

**Minutes of the meeting of the Meeting of South Stoke Parish Council  
held on Tuesday 18 April 2017 at 8.00p.m. in South Stoke Village Hall**

**Present:-** Cllr Roy McMillan (RM) - Chairman  
Cllr Andrew Scrivener (AS)  
Cllr Mick Walsh (MW)

**Officer:-** Sue Gill (SG)

**Village Hall and Shop Sub committee project leader:-** Mr Geoff Ward

**Members of the public:-** Geoff Ward, David Kennedy, Ian Haslam, S MacKay & PCSO Mark Bell

**District & County Councillor:** None

529/17 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Bryan Urbick, Cllr John Verrill, Cllr Chris Bertrand

530/17 **Declaration of interest**  
Cllr McMillan declared an interest in the Glebe Field and any potential development plan but with no pecuniary interest.

531/17 **Minutes of the meeting of 20 March 2017**  
These were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

532/17 **Report 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.

533/17 **Vandalism on the Recreation Ground on the evening of Friday 8 April** – PCSO Mark Bell reported on the investigations stating that the damage had been caused by local boys after a party in South Stoke which then met up with other groups causing damage along the way to Goring. CCTV from various households had been a help and the investigations were on going.

534/17 **South Stoke Community Shop and Village Hall Joint Facility** – A comprehensive report had been received by the Parish Council and the Chairman of the Committee, Geoff Ward briefly went through various points. The Parish Council urged the Committee to make a pre planning application and suggested such was shown to the Parish Council prior to submitting. It was suggested that a meeting between the full Parish Council and the Committee should take place in the near future.

535/17 **South Stoke Housing Development Plans** – Cllr McMillan advised the meeting that the second Parish wide Housing Consultation had finally been completed on the 15 April and a confidential copy of the preliminary results, which had been compiled by Ian Haslam was circulated to PC members. The Project Steering Group would now consider these results, and the associated suggestions from Parishioners, at their next SG meeting on Thursday 20 April and they would advise the Parish Council of any decisions/recommendations and/or

further actions at the May PC meeting. Details of the results and the Group’s conclusions and further actions would appear in the May newsletter.

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**Planning Applications**

P17/S1109/HH The Old Stables, Ferry Road, South Stoke RG8 0JP

Retrospective planning permission consequent upon deviations from approved plans Under the following references P15/S1847/HH and P16/S1184/HH

Resolution: The Parish Council Committee voted NO STRONG VIEWS but the Parish Council had significant concerns over the material breach over planning and reverted to SODC.

UNANIMOUS

Cllr McMillan recommended that via the newsletter comment is made that the Parish Council monitors planning applications to ensure that construction is compliant.

537/17

**Finance**

1 To receive and approve the Receipts and Payments Report. The Pack for 2017-2018 was not yet available but the Clerk gave a brief summary of payments and acknowledged the first payment of the precept had been received.

2. To approve cheques for payment  
**Resolved:** to approve payments as follows:

Cheque No	Payable to	Amount	VAT content
001240	OALC (Membership)	133.07	22.18
1241	SODC (Dog Bins)	10.47	2.09
1242	Ashburtons	515.00	103.00
1243	Goring Press (May newsletter)	£670.20	

3. To receive and approve the Bank Reconciliation.

4. To receive and approve the accounts for 2015 – 2016. The Clerk circulated copies of the yearend accounts which were approved by the Councillors present. The final paperwork would now be completed ready for delivery to the internal auditor during May.

538/17

**Annual Parish Meeting** held on 6 April 2017 in the Parish Hall.

There had been a low turnout for the meeting and those in attendance listened to the reports and were given a copy of the pamphlet which can be found on line or via the Clerk. It was agreed that the format of the meeting was good.

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**Traffic/Speed Survey** – The results of the survey had been analysed by Cllrs Urbick and Walsh and a report circulated prior to the meeting which clearly demonstrated regular speeding along the Wallingford Road, Ferry Lane and The Street. The Parish Council would now seek guidance from the Police and OCC Highways on what measures they would



recommend to reduce the incidence of speeding. Cllr Bulmer to be invited to attend the next meeting and funding would be sought, subject to their recommendations, for traffic calming measures.

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**Amenities Committee Report**

- The unaudited accounts were circulated.
- Lettings of the Village Hall had increased.
- The Amenities Charity had funds in reserve.

