

Stadhampton Parish Council – March 2026

Minutes of Stadhampton Parish Council (SPC) meeting held on Monday 23rd March 2026 at 7.30pm in Stadhampton Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Fitzgerald (Chairman), Howden, Campbell, Edwards.

In attendance: Laura McDonald (Clerk)

Members of the public: 12

Public Participation: Since this SPC meeting followed on from the Annual Parish Meeting, there were no further public comments..

177/0326 Apologies: Apologies received from Cllr Bayoumi and District Councillor Heritage.

178/0326 Declarations of interest: None.

179/0326 Minutes (D): To approve as an accurate record the minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 2026. Proposed: Cllr Fitzgerald. Seconded: Cllr Edwards.

180/0326 Matters arising: from the previous minutes that are not on the agenda.

Action: The Clerk will amend a typographical error in the minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2026, correcting “Stadhampton School” to “Friends of Stadhampton School.”

181/0326 Report from Ward Councillor (D): The Report from the South Oxfordshire District Council (Cllr Georgina Heritage) has been circulated and will be available on the Parish Council Website.

182/0326 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/>

- **Oxfordshire County Council – Section 73 Application R3.0025/26**
Variation of Condition 23 relating to veteran and ancient trees for development permitted under application R3.0138/21 (A4130 Widening, Didcot to Culham River Crossing and Clifton Hampden Bypass). **End Consultation date 26/03/26. Resolved: no comment.**
- **Land east of Mill Lane, OX44 7UP P26/S0323/FUL**
Phase 1 development. Demolition of existing equestrian buildings and site clearance. 2 Erection of self-build dwelling and outbuilding. Provision of garden/ Amenity areas including parking. Associated works. **Comment deadline 12th March. Target decision date 31st March 2026. The application was incorrectly listed on the agenda as ‘withdrawn’. It was brought to the Council’s attention at the meeting that the application remains live. The PC considered the application. Resolved: No comment.**
- **Anchor Gate, The Green, Stadhampton, OX44 7UW P26/S0655/S19**
Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) on application ref P23/S4165/LB - change to extension spaces from the approved uses. Single storey rear and side extension. **End Consultation date 18/04/26. Resolved: no comment.**
- **Anchor Gate, The Green, Stadhampton, OX44 7UW P26/S0656/S73**
Variation of Condition 2 of P23/S4164/HH (Single storey rear and side extension) - for amendments to the use of the extension spaces. **End Consultation date 11/04/26. Resolved: no comment.**
- **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.** PC resubmitted its previous objection as the matters raised continue to apply. **Target decision date 26th January 2026. Resolved: Application has been approved.**

- **Planning application amendment (no. 1), on application P25/S2784/FUL**, Change of use of paddock land for the siting of 6 x pitches for permanent residential Gypsy and Traveller mobile homes with associated parking, groundworks and landscaping together with erection of garage associated with the existing site (Part development already carried out). (As amended by information received 16 March 2026.) **End Consultation date 31st March 2026.**

The PC resolved to object to the amended application.

Action: PC to engage the previous specialist to prepare a further objection. Following the meeting, the objection was submitted and published on the Parish Council website.

Decisions on Planning applications:

- **Mill House P26/S0320/FUL**

Construction of a flood mitigation bund adjoining the Chalgrove Brook to protect Mill House from being flooded by the brook at times of peak rainfall. **Comment deadline 12th March. Target decision date 31st March 2026. Withdrawn prior to determination on 19th February 2026.** The PC agreed to monitor any future resubmission of this application and to notify residents accordingly.

Action: Clerk to monitor the application to ensure that any future submission follows due planning process.

183/0326 Reports from Working Groups and Projects:

- **Biodiversity and sustainability** (Cllr Campbell). No comment
- **Highways and Traffic Calming:** (Cllr Fitzgerald). Nothing further to report.
- **Allotments and water catchment/ supply.** The allotment holders and SPC are very pleased with the water trough and thanks were given to KT again for his excellent work. SPC encourages residents to use the trough to fill their own water butts, to allow it to re-fill. EH reported that a visit is scheduled for 20/04/26 to undertake ditch clearing. Update at next meeting.
- **Flooding activity:** (Cllrs Fitzgerald/ Campbell). Nothing further to comment.
- **Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.** No update. Volunteers are still encouraged to support.
- **History Group** - update. No further comment.
- **Latest CIL current project - Little Green footpath and land management.** SPC has received an update from OCC/Openreach and the separate Organisation for Open Spaces (OOS) regarding the materials/