



THE CAUSEWAY

STEVENTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of Steventon Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th September 2016 in the Village Hall Millennium Room

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Miss L Humphries, and PCSO Gary Kirby

2. PRESENT

Dr. C Wilding (Chairman), Mr J Bennett, Mr R Bosley, Mr J Clark, Mrs C Denton, Mr R Green, Mr J Spiller and Mr R Wilkinson. Mrs A Einon (Parish Clerk), Cllr M Barber (VWH), Cllr S Lilly (OCC) were in attendance. There were fourteen members of the public present.

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER DECLARATIONS

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, and other declarations, in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

There were no declarations.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.1. Hanney Road

The speed of traffic in the Hanney Road is dangerously fast, there are also very large lorries that cannot make the junction with the High Street, and there is no safe place for pedestrians to cross. Dr Wilding has arranged a meeting with the Police and will raise this again. The Parish Council is using its monitor to obtain data on speeds and times. The accident statistics are not bad enough to warrant a crossing and the County have not put in for a pedestrian crossing in their S106 provision requests. The Parish Council will obtain a costing from the County for installation of a crossing.

Action 16/9/01: Dr Wilding/Clerk

4.2. Planning application Garden Cottage, Stocks Lane

Mrs Jacobs explained her plans for a barn style house, to fit in with the existing barns, to be built off Stocks Lane with access from byway 16. Her proposal includes covenanting the remaining land for no further development and for its use as a facility for the Forest School to educate children on wildlife and the countryside.

4.3. Railway update

County Council Officers had met with Network Rail, who are still proposing an open meeting in September, even though no enquiry had been made for the availability of the village hall. Network rail were informed that there was insufficient data provided. Concern was raised that there is no statutory body responsible for safety and Network Rail appear to be unaccountable for their actions. English Heritage has had no dialog for over a year.

4.4. SUDS

The Vale had been unable to respond by the promised deadline of end of August and were waiting for a reply from Monsoon on the commissioned report on SuDS(Sustainable Drainage Scheme) by HR Wallingford, on the provision for drainage in the new developments approved by the Vale.

5. REPORT FROM ANY COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Matthew Barber reported before Public Participation as he had another meeting to attend. It was hoped that the Local Plan stage 1 would be adopted in December and be legally binding by January. Until then applications would need to be objected to on good reasoning, school placings, flood plains, character and heritage, not that the 5-year supply was in hand.

Freedom of the District had been awarded two regiments: to the logistics regiment which would be marked in Abingdon in October, and to the rifles in Faringdon later in the year.

Unitary authority could not proceed until there was agreement between the District and the County.

Cllr Stewart Lilly reported that the Highways accident statistics for the A34 for the 65 months to end of May was 499 incidents, 767 serious injuries and 10 deaths. There had been 5 more deaths since the end of May. Illsley had started an action group. Immediate action and long term plans were required. Highways England need to do more than keep it under review.

The reports commissioned by the District and the County both indicate that up to 100 million could be saved in less than five years by amalgamating services.

The Fire Service were working with trading standards and elderly care to check electric blankets and were diversifying into first responders.

The Harwell bypass is due to start on 26th September and would take 12 months to complete. Featherbed lane is still progressing through the compulsory purchase route.

There are 61,000 home carers in the County, 10% of the population, there is a meeting at Didcot Civic Hall on 13th September to ensure that carers are recognized and do not become vulnerable.

County Council vehicles are now available during the day to provide a comet service for those with difficulty in accessing transport.

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd August, 2016, were accepted as a true record. Proposed: Mr Bennett. Seconded: Mr Wilkinson.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – REPORTS ON ACTIONS

7.1. Registration of Parish Council Land

Registration was ongoing. Sarinc had yet to examine the archives for a map of plots and waterways as had been indicated by a parishioner.

Action 16/9/02: Mr Green

7.2. Ditch clearance programme

Sarinc had yet to meet for Mr Wilkinson to pass the information regarding mowing to SARINC and discuss the future programme for vole habitats.

