



THE CAUSEWAY

STEVENTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**A meeting of Steventon Parish Council was held in the Millennium Room of the Village Hall
on Tuesday 1st March 2022 at 7pm**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mrs Pajak and Cllr Sally Povolotsky(OCC).

2. PRESENT

Dr C Wilding, Chair, Mr J Bennett, Mrs S Broadbent, Mr J Clark, Mrs C Denton, Mr M Stimpson-Tame, and Mr J Rice. Mrs A Einon (Parish Clerk) was in attendance. The meeting was joined by eight members of the public.

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. Mr Rice had an interest in the Planning item for 57 The Causeway.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.1. Bridge

One way system now upgraded with proper guides and provision for cyclists going up the hill. The boreholes drilled at the edges are showing signs of movement. An initial short inspection appeared better than anticipated but it will be a minimum of one year with the one way system.

4.2 Link Road

Proposed road via Didcot and Appleford with a viaduct and bridge over the Thames to provide a new route must be completed by 2026 from the infrastructure budget or the Government funding will be lost.

4.3 Trees

Responsibility for falling trees and branches was raised. The owner of the land on which the trees are grown are responsible for clearing and maintaining.

4.4 **Gleeson** proposed development. The website and circulated information had said that Thames Water had done extensive modelling on the proposed reservoir. Thames Water have confirmed that no modelling has yet been done.

4.5 **GARD** had achieved 40 – 50 attendants at their meetings concerning the proposed reservoir.

4.6 **Thames Water** are holding an open meeting tomorrow in the village hall from 1.30 to 5.00 then moving to the school hall from 7pm to 9 pm. The BBC are proposing to attend at about 1.30. Suggestions for questions to raise include. Population figures are a lot higher than the recently released forecasts. Still no in depth investigations done. No experience of the type of installation proposed only one similar reservoir in Europe that has had a lot of problems.

5. REPORT FROM ANY COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Sally Povolotsky reported by email:

Upmost apologies I cannot be with you, I am on a urgent members call around the HIF1 project.

Meanwhile a bit of an update

1. Highways - pavement issues are in work plan, chasing for completion dates on the two identified areas. Things are a little slow and still disrupted post Eunice and Franklin
2. Reservoir - wrote to WRSE about digital exclusion concerns as a online only consultation as well as had more meetings than I can remember since we met last and supported the public meetings
3. Apology I didn't make Friday's meeting but was on a LGA training weekend
4. The Bridge - next survey in March and final reports expected in April.
5. Over development - am writing to VOWH and Highway's teams about concern over speculative and planning applications locally on all levels but especially given the unknowns on the "megavoir"
6. Thames Water consultation - I will be there at both sessions tomorrow

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2022, were accepted as a true record with the following modification: 11.4.3 1. Insert " Parish land to the rear of the school."

Proposed: Mr Bennett Seconded: Mr Stimpson-Tame

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

No flagged matters arising.

The Annual meeting with the Parish was discussed. It was agreed that the meeting should be separate from the Annual Parish Council Meeting and a date in April would be investigated.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

8.1.1 P22/V0183/DIS 31 The Causeway Steventon Abingdon OX13 6SE

Discharge of condition 2 (Impact on Heritage Assets) on planning application P19/V2459/O. (Outline application for provision of Self-Build and/or Custom Housebuilding plots for 7 detached dwellings, with all matters reserved except for access and layout)

8.1.2 P21/V3550/DIS 57 The Causeway Steventon Abingdon OX13 6SE

Discharge of conditions 3(Materials), 4(Landscaping Scheme (trees and shrubs only), 5 (Tree Protection) & 6 (Submission of Details) on planning application P21/V2326/HH. (Removal of existing garage and construction of new garage block)

9. THE PARISH COUNCIL AS AN EMPLOYER

A circular from OALC reminding Councillors of their obligations as employers was discussed. It was agreed that although the Parish is complying with legislation regarding pensions etc they should be more involved in the running. The current Clerk had not wanted to enter the pension requirement by Government and returns had been made to that effect. When a new Clerk takes over there will be commitment for pension contributions from the Parish. OALC are running a training webinar on basic employment and Dr Wilding had been booked to attend on 26th April. Mr Rice thought he would be available to attend as well.

10. CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT WITH MEMBERS OF PARISH COUNCIL BEFORE PUBLICATION OR RESPONSE

Mr Rice asked for clarification on clearance required before publication with reference to the recent social media regarding the copse. Dr Wilding responded that there had been time pressure for publication of Steventon News and he had included it in his report. He felt that the social media release had been a mistake and would not be repeated. The Parish Council had previously discussed and decided not to have a dedicated social media outlet, and this was further agreed. It was further agreed that it was not necessary to have agreement from all Councillors before discussions with the press. If responses were required from all, nothing would be answered, as it is rare to get even a 50% response to an email request to Councillors.