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**Action from Previous Meetings**

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

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**Correspondence**

- 1 Cllr McMillan had received correspondence from Mr Martin Bullock asking for the Parish Council's views on building 4-5 houses on some land owned by the family off the Woodcote Road. The Parish Council's response is that it would probably not comply with current planning policy and would extend the village boundary. Cllr McMillan would revert to Mr Bullock.
- 2 It had been recommended that the draft minutes are circulated to all Parish Councillors prior to being adopted as draft minutes so all councillors had an opportunity for input. Those present felt the current system worked well.

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**Date and time of the next meeting – the AGM: Monday 22 May 2017, at 8.00pm in Village Hall.**

Minute	Item	Action/Progress	Action By	Complete/ review date	Status
	Road Maintenance Issues	It was also mentioned that the site line turning right on to the A had reduced visibility. CB to Add to Fix my Street.	CB	April 2017	Closed
	The Website	Training to be given in updating the website	BU	July 2017	Open
	Parish Plan Refresh (PPR)	<p><b>Housing Development Project SSHDP Cllr McMillan</b></p> <p>Cllr McMillan advised that the latest meeting of the Steering Group (SG), the night before, concern from several local residents as to the size of the proposed development on the Glebe Field, and also the advice received from the Chiltern Conversation Board had caused the SG to consider different options for housing development on the field. A further meeting would be held with the Diocese to discuss possible options, and once that these had been clarified an all day Open Meeting would be arranged in the Village Hall, probably in late February, where Parishioners would be shown the background to these, the options and 'financial return' to the village, and then asked to register their preference.</p> <p>AS has resigned from the SG due to work and family commitments.</p> <p>The SG in agreement with the land-owner, had modified its proposals re a possible housing development on the Glebe Field. An open Parish consultative meeting would be held on 4 March giving the background and it would provide three options for housing development on the field, being the minimum option – 6 houses, the medium option – 16 houses, and the maximum option - 25 houses. Examples plans of each option would be displayed including “Optional extras” for each option. A green area in the middle would be shown. An idea of the financial benefit to the village infrastructure from the the adoption of each option would be indicated. There would be an exit poll.</p> <p>The meeting would be promoted via posters and the newsletter along with an invitation drop to each household, and following this there would be an email to all Parishioners on the parish email list. As a final action each household which had not submitted any response would receive a letter and a questionnaire, and members of the SG would then visit all such houses in an endeavour to collect further completed forms.</p> <p><b>See minute 535/17</b></p>	RMc	Jan 2017	Open
			RMc	June 2017	Open

		<p><b>Network Rail &amp; Electrification Infrastructure</b> <b>Cllr Urbick</b></p> <p>Strategy meeting due to take place on 29 September. Cllr Urbick reported that a meeting was to be held on 19 October 2016 challenging the discrimination act as Network Rail had not widened the pavement to the station.</p> <p>A meeting with NR officials is due to be held on 12 January pre the NR consultation meetings with parishioners from various villages between Pangbourne and Cholsey.</p> <p>The line between Didcot and Reading is now electrified.</p> <p>492/17 January - details covered by Ian Haslam</p>	BU	June 2017	Open
		<p><b>Better Road Safety</b> <b>Cllr Walsh</b></p> <p>Cllr Walsh reported that speed monitoring equipment could possibly be loaned FOC and a survey done in house.</p> <p>See minute 434/16 re speed limits</p> <p>Look at costs of various traffic calming and speed restriction Notices.</p> <p>Cllr Walsh reported that a seven day survey 24 hours a day at four points would cost £400 plus VAT. It was suggested the locations would be alongside each bus stop on the B4009, Ferry Lane and The Street. It was agreed to proceed.</p> <p>MW to follow up with Keith Stenning, and it was suggested he copied in Kevin Bulmer.</p> <p>Nigel Clark had confirmed the date for the survey would be the first week in February covering four places.</p> <p>The survey would now take place for a week starting on 22 February. A report would be available for the next meeting</p> <p>The report had been requested but still had not arrived.</p> <p><b>See minute 539/17</b></p>	MW	June 2017	Open
		<p><b>Safe Cycle Route to Little Stoke</b> <b>Cllr McMillan</b></p> <p>RMc had now meet with Catherine Ducker to discuss the headland option on B4009, and she had confirmed that this options could be investigated further. Cllr McM had also spoken to Martin Bullock, concerning the Ch Ch owned portion of the headland route, and was awaiting feedback.</p> <p><b>Savills reporting on behalf of Ch Ch had refused access</b></p>	RMc	May 2017	Closed
	Parish Tree Management	<p>The number of location of trees on public land to be identified.</p> <p>RMc agreed to continue his work mapping all trees within public areas of the greater part of the Village.</p>	All	Feb 2016	Open
			RMc	June 2017	Open