Action 16/9/03: Mr Wilkinson

7.3. Annual inspection by ROSPA

The report had now been received and passed to Mr Pajak to quote for the work required.

Action 16/9/04: Clerk

7.4. Flood contingency Plan

Mr Green had the application for funds form and asked what the Parish Council would fund should the application be unsuccessful. It was decided to apply for items to alleviate the initial impact of flooding, to enable a response that is quicker than the County.

Action 16/9/05: Mr Green

7.5. Traffic calming

It was proposed to set up the monitor in Abingdon road.

Action 16/9/06: Mr Green/Mr Wilkinson

7.6. Works of art

The Parochial charities would be meeting this month.

Action 16/9/07: Mr Clark/Mr Bosley

4.5. Railway

The Parish Council had written to the Secretary of State to ask for clarification from Network Rail as it is over a year since any communication has been received on their intentions for the bridge or Stocks Lane crossing. A response was received on 9th August as below:

Department for Transport
Great Minster House
33 Horseferry Road
London
SW1P 4DR
Tel: 0300 330 3000
Web Site: www.gov.uk/dft
Our Ref: 168761

9 August 2016

Dear Dr Wilding,

Network Rail – Electrification Project at Steventon, Oxfordshire

Thank you for your letter of 9 July to the Secretary of State expressing your concerns about Network Rail's proposals to close the level crossing at Steventon as part of wider work to electrify the Great Western main lines. This has been passed to me, in the Department's Rail Industry Competitiveness team which has policy responsibility for level crossings, to reply.

I should firstly explain that Network Rail operates at arm's length from government without involving the Department in its operational matters. Having therefore raised the Parish Council's concerns with the company, I have outlined their feedback as follows.

Network Rail is continuing to develop electrification options which include the possibility of closing Stocks Lane level crossing. I understand that the company is undertaking additional work to address the points raised by Oxfordshire County Council regarding the possible impacts on the highway network should closure proceed. These include the potential reconstruction of the bridge which would deliver both rail and road network benefits but would require consent from Historic England. I note that a number of other challenges remain in respect of many of the options, including the purchase of any necessary land, and that these will need to be explored in further detail and resolved before a final decision can be made.

To assist in this process, I am sure that Network Rail would welcome a copy of the Parish Council's recent traffic survey work to inform the development of a preferred option and, in particular, to better understand the current situation regarding the traffic flows around Steventon with the benefit of local knowledge.

Since they are established pieces of infrastructure, I appreciate that proposals to close rail crossings can create strong local feeling. Network Rail has yet to make a final decision in this case and I understand that proposals for another public meeting, to be held in Steventon this September, will provide a further opportunity for discussion on the practicable options.

I hope that a solution can be found which will satisfy the requirements of all parties concerned but, ultimately, any changes remain for Network Rail to justify as the relevant safety duty holder and Ministers have no powers to intervene.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Angell

Rail Industry Competitiveness

Department for Transport

7.7. School car park hump

The hump in the school car park was difficult to see and had caused problems to people walking. It was proposed that white sharks teeth be spray painted. Action required. Mrs Denton agreed to enquire about a possible painter.

Action 16/9/08: Mrs Denton

8. COMMENTS ON LOCAL PLAN MODIFICATIONS FOR SUBMISSION BY 14TH SEPTEMBER

Draft comments by Mr Bosley and Mr Clark should be submitted.

9. ITEMS FROM RISK ASSESSMENT ACTION SCHEDULE.

9.1. Arrange for annual inspection by ROSPA, record findings in the Council Minutes and rectify problems.

The inspection had been carried out and actioned under 7.3 above.

9.2. Annual review of documents to be sent to the Oxford Record Office.

The review was ongoing.

10. WORKING GROUP, SUB-COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES ACTIVITIES

10.1. Finance and General Purposes Committee JB, RB, JC, LH, CW, Clerk

Not met

10.2. Planning Committee RB, CD, RG, JS, CW, Clerk

Not met

10.3. Burial Ground CD, LH, RW, Clerk

Not met.