11. UNAUTHORISED USE OF PARISH COUNCIL PROPERTY – BIKE TRACK IN THE COPSE

Complaints from residents had resulted in Dr Wilding and Mr Clark inspecting the Copse where they found considerable disruption caused by a home made bike track. The track had been created with deep holes and jumps in areas of footpath which made it dangerous for normal use on foot. The track had been removed. The Parish Council is not averse to recreational bike use, as illustrated by the installation of two jumps near the Copse, after formal application and approval, but must consider the safety and responsibilities involved. The Copse is not felt to be the right place for such an installation, the Parish Council has little land at its disposal but would support an application for a bike track on land put forward with owner consent. The Copse is used by the Forest School and many residents of the village. The Fairy doors trail during lockdown had provided interest and an opportunity to participate, along with decorated trees in the village.

12. ITEMS FROM RISK ASSESSMENT ACTION SCHEDULE

12.1 Bi-annual inspection by Council Specialist Tree Working Group

The trees on the greens were to be worked on from next week, after obtaining permission from the Vale for modifications in the conservation area.

12.2 Annual inspection by the Council of unadopted roads, footpaths and waterways

Mr Clark agreed to organise a survey of the footpaths on the definitive map prefix 366. Councillors were asked to report to the Clerk any problems they encountered on footpaths or waterways, or were informed of by residents.

13. WORKING GROUP, SUB-COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES ACTIVITIES

13.1 Finance and General Purposes Committee JB, JC, JR, CW, Clerk

Not met.

13.2 Planning Committee JB, CD, MST, CW, Clerk.

Gleeson had circulated the village with details of their proposed application asking for feedback on their plan to erect 150 houses on a site to the west of the Linden development in the Hanney Road.

13.3 Burial Ground CD, JC, MST, Clerk

Not met.

13.4 Recreation and Open Spaces – Trees, Greens, Waterways, Footpaths, Playground, Sports Hall. SB, JC, CD, JR, MST, CW

13.4.1 Sports Hall Funds (Alternative uses) CW, SB, JC, JR, MST

1. **Social Area.** The plan for the area behind the school is progressing. A detailed plan would be available to view and discuss soon. Alternative costings were required before an application could be made for the S106 funds from the Vale. A meeting had been arranged with the School Heads for 23rd March.

2. Village Hall

Waiting for quotes for extending the stage and springing the floor.

3. **Sports and Social Club** were investigating plans to upgrade facilities.

Quotes and plans were waited from Steventon Sports and Social Club to upgrade the facilities particularly for women and the disabled.

13.4.2 Trees

An action day had been successfully arranged on Saturday 12th February when ivy had been cut from the trees on the greens by Mr Clark, Mr Stimpson-Tame, Mr Atkey and the Clerk.

13.4.3 Greens

Large skid marks and holes are still at the rear of the green caused by escaping horses. Mrs Pajak was not at the meeting, so report deferred.

13.5 Village Infrastructure & Resilience – Railway, Roads, Drains JB, JR, CW.

13.5.1 Litter bins

Two bins had been installed. One remained to be sited. General discussion about locations and possible installations. All hinge on arranging a schedule for emptying. The Vale have had a list of proposals for years, but no funds and no action have resulted. The Parish will investigate possible alternatives.

13.6 Sarinc CD

Mrs Denton reported that the Trusteeship of Dawn Clements would expire before the next meeting but she was willing to stand for a further term. It was agreed that Mrs Clements should be appointed for a further four year period. In future anyone wishing to apply or extend their Parish nominated Trusteeship should apply in writing at least two months before the due date. The Clerk would ask the Sarinc Clerk to keep her updated with terms of office and due dates.

13.7 Neighbourhood Plan. JC, CW, Clerk, and volunteers: Lorraine Atkins, Laura Bosley, Dick Bosley, Caroline Miller, Nick Thompson

Not met. The draft now includes the feedback from the consultation and all comments made.

13.8 Website group. JR, Clerk

Nothing to report

13.9 S106 Art working group CW, JC, SB, Clerk, Abi Brown (Vale), volunteer Lin Dewsnap

Bench

The Art group had met with Peter Greenfield and he was progressing the drafts for benches, he would ask for a meeting with the school and hope to involve them in a workshop, and to include parts of the logo in the designs

13.10 Other representative reports

13.10.1 Milton Park Forum. CW, JR

The meeting on Thursday 3rd February was concerned about the HIF project which will have major implications in the area. The R&M building has been refurbished to allow multiple uses with better facilities and hot drink provision. Empty units were also discussed.

