

Stadhampton Parish Council

**Minutes of Stadhampton Parish Council (SPC) meeting held on
Monday 19th January 2026 at 7.30pm in Stadhampton Village Hall**

Public Participation:

Residents 1 and 2: SPC was asked to publicise allotment availability: one was available; some others were in a state of disrepair and might be re-issued? Related, an update was requested on the SPC Allotment water trough project. *See related item 148 for actions and opportunity.*

142/0126 Apologies: Apologies received from the Clerk.

143/0126 Declarations of interest: Cllr Bayoumi reference SPC track repair on the Green in vicinity of his property.

144/0126 Minutes (D): The minutes of the full council meeting held on 15 December 2025 were approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed: Cllr Howden. Seconded: Cllr Fitzgerald.

145/0126 Matters arising: from the previous minutes that are not on the agenda.

- **Late Night Bus-service from Oxford.** Cllr Howden has requested Chalgrove and Watlington PCs to provide appetite to support and fund this proposal. **Ongoing.**
- Cllr Fitzgerald would direct Karl T to contact GigaClear for further investigation. SPC must see further due diligence prior to any decision on footpath works by his house.

146/0126 Reports from Ward Councillors (D): South Oxfordshire District Council (Cllr Georgina Heritage) and Oxfordshire County Council (Cllr Judith Edwards). Action: Clerk to upload SODC and OCC monthly reports (as available) to the SPC public website.

147/0126 Planning and licensing applications: To consider any representations to be made to South Oxfordshire District Council on the following planning application. Details can be viewed by searching for the property or application reference using the planning tab at <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/>

a. Newell's Farm, Stadhampton, OX44 7XJ P25/S4074/PIP

Erection of a minimum of six and a maximum of six dwellings. **Comment deadline 21st January 2026. Target decision date 26th January 2026. Action: Clerk to confirm with SODC that SPC's previous same comments (which remain extant) are considered for this revised application.**

b. Santannas Place, Watlington Road, Stadhampton, OX44 7UQ P25/S2784/FUL

Change of use of paddock land for the siting of 10 x permanent and residential Gypsy and Traveller mobile homes with associated parking, groundworks and landscaping with erection of garage associated with the existing site (Development already carried out). Comment deadline 06/11/25. PC submitted objection 31/10/25. **Target Decision date 27- February 2026. Awaiting Decision.**

Decisions on planning applications:

- **Mapledown, Thame Road, Stadhampton, OX447TX P25/S3409/HH.** Installation of storage shed for mobility scooter. **Approved.**

148/0126 Reports from Working Groups and Projects:

- **Biodiversity and sustainability** (Cllr Campbell). Nothing to report.
- **Highways and Traffic Calming:** (Cllr Fitzgerald).

OCC has now installed a Village Gateway complex in Chiselhampton on the B4015 to Golden Balls. Further traffic calming will be installed there (closer in to village) and in Newington Road as priority locations, when SPC/other funding is available. See previous minutes.

Raised roundabout on A329/B480. SPC would log but defer approaching OCC Highways with this suggestion, given capacity. The speed of traffic entering Stadhampton village from Chalgrove was raised. This location will be added to existing highways works, based on previously-identified priorities and funding availability. **Action:** Clerk to register on Action Log (under Highways) to permit future re-visit.
- Allotments and water catchment project:

EH had received no feedback from allotment owners.

Allotment availability: **Action:** Clerk would contact MA to request her intent for Cllr Allen's allotment. This potentially could be split into 2 allotments and re-allocated.

Water catchment update. Since the meeting the water trough has now been completed. The PC would like to thank KT for his outstanding work. RESOLVED.

Allotment Ditch Clearance. **Action:** Clerk to contact Jamie to clear ditches at back of allotments as soon as they are dry enough.

Opportunity: Our local Notcutts rep is willing to mentor those new to allotments who may be interested in taking a plot, individually or as a collective group. Interested residents should contact Clerk or Chair.
- **Flooding activity:** (Cllrs Fitzgerald/Campbell). River Thame Conservation Trust (RTCV) Andrew Morsley continues to scope the outline of a project to address flooding through natural flooding measures up-stream the Brook, in conjunction with Chalgrove PC, which will positively impact Stadhampton. Funding to date will permit project outline and engagement with landowners, with an option to draft funding proposals for additional activity.
- **Football Club – nb.** *It was reported after the meeting that the Trailblazers Sunday Football League has sadly folded, impacting Stadhampton FC. It is now pursuing the matter with Oxfordshire FC. #upthestaddy*
- **Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Working Group** – requires willing and able volunteers to assist PB scope at this early stage. To avoid the local NP remaining aspirational, residents are encouraged to identify suitable volunteers who may contribute. Please contact the Clerk or Chair.
- **CIL current project** - Little Green footpath and Green protection. Almost all quotes have been provided, and those have been assessed. The strongest contractor at this stage is based both on costs and they also completed Church Farm track re-surfacing. This local experience would also de-risk the successful integration of three different surfaces (existing track; Green protection where the plastic matting has degraded; and the new footpath). SPC will request contractor to provide choice of finishes to inform a subsequent consultation to be held in due course to present options. SPC would scope necessary authorisation required to conduct authorised works on public Greens/land.

Actions:

 - Clerk to contact H&J to request different finishes;
 - Clerk to request a final quote for the Green protection activity from the third contractor.
 - Cllr Fitzgerald to contact OCC Footpath Officer (AMJ) and the previous agency that specialises in managing village greens, to ensure authorised works.

149/0126 Fireworks Committee - Contribution to Henley Young farmers (HYF). It had been decided and agreed by the Fireworks Committee that they would provide the donation to HYF from takings on the night; SPC has notified HYF. Matter closed. SPC would specify clear-up schedule for the next event.

150/0126 Alignment of Village Comms. Coordinated village comms would permit more targeted community involvement, awareness and support. Cllr Fitzgerald is engaging the various Parish and community comms channels (inc SPC; Village Voice; the Grapevine; School; Village Facebook Noticeboard) to determine how best to coordinate and highlight common messages/events/opportunities to more people. **In progress.**

152/0126 Repairs to road leading to the drive by the Green. Cllrs would review options and scale of works, from pot-hole filling to re-surfacing, on the track with SPC jurisdiction. The main Green track from Thame Road to roughly the Play Area was OCC Highways jurisdiction. Decision would be deferred until the CIL Footpath contractor could provide options when on-site.

154/0126 Chiselhampton Noticeboard and Sports Pavillion Postbox. Action: Clerk to source a cheaper lock-smith quote for Chiselhampton noticeboard.

156/0126 Other Matters Raised and Volunteers requested. *(for information only)*

- Volunteers required for Neighbourhood Plan.
- Bus-stop custodians, to keep them tidy and clean. School Year 6 were suggested. **Action:** Cllr Edwards would approach School.
- **History Group:** this would reconvene at the next monthly coffee morning in the Village Hall, after the successful Village History book was launched (24 Jan).
- **Allotments.** Those who require mentoring to tend an allotment should contact Clerk or Cllr Fitzgerald.

157/0126 Finance: The monthly RFO report along with bank balances on 30/11/2025 of Lloyds current account £4,004.31, deposit account £5,637.33 and CCLA Fund £47,423.94 and bank reconciliations were received.

158/0126 Payments: The payment list was approved in the absence of the Clerk and will be signed at the next meeting.

159/0126 Items for the February Meeting agenda:

Date and time of Next Meeting: Monday 16th February 2026 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, St John the Baptist Church, The Green, Stadhampton OX44 7UA.