10.4. Open Spaces – Trees, Greens, Waterways and Footpaths RB, JC, LH, JS, RW,

Not met. Arrangements to meet with the Environment Agency re flood zones was ongoing.

10.5. Recreation and Leisure – Playground, Sports Hall RB, CD, RG, CW

10.6. Village Infrastructure – Railway, Roads, Drains JB, RB, RG, JS,CW

Not met.

10.7. Houses and Planning JC, CD, RG, JS, CW

Not met

10.8. Sarinc RW, CD

Nothing to report.

10.9. Neighbourhood Plan RB, RG, JC, J S, CW, Clerk and volunteers: Lorraine Atkins, Laura Bosley, Nigel Goode, Avril Ivin, Nick Thompson

The Steering Group were to meet with the Vale Neighbourhood plan section next Monday 12th September.

11. FINANCE

11.1. ACCOUNTS 2016-17

The accounts to date were circulated and discussed. Proposed: Mr Bosley. Seconded: Mr Clark

11.2. AUDIT REPORT 2015-6

The audit report from BDO Stoy Ltd had been received and no matters for concern had been raised. The Parish Council accepted the report for the year 2015-16.

11.3. Cheques for Signature

12. Correspondence

12.1. Received

04/08/2016	Belated apologies	Clr Stewart Lilly
04/08/2016	Re: The Green	Fakes, Adam
04/08/2016	Re: Belated apologies	Robert Green
04/08/2016	Upcoming Payment Notification	1&1 Internet Ltd.
04/08/2016	Studley Grange 5000	Sheila Wade
04/08/2016	Pulse: Oxfordshire's Non-profit Heartbeat	Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action
04/08/2016	Electoral Register Monthly Changes - August 2016	Marcia Beviere
04/08/2016	Register	Marcia Beviere
05/08/2016	Play area inspection	Tracey Cheshire
5/08/2016	Playsafety	Invoice for Rospa
06/08/2016	"Fw: Illegal gypsy encampment - The Green, Steventon"	rbosley@talktalk.net
06/08/2016	"Re: Illegal gypsy encampment - The Green, Steventon"	rbosley@talktalk.net
06/08/2016	Re: Fwd: Fw: The village green...	rbosley@talktalk.net
06/08/2016	Re: Fwd: Fw: The village green...	rbosley@talktalk.net
06/08/2016	Re: The village green...	crwilding@aol.com
06/08/2016	Emergency Planing and contact with communities	"MacKay, Carol - Emergency Planning
07/08/2016	Re: The village green...	John Clark
08/08/2016	I have been informed about some Travellers on the	"Gammond, Peter - Community Safety
08/08/2016	Re: Linden Phase 3	Stuart Walker
08/08/2016	Re: Request for Information for Parish Council	Robert Green
08/08/2016	Refuse collection	Jackie Norton-Shaw
08/08/2016	Parish burial/memorial	Janet Creighton
08/08/2016	Fwd: FW: Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Place	Steventon Parish Council
08/08/2016	Weekly Receipts List between 01/08/2016 and 07/08	planning
08/08/2016	Enquiry from Planning Training 26 July (PE/V0320/	Amanda James
08/08/2016	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report Invoice	Veronica Hourihane
08/08/2016	Report by HR Wallingford	Nigel Winter