14. FINANCE

11.1 Financial report 2021-2022

The financial report was discussed and approved.

Proposed: Mr Clark. Seconded: Mrs Broadbent.

11.2 Cheques for Signature

12. CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 Received

02/02/2022	E	Travers, Leigh	Surface water connections into the public sewer		
02/02/2022	E	Anita S	Property		
02/02/2022	E	Christopher Wilding	Fw: P21/V2622/O Land off Abingdon Road	3	
02/02/2022	E	Cllr Sally Povolotsky	Briefing - Follow Up + various	16	
02/02/2022	E	Communications	Press release - Oxford man guilty of two counts		
02/02/2022	E	Emily Bell	Steventon Parish Council Briefing - Follow Up	2	
02/02/2022	E	OALC	OALC Operation London Bridge - OCC presentation	8	
02/02/2022	E	John Clark	Re: Fwd: Property + various	12	
02/02/2022	E	Martin Stimpson-Tame	I Briefing - Follow Up + various	10	
02/02/2022	E	NALC	NALC NEWSLETTER etc	14	
02/02/2022	E	Sheenagh Broadbent	Briefing - Follow Up = various	5	
02/02/2022	E	SO & VWHDC	Have your say on the draft Joint Design guide		
03/02/2022	E	Christopher Wilding	various, bridge, reports, bikes, land, meetings	11	
03/02/2022	E	Lesley Tait	Re: GARD Public Meeting, Village Hall 4 Feb	4	
03/02/2022	E	Neighbourhood Alert	Staying Safe Online various	5	
03/02/2022	E	Sharon Cox	Re: Oliver John Golding - Internment of Ashes		
03/02/2022	E	Waste Team southandvale	Deep Cleanse Services - Steventon - 09/05/2022		
05/02/2022	E	Nick and Mary Thompson	Proposed Gleeson 105 Home Development		
06/02/2022	E	Steventon News	Steventon News - March issue		
07/02/2022	E	Brian Leahy	Public access from The Causeway to the High		
07/02/2022	E	Communications	Vale of White Horse District Council media release		
07/02/2022	E	Dawn Sexton	Dog Show on the Steventon Green	2	
07/02/2022	E	southandvale	TCA Decision for P22/V0077/TCA		
08/02/2022	E	Communications	Vale of White Horse District Council media release		
09/02/2022	E	Hinton-Smith, Janette	Anticipated Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)		
09/02/2022	E	Communications	Planning Enforcement Statement briefing slides		
09/02/2022	E	Communications	Vale of White Horse District Council media release		
09/02/2022	E	Elancity UK Technical support	Re: Nouvelle demande de SAV	2	
09/02/2022	E	Hilary Otterburn	Causeway trust		
10/02/2022	E	harwell.ssg (MAG)	Harwell SSG - Magnox update		
10/02/2022	E	OXPCF	OxPCF CAMHS Survey		

