader of the Council	PC For info.

		in 2003. In 2010 Ann was awarded an MBE for services to local government. She will be greatly missed.	
099/14	Crazy Bear update	Cllr. Phil Cross (SODC) reported that the court hearing held in early September 2014 regarding the breach of the Noise Abatement notice served on the Crazy Bear has been adjourned to March 2015. The adjournment was granted as a witness for the Crazy Bear was unable to attend the original hearing due to illness.	For info.
100/14	OCC Report (County Council)	<p>Cllr. Lorraine Lindsay-Gale was not present but tabled the following:</p> <p><u>Roadworks</u> - major projects around Oxford continue including extensive repairs to the London Road in Headington and work on the Kennington and Hinksey roundabouts. There are plans to improve Frideswide Square, the Cutteslowe and Wolvercote roundabouts and the Milton and Chilton interchanges on the A34.</p> <p><u>Oxford Transport Strategy</u> ("Connecting Oxfordshire") - OCC needs to create transport systems to sustain forecasts of 85,000 new jobs and 100,000 extra homes by 2031. Buses remain a central part of Oxford City's future transport, along with proposals for a 'mass transit system' such as a tram route linking outer suburbs to the city centre and increasing park and ride capacity. The final document will be published in Spring 2015 following further consultation.</p> <p><u>Books On Prescription</u> - this scheme was introduced into six County libraries in June 2013 (Oxford Central, Abingdon, Witney, Banbury, Didcot and Thame) and demand proved to be so high that the service has been expanded to a further six libraries (Bicester, Cowley, Wantage, Henley, Kidlington and Carterton).</p> <p><u>E.Books publishing opportunity</u> - authors are being offered the chance to publish their work electronically as part of a library service competition launched on 20/10/1. Winning books will be made available to OCC library e.book customers.</p> <p><u>Bus Services Review</u> - comments are invited by 15/11/14 on existing subsidised bus services in the Faringdon, Wantage and Didcot areas. Several other routes are also under review.</p> <p><u>Minerals & Waste Strategic Plan</u> - OCC have appointed new consultants to produce a Local Aggregates (Gravel Extraction) Assessment, a document required under new planning regulations. It should provide evidence and formula for calculating countywide gravel production levels. The possibility of gravel extraction to the south of the A415 makes the provision of better infrastructure more urgent since lorries would have to be routed via Burcot, Berinsfield and Wallingford to get down to Didcot. A bypass for Clifton Hampden and a new road linking the A415 to Didcot over a new river crossing have been suggested. OCC have confirmed that they will shortly conduct a county wide assessment of infrastructure needs to include Clifton Hampden's traffic congestion problems. The review will begin before Christmas and take 18 months.</p>	LLG For info. For info. For info. For info. For info. For info. For info. For info.
101/14	Fireworks Event	A lot of work has gone into preparing for this year's event given the fly-tipping problems encountered in 2013. The large banners, blocking the Limes and roping off the whole green have prevented early fly-tipping. Notices have been printed warning non-village traders that the police will intervene if they trade without permission. The weather forecast is good so hopefully the event will be a great success. PS requested the need for more volunteers to help out on the evening itself, especially assisting with the bucket collections.	For info. PS
102/14		The play area inspection reports were completed and noted.	For info.

	Village Green & Playground	The Clerk to investigate whether or not the climbing net can be reinstated and to contact Agricycle to source replacement benches.	Clerk
103/14	Footpaths and Transport	<p>Cllr. LE reported that GoRide buses are currently experiencing management difficulties. They will operate into the New Year but possibly not beyond if they continue to lose money. Even if they continue the first and last T1 services on Saturday evening are likely to be dropped.</p> <p>OCC continue to state that bus services remain important to them within the ongoing 'Connecting Oxfordshire' Transport Strategy review but the reality is that Stadhampton bus services continue to be reduced due to the continuing budget cuts.</p>	LE For info.
104/14	Village Hall at St. Johns	<p><u>General</u> - Ann Stead reported that bookings were still healthy and that a number of seasonal events had been planned. David Fordham reported that the directional signage from the main road should installed within the three weeks or so.</p> <p><u>Car parking</u> - it was reported that the parking project has been successfully completed by County Construction Ltd and that the Golpa Green plastic meshing is bedding in. Due to unforeseen problems, the ground had to be levelled and backfilled to accommodate the line of grass pavers which resulted in an overspend of £2,261.69+VAT. £600 of this overspend will be paid directly by the Village Hall committee for the erection of signs leaving a shortfall of £1,661.69+VAT. The Clerk had told County Construction that approval had only been given for the original quote of £14,236.97+VAT.</p> <p>MM commented that, even though the completed works have been of a high quality, contractors too often 'add' to their original quotes. It was agreed that the invoice for the original quote be paid and to offer £750+VAT as final settlement towards the overspend.</p>	For info. For info. Clerk MM Decision
105/14	Parish Plan	<p>It was reported that SPC was successful in the application to ORCC for a grant of £1,040 to assist with ongoing Parish Plan costs. Thanks were given to Ken King and LE for their assistance.</p> <p>LE stated that the questionnaire is at the printers and will be ready for circulation by the end of November. All Stadhampton and Chiselhampton residents aged 8 or over will be given the opportunity to complete a questionnaire and that it should take approx. 30 minutes to complete. LE noted that an 80% response rate would be fantastic whereas a 40% response would be disappointing. Households will be given 2 or 3 weeks to complete the questionnaires with the incentive of a £200 prize for one lucky participant. The prize winner will be announced at the January 2015 SPC meeting.</p> <p>Permission was granted to display a large 'Community Plan' publicity banner on the Green (replacing the fireworks banner).</p>	For info. LE Granted
106/14	Financial Update	<p>A list of cheques approved and authorised for payment at the 4/11/14 meeting is appended. The balance c/f at 28/10/14 was £48,647.64 but, after payment for the Village Hall car parking project and the November cheques are been taken into account the SPC balance will be closer to £30,000.</p> <p>Conclusion of Audit - notification was received from BDO (the national auditors) on 27/9/14 that the 2013/14 accounts have been approved without issue.</p>	For info. For info. For info.