08/08/2016	Re: Enquiry from Planning Training 26 July (PE/V0320/	crwilding
08/08/2016	Re: Causeway	mary malin
09/08/2016	Re: Damage to the causeway	mary malin
09/08/2016	Re: Report by HR Wallingford	Nigel Winter
09/08/2016	Re: Linden Phase 3	Stuart Walker
09/08/2016	Harwell SSG meeting Wednesday 7 September	harwell.ssg (MAG)
09/08/2016	The Green - traveller waste	Colin Marshall
09/08/2016	Re: Linden Phase 3	"Wisdom, Aron - E&E
09/08/2016	Fwd: Harwell SSG meeting Wednesday 7 September	Steventon Parish Clerk
10/08/2016	Re: The Green - traveller waste	"Gammond, Peter - Community Safety
11/08/2016	Re: The Green - traveller waste	Colin Marshall
11/08/2016	Re: The Green - traveller waste	Colin Marshall
11/08/2016	"Fwd: The reply to your correspondence, ref 168761"	crwilding
11/08/2016	Re: The Green - traveller waste	The Old Farmhouse Bakery
11/08/2016	Pulse: Oxfordshire's Non-profit Heartbeat	Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action
11/08/2016	Re: The Green - traveller waste	Colin Marshall
11/08/2016	Re: The Green - traveller waste	The Old Farmhouse Bakery
11/08/2016	Sue Ryder Nettlebed Hospice	Ben Smart
12/08/2016	August 2016 Vale Newsletter - Â Business workshops	Matthew Barber
12/08/2016	Your National Confernce 2016	Events at SLCC
12/08/2016	Book now for OALC training	OALC
15/08/2016	DWH problems	Gemma Pearce
15/08/2016	Oxfordshire County Council Planning Ref R3.0099/1	
15/08/2016	Fwd: DWH problems (applications P15/V2846/FUL & P	crwilding
15/08/2016	Parish Council report in Steventon News	crwilding
15/08/2016	Weekly Receipts List between 08/08/2016 and 14/08	planning
15/08/2016	Re: Hanney Road Chicane	S.M. Rees
15/08/2016	"Re: The reply to your correspondence, ref 168761 abou"	"VAIZEY, Ed "
15/08/2016	"FW: New Consultation: Vale of White Horse, P16/V1"	CLlr Stewart Lilly
15/08/2016	Re: All new Vale News advert	MikeDavies2
15/08/2016	"Re: The reply to your correspondence, ref 168761 abou"	CLlr Stewart Lilly
15/08/2016	Fw: Phase 3	Lorraine Atkins
15/08/2016	"10 Halls Close housing development, Drayton - app"	
16/08/2016	Steventon Traffic Issues	Robert Green
16/08/2016	Fw: David Wilson Homes - noise and dust	Gemma Pearce
17/08/2016	UPDATE - Advance notice of Grant Thornton Study p	"Clark, Peter - Corporate Services
17/08/2016	SOUTH CENTRAL AMBULANCE SERVICE NHS FOUNDATION TR	Monica Moro
18/08/2016	Last chance to book - Visit to Sulgrave Manor - W	CPRE Oxfordshire
18/08/2016	Response to Historic England Consultant's report	Robert Green
19/08/2016	Castle St - ginge brook	Linda Humphries
21/08/2016	Re: Linden Phase 3	"Wisdom, Aron - E&E
21/08/2016	FW: Hanney Road Chicane	S.M. Rees
22/08/2016	Drugs in Steventon	crwilding
22/08/2016	Re: Linden Phase 3	CLlr Stewart Lilly
22/08/2016	Re: Linden Phase 3	"Wisdom, Aron - E&E