10/02/2022	E	Karen Pomfret	Pf2061.050 cable way		
11/02/2022	E	RAPID	RAPID Gate 1 decision on Abingdon Reservoir		
12/02/2022	E	southandvale	Planning Decision Notice - P21/V1038/FUL		
14/02/2022	E	Communications	Vale of White Horse District Council media release		
14/02/2022	E	FixMyStreet	New FixMyStreet updates on report: various	6	
14/02/2022	E	Jeremy Biggs	From the R. Ock Catchment Partnership: film		
15/02/2022	E	Earl Ashford	Railway footpath	2	
15/02/2022	E	Philip Sutton	Jubilee Celebration Weekend 2-5 June		
15/02/2022	E	steventonvillagehall bookings	Re: Thursday 17th at 10.30		
16/02/2022	E	Communications	Press release - Great British Railways Headquarters		
16/02/2022	E	invoices southoxon	BACS Remittance		
16/02/2022	E	John Rice	Posting Spotted in Steventon Facebook page	2	
17/02/2022	E	The Circuit	Please update your defibrillator record on The Ci		
18/02/2022	E	Donna Shepherd	Feb Quarterly Operational Inspection		
19/02/2022	E	Steventon Webmasters	Fwd: Website contact PUGSDEN LANE FOOTPATH		
21/02/2022	E	Councillor Priority Fund	Thank you for contacting the Councillor Priority		
21/02/2022	E	Darren Mcarthur	Re: Broken fence Linden Homes Development.	3	
21/02/2022	E	finance oalc	OALC Membership Invoice 2022		
21/02/2022	E	Joseph Bennett	Re: The Copse mountain bike track	3	
21/02/2022	E	Mark Whitehead - STFC UKRI	Broken fence Linden Homes Development.	7	
21/02/2022	E	Royal British Legion Indust	Celebrating Her Majesty Platinum Jubilee 2022	2	
22/02/2022	E	Cooke, Andy	Re: Fw: Community drop-in events in Steventon		
22/02/2022	E	Broadband	Update: Project Gigabit Public Review		
22/02/2022	E	Dave Rayner	Fwd: Scope		
22/02/2022	E	Ecogreencommunities	Council information with Eco Green Communities	2	
22/02/2022	E	Emergency Planning	SSEN Eunice Update	2	
23/02/2022	E	Belcher, Gavin -OCC	Relief to Rowstock		
23/02/2022	E	Gateway Confirmation	Successful Receipt of Online Submission for Refer	2	
23/02/2022	E	Peter Scatchard	Canal Briefing Meeting, 15.00 hrs 23Mar22, East C		
23/02/2022	E	Playground Facilities Ltd	Invoice 1751 from Playground Facilities Ltd		
23/02/2022	E	southandvale	Replacement Planting letter for P20/V1856/TCA		
24/02/2022	E	Stuart Fisher	The Signed Lease Between Sports Club and PC		
25/02/2022	E	Johnson, Grace - OxfoN LEP	OxLEP - Survive and Thrive		
25/02/2022	E	headteacher	Re: Future of Parish land		
26/02/2022	E	Christopher Wilding	Re: Fwd: Steventon - benches letter		
28/02/2022	E	Cllr Pete Sudbury	consultation of Water Resources East		
28/02/2022	E	Communications	South and Vale media release - Sessions to help h		
28/02/2022	E	CPRE Oxfordshire	CPRE Oxfordshire February Newsletter		
28/02/2022	E	Derek Stork	consultation of Water Resources various	10	

12.2 Sent

02/02/2022	E	Philip Sutton	Re: Queen's 70th Jubilee Celebration 2-5th June		
02/02/2022	E	Planning at Vale	Planning application return forms		
07/02/2022	E	tim oconnor	Re: Arbor Tree Specialists LTD - Quote (SQ-965)	2	
08/02/2022	E	steventon news	Fwd: Article for your local newsletter		
13/02/2022	E	Cllr Christopher Wilding	Re: Parish Report = various	15	
14/02/2022	E	Derek Stork , crwilding	Re: Regional Plan consultation		
14/02/2022	E	stephanie gibson	Park opposite St Michaels School		

15/02/2022	E	Cllr John Rice	Fwd: Steventon Bridge Brief Update		
15/02/2022	E	steventonvillagehall bookings	Thursday 17th at 10.30		
16/02/2022	E	Earl Ashford	Re: Railway footpath		
18/02/2022	E	Councillors	Confidential - application		
18/02/2022	E	Councillors	Fair on the Little Green		
19/02/2022	E	ELAINE GREGORY	Website contact ""PUGSDEN LANE FOOTPATH""		
20/02/2022	E	Cllr Sally Povolotsky	Application		
21/02/2022	E	councillorpriorityfund	Application for councillor priority fund		
21/02/2022	E	Darren Mcarthur	Fwd: Broken fence Linden Homes Development.	3	
21/02/2022	E	Mark Whitehead - STFC UKRI	Re: Broken fence Linden Homes Development.	3	
22/02/2022	E	Donna Shepherd	Re: Feb Quarterly Operational Inspection		
23/02/2022	E	Cllr Sally Povolotsky	Meeting 1st March		
23/02/2022	E	Steventon Parish Council	SID		
24/02/2022	E	Stuart Fisher	Re: The Signed Lease Between Sports Club and PC		
24/02/2022	E	Martin Stimpson-Tame	Re: Proposed meeting		
25/02/2022	E	headteacher	Re: Future of Parish land		
25/02/2022	E	Cllr Martin Stimpson-Tame	S106 sports hall		
25/02/2022	E	Head st-michaels-primary	Future of Parish land		
27/02/2022	E	Councillors	Meeting Tuesday		
28/02/2022	E	Councillors	Village green		

13. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

A vice-chair of the Parish Council

Projection of Agenda etc in the meeting, this to be investigated further.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Parish Council meeting to be held 5th April 2022

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

APPROVAL Signed as a true record of the Meeting:

Name: Dr C R Wilding

Position: Chairman of the Parish Council

Signature:

Date: 5th April 2022