

**Minutes of the meeting of South Stoke Parish Council
held on Tuesday 26th April 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in South Stoke Village Hall**

Present:- Cllr. Roy McMillan (RM) - Chairman
Cllr. Chris Bertrand (CB)
Cllr. Andrew Scrivener (AS)
Cllr. John Verrill (JV)
Cllr. Mick Walsh (MW)

Officer:- Sue Gill (SG).

Members of the public:- Mrs Joyce Hosker and Mr Robert Gray, residents of the lane leading to the Recreation Ground

District & County Councillor: none

373/16 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Bryan Urbick

374/16 **Declaration of interest**
Cllr McMillan declared an interest in the Glebe Field development
Cllr Bertrand declared an interest in the Amenities Committee

375/16 **Minutes of the meeting of 15 March 2016**
These were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

376/16 **Reports from OCC and SODC**
The Clerk had previously circulated Cllr Bulmer's monthly report to all Councillors and a copy can be found on the Parish Council's notice board.

377/16 **Traffic Calming Measures** in lane leading to Recreation Ground. Mrs Hosker and Mr Gray said they were in favour of calming measures across the road to slow the traffic down which would also help the wear and tear of the car park. The Councillors discussed various options previously circulated by Cllr Bertrand. Cllr Walsh had checked with the insurers that there were no requirements for street lighting, however the height of the speed ramps were also to be checked with the insurers. Cllr Bertrand would measure the width of the road at various points as it was variable.

The remedial work to the surface of the lane would be done in the near future and the traffic calming measures would be discussed further.

378/16

Planning Applications

P16/S0872/HH – 4 Cross Keys Road – Insertion of roof lights to the front and rear elevations

Resolution: The Parish Council Committee voted NO STRONG VIEWS

UNANIMOUS

P16/ S1019/FUL – Halfacre, Wallingford Road, South Stoke, RG8 0HY

Demolition of existing bungalow. Erection of two detached dwellings.

Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission P15/S0910/FUL to allow for amendments to plot 1 (Second Variation). The changes on the drawing are: - weatherboarding on the north, east and west elevations replaced with red facing brickwork to the approved sample; - an additional pedestrian door included on the north elevation providing access to the garage.

Resolution: The Parish Council Committee voted NO STRONG VIEWS

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379/16

Annual Village Meeting – The meeting held on Thursday 14 April 2016 had gone well and all Councillors felt that the written reports and supporting brief comments was a good format and well received.

South Stoke Slip Way – Councillor Bertrand had previously circulated details of a post that was proposed to be used adjacent to the slipway, three on the left hand side and one on the right hand side. These should protect the grassed areas which was maintained by the Amenities Charity. A maximum budget of £200 was agreed and the work would be done in the near future. It had been noted that the right hand corner of the slipway had collapsed.

Perch and Pike – Cllr McMillan updated the committee after speaking to the current landlord with the news that Messrs Brakspear's appear to have a current tenant who is interested in taking over the facility.

The Perch and Pike is registered as a South Stoke Parish Community Asset with SODC until 2018.

The Parish Council is keen for the pub to continue and would like to thank Alex & Kim Koniotes for their stewardship over the last three years.

380/16

Finance

1. To receive and approve the Receipts and Payments Report.

2. To approve cheques for payment

Resolved: to approve payments as follows:

Date	Cheque No	Payable to	Amount
26 April	1156	Goring Press (April Newsletter)	£165.75
26 April	1156	Goring Press (Village AGM)	£63.50
26 April	1158	Community First Oxfordshire Membership	£30.00
26 April	1163	HMRC (April)	£39.20
26 April	1164	S Gill (April)	£156.82
26 April	1159	South Stoke Community Shop Ltd	£47.20
26 April	1160	SS Village Hall & Recreation Ground Charity (utilities)	£58.00
26 April	1161	OALC (subscription)	£133.07
26 April	1162	Mr Roy McMillan	£44.41

3. To receive and approve the Bank Reconciliation.
The bank reconciliation was correct and approved by the Councillors present.
4. To receive and approve the accounts for 2015 – 2016. The Clerk circulated copies of the year end accounts which were approved by the Councillors present. The final paperwork would now be completed ready for delivery to the internal auditor during May.