22/08/2016	Weekly Receipts List between 15/08/2016 and 21/08	planning@southoxon.gov.uk
22/08/2016	Re: Linden Phase 3	CLlr Stewart Lilly
22/08/2016	"People, Ponds and Water e-newsletter - July 2016"	"People, Ponds and Water Team
23/08/2016	Freedom of the Vale Parade	Karen Dodd
23/08/2016	Re: Freedom of the Vale Parade	crwilding
23/08/2016	Re: Freedom of the Vale Parade	Karen Dodd
23/08/2016	Re: Drugs in Steventon	Kirby Gary
23/08/2016	"Zurich Town, Parish and Community Council Insuran"	Gerri Sutherland
23/08/2016	CFO Summer Newsletter	Sue Hunt
23/08/2016	Theft Of Lead From Buildings " Vale Of White Hors	alert@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk
24/08/2016	FW: Theft Of Lead From Buildings " Vale Of White	Robert Green
24/08/2016	Play park	Linda Humphries
25/08/2016	Upcoming Payment Notification	1&1 Internet Ltd.
25/08/2016	Prospective Councillor Open Event	Councillor Events
25/08/2016	Damage to Little Green	Martin Reade
25/08/2016	Re: Linden Phase 3	Robert Green
26/08/2016	BDO	Audit report
29/08/2016	Re: Steventon Initial Assessment	"Barlow, Marina J
30/08/2016	Harwell SSG meeting and tour 7 September	harwell.ssg (MAG)
30/08/2016	Tree on the Green	Jon Spiller
30/08/2016	Weekly Receipts List between 22/08/2016 and 28/08	planning@southoxon.gov.uk
31/08/2016	Steventon Parish Council - Insurance Renewal Invi	renewals@cameandcompany.co.uk
31/08/2016	Interment	BD Tonks
31/08/2016	Fwd: Confirm your report on FixMyStreet	Steventon Parish Council
01/09/2016	Your Rightmove Enquiry has been sent to Miller Ho	Rightmove User Manager
01/09/2016	Thank you for your enquiry.	Data Conversion
01/09/2016	August OALC Update and letter from the County Cou	OALC
02/09/2016	Milton Park Liaison Group meeting on Thursday eve	Reg W Waite
02/09/2016	MPLG - - Vale4Business newsletter - September 201	Reg W Waite
02/09/2016	Vale of White Horse Town and Parish Forum November	Policy Partnerships
02/09/2016	Papers	BD Tonks
02/09/2016	Drayton Neighbourhood Plan - Planning Appeal Hear	
02/09/2016	Re: Sales enquiry: The Gables - Buyer from OX13	Charlotte Little <Charlotte.Little@miller.co.uk
04/09/2016	Volunteer recruitment for primary school children	Sue Hunt
05/09/2016	Apologies	Linda Humphries
05/09/2016	County Councillors September update	CLlr Stewart Lilly
05/09/2016	Re: Steventon PC concerns regarding SUDS PE/V0287/16	Emma Turner
05/09/2016	"Re: Milton, Nr. Abingdon, Oxfordshire: Draft Conserva"	Planning Vale
05/09/2016	Re: Steventon PC concerns regarding SUDS PE/V0287/16	crwilding
05/09/2016	Weekly Receipts List between 29/08/2016 and 04/09	Planning

11.1.1 Drugs response from Police

Dr Wilding had arranged to meet with the PCSO as the response to concerns about drug use in the village was considered to be inadequate.

11.1.2 Increase play equipment for young at St Michael's Play area.

This was discussed but felt that the provision at present was adequate for all ages with suitable parental supervision.

11.1.3 Travellers on the Green

A vote of thanks to Dick Bosley for his prompt action. Fencing was discussed but felt to be over reacting at present. Advice from Peter Gammond and Colin Marshall to be sought on future contingency.

11.2 Sent

08/08/2016	Fwd: Damage to the causeway	Mary Malin
08/08/2016	Re: Report by HR Wallingford	Nigel Winter
09/08/2016	Re: The Green - traveller waste	Colin Marshall
11/08/2016	Re: The Green - traveller waste	Colin Marshall
11/08/2016	Re: The Green - traveller waste	The Old Farmhouse Bakery
15/08/2016	Fwd: Oxfordshire County Council Planning Ref R3.0	Steventon Parish Council
15/08/2016	Re: Parish Council report in Steventon News	crwilding
22/08/2016	Re: Linden Phase 3	Robert Green
22/08/2016	Re: Freedom of the Vale Parade	Karen Dodd
23/08/2016	Memorial Alyce Fletcher	mharris@abingdon-stone.co.uk
25/08/2016	Steventon Initial Assessment	marina.barlow
30/08/2016	Re: Interment	BD Tonks
02/09/2016	Fwd: Milton Park Liaison Group meeting on Thursday	Dick Bosley
02/09/2016	Re: Contacting Dick	S.M. Rees
05/09/2016	Re: Steventon PC concerns regarding SUDS PE/V0287/16	Emma Turner
05/09/2016	Mendus	BD Tonks
05/09/2016	tree etc	Jon Spiller

13. PLANNING MATTERS

13.1. Applications

13.1.1. P16/V2167/HH 3 Brind Close Steventon ABINGDON OX13 6FG

Proposed Outbuilding to form garden office

Object. The proposed is described as a meeting room/office. The Parish Council objects on grounds of increased traffic in a residential area for business purposes. Additional development in a recently finished built up area.