		The 2015/16 Budget Setting meeting for councillors will take place in December. A recommendation for the 2015/16 precept will then be taken to the January 2015 meeting for approval.	
107/14	Planning Matters	<p>P14/S2501/PAR (Permitted Development Rights, Amended) Camoys Farm, Chiselhampton, OX44 7UZ. Conversion of agricultural building to dwelling. This application was sent to SPC FOR INFORMATION ONLY. SPC responded on 24/8/14 as follows: <i>"SPC strongly feel that the proposal should be judged as a full planning application given that there will be transport and highways consequences. Furthermore there will be an erosion of the rural / agricultural nature of the parish which would set a horrifying precedent for anyone with a rickety shed to convert it to housing without let or hindrance or consulting the neighbours. We trust that you will take account of our serious concerns."</i> Despite this response SODC GRANTED the application on 2/10/14.</p> <p>P14/S2733/PAR (Permitted Development Rights) Church Farm, Copson Lane, Stadhampton, OX44 7TZ. Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building to a single residential unit. Application was sent FOR INFORMATION ONLY. Application WITHDRAWN on 22/10/14 prior to determination.</p> <p>P14/S3238/HH & P14/S2918/LB (Listed Building Consent) The Mount, Thame Road, Stadhampton, OX44 7TX. To carry out repairs and modifications to existing railings and gate. SPC to recommend APPROVAL.</p>	For info. For info. For info.
108/14	Consultations	<p><u>SODC Community Infrastructure Levy</u> - a consultation on the Preliminary Charging Schedule. CIL is a levy that local authorities can choose to charge on new developments with monies raised being used to fund a wide range of infrastructure and to support growth set out in the adopted Core Strategy. Deadline 31/11/14.</p> <p><u>OCC Mobile Library service consultation</u> - a review of the mobile library service to address the needs of people who find it difficult to get to library buildings. There proposal is that there will be no financial cuts (the seven mobile vehicles will remain in service) but to offer provision with fewer stopping places but with longer stops. Consultation deadline 31/12/14.</p> <p><u>Awaiting Feedback</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. OCC - Draft Community Involvement Statement. (Waste Strategy) - consultation closed on 13/10/14. 2. OCC - Draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. Consultation closed on 19/9/14. 	For info. For info. For info.
109/14	Correspondence and Any Other Business	<p><u>Thames Valley Police</u> - during October, TVP received 6 calls from the Stadhampton area but there were no reported crimes.</p> <p><u>Mowing around the war memorial</u> - Ed Tebby will take on this task as David Watts (93), who has carried out the mowing voluntarily has informed the PC that he is now a little too old to continue the responsibility. The Clerk to contact David thanking him for his efforts over many, many years.</p> <p><u>Summit Service Station</u> - It was reported that pedestrian passage past the garage construction site is extremely dangerous. The contractors are not allowing for safe passage and the problem becomes worse if cars are parked haphazardly outside the shop. Therefore pedestrians (including children going to and from the</p>	For info. For Info. Clerk For Info.

		<p>local Primary School) are being put in danger by vehicles using the busy B480. The Clerk to contact and inform SODC planning.</p> <p><u>SODC Town & Parish Forum</u> - Cllr. Eales will attend the annual forum being held on Wednesday 12th November, 2014 at the Crowmarsh Gifford offices.</p>	Clerk LE
110/14	Forthcoming Meetings	<p>Tuesday January 6th, 2015 Tuesday March 3rd, 2015 Tuesday May 5th, 2015 (<i>AGM & Annual Parish meeting</i>) Tuesday July 7th, 2015 Tuesday September 1st, 2015 Tuesday November 3rd, 2015</p> <p>All meetings to be held at 7.30pm in the Stadhampton Community Hall (Primary School).</p>	For info.

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Signed as a true and accurate record :-

Michael May (Chair)

Date : 6/1/14