381/16

Amenities Committee Report

- 1 The Amenities Charity had shown concern at their meeting over the length of time it was taking to transfer the utility accounts across to the name of South Stoke Parish Council. The Clerk assured the Committee that a great deal of time had been spent in facilitating the process.
- 2 The removal of debris behind the shop was on going and a bonfire due to take place.
- 3 The control of rabbits was underway as they were decimating the young trees and plant life.
- 4 Copies of the Income and Expenditure Account of the Amenities Charity were circulated.
- 5 The re-vamping of the existing Village Hall or its replacement by a new Hall was not in the Amenities Charity's brief – the prime purpose of the Charity being the maintenance of the existing Hall, assuming that the structure was still fit for purpose.



382/16

Correspondence

- 1 A letter had been received from Mr and Mrs Campbell, The Tudor Barn making a formal application for a long-term lease on a parcel of land behind the rear garden. The Clerk would respond.
- 2 Letter from Peter Clark's – Devolving powers to Towns and Parishes To be added to the agenda in May.

383/16

Action from Previous Meetings

The action list was reviewed and changes made - see revised listing. New comments in bold.

384/16

Date and time of the next meeting – being the AGM:

Tuesday 17 May 2016, at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.



		<p>designs and a subsequent possible retrofit now due in the summer.</p> <p>Better Road Safety Cllr Walsh No further developments to report yet. RMc had contact OCC Highways for guidance and had Spoken to various departments. Equipment to clock the Number of cars and the speed percentile and average Would be £100. Air pressure ropes across the road x 2 Would be £200. MW would follow up the speed camera Data, and RMc was following up the police data from the Speed camera along the top road on 9 January 2016.</p> <p>Cllr Walsh reported that speed monitoring equipment could possibly be loaned FOC and a survey done in-house.</p> <p>Bridge or Ferry between SS & Moulsoford Cllr Urbick No further developments to report yet</p> <p><i>Lower Priority:</i> as some villagers had expressed an interest</p> <p>Improve Wildlife and Environment Cllr Verrill JV following up Chiltern Preservation Society Birdwatch On line tailored survey Writing bespoke survey to be fed into national survey Swallow and Martin watch – usually arrive 21 April Survey over Easter Weekend Questionnaire available for May Bank Holiday 28/29/30 May. Consideration of a skip for 2-3 days</p>	<p>BU</p> <p>MW & RMc</p> <p>MW</p> <p>BU</p> <p>JV</p>	<p>May 2016</p> <p>Mar 2016</p> <p>May 2016</p> <p>Mar 2106</p> <p>May 2016</p>	<p>Open</p> <p>Closed</p> <p>Open</p> <p>Closed</p> <p>Open</p>
		<p>Safe Cycle Route to Little Stoke Cllr McMillan Meeting with one of the landowners scheduled for the Summer</p>	<p>RMc & BU</p>	<p>July 2016</p>	<p>Open</p>
211/15	SS School Playground	<p>To establish whether the Governors would register an interest in the use of part of the Park, as an alternative location for the play/sports equipment.</p> <p>See minute 306/15</p> <p>See minutes of 8 December 2015</p> <p>See minute 365/16</p>	<p>RMc</p> <p>BU</p>	<p>Apr 2015</p> <p>May 2016</p>	<p>Closed</p> <p>Open</p>
251/15	Parish verges	<p>A meeting had taken place on 23 November with Cllrs McMillan & Bertrand and an OCC officer. Further information will be forwarded - when received - from OCC Highways for consideration by the Parish Council.</p>	<p>CB & RMc</p>	<p>May 2016</p>	<p>Open</p>
329/15	Queen's Birthday Celebrations 12 June 2016	<p>A grant of £500 has been budgeted by the PC in the F year. Ideas being considered: Street Party, activities on the rec. Celebration on the Rec, beacon to be lit, Punch & Judy,</p>			



		Field games, best hat/crown parade. Blessing by the Vicar - 3pm	RMc, CB & BU	May 2016	Open
		The Clerk to request an application form and revert at the next meeting.	SG	May 2016	Open
333/15	Parish Tree Management	The number and location of trees on public land to be identified. RMc to map trees – on going	CB RMc	Feb 2015 May 2016	Open Open
355/16	Annual Parish Meeting	Key areas: Chairman's report, village hall, shop, development, school, flooding, railway, The Park Cllr McM would make contact with those people who would be involved in giving reports verbally at the meeting, and written reports for the handout. Councillors were asked to send their reports to the Clerk by 1 April.	All Cllrs	Apr 2016	Closed
377/16	Rec Lane Traffic Calming Measures	Further information required re height and insurers agreement. Measure width of the lane at various points	CB CB	May 2016 May 2016	Open Open
382/16	Mr and Mrs Campbell	Clerk to answer the letter formally received requesting the opportunity to lease a parcel of land adjoining their garden.	SG	May 2016	Open