13.1.2. P16/V1935/FUL Stocks Lane Steventon ABINGDON OX13 6SS

New 3 bedroom dwelling house and associated parking.

No objection but consider The proposed dwelling has been designed to blend into the environment and to covenant the surround land to prohibit further development. Drainage issues need to be monitored closely as the site contains ditches to conduct water from the hill to the Ginge

13.1.3. P16/V2082/CC St Michael's C of E School The Causeway Steventon Abingdon OX13 6SQ

Planning permission for the retention and continued use of a prefabricated classroom unit for a temporary period of 2 years or when new permanent accommodation is completed.

No objection

13.1.4. P16/V1954/O Abingdon Road Steventon

Outline planning permission for up to 80 residential dwellings (including up to 35% affordable housing), and 0.9hectares (30 units) for C2 extra care facility. The introduction of structural planting and landscaping, informal public open space, surface water attenuation, vehicular access point from Abingdon Road and associated ancillary works. All matters to be reserved, with the exception of the main site access.

Object.

Steventon Parish Council strongly object to the proposal for more housing development in our village. We are struggling to incorporate the influx of people from the already built housing into the community and to maintain the rural aspect of our village, and there are a further 166 properties already agreed to be built and occupied. The planning permissions given so far increase the village by 40% this application would take that to over 50% which is impossible to incorporate into an existing community within a period of four years.

The village School has already been increased in size and will be oversubscribed before the existing approved buildings are occupied. Primary school children will have to be bussed to other schools and all those in the surrounding area are also at capacity.

The application is on the area reserved for the proposed reservoir and its connection to the River Thames.

The application has many anomalies and errors, including stating that Steventon is in West Sussex. The cycling and pedestrian proposals are completely inaccurate and the footpath to Milton referred to is subject to flooding.

Local sewers are already at capacity and there is no schedule of replacement before 2020.

The proposed access road brings the village envelope closer to Drayton, where there is only a small gap between the two communities, and will create a dangerous junction on an already overloaded road. The views arriving to Steventon from Drayton will be completely changed as the hedge to the west will be removed to provide a 120-meter-wide splay for the access road.

The traffic survey is unrealistic as it features only one day, during a holiday period, and takes no account of the applications already passed that will generate a huge increase in traffic, both from the in village developments agreed, as well as those in Drayton, Grove, Hanney, etc. which will pass through the village to access employment centres or the A34.

The character of Steventon as a rural village is being eroded, this proposal will effectively join Steventon to Drayton. Removing identity from both and create an urban area.

The emerging local plan does not require further development in this area to provide a five or seven-year housing provision

13.1.5. P16/V1977/FUL Land off Hanney Road Steventon OX13 6AS

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on application P15/V2016/FUL Erection of 18 affordable dwellings and 26 open market dwellings, with associated access road, landscaping and public open space

14. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

Linden had installed small pipes into the ditch on the Hanney Road which would eventually be the access to Phase 3. It was considered that the size of the pipe was inadequate to take the amount of water likely to be in this ditch as winter approaches. The Clerk to write to the enforcement officer with pictures of the pipe installed.

Gate on the Little Green no longer shuts. Dick Bosley to investigate a drop pole for the centre of the road.

Grass cutting
Code of Conduct

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 4th October 2016

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

APPROVAL Signed as a true record of the Meeting:

Name: Dr C Wilding

Position: Chairman of the Parish Council

Signature:

Date: 6th September 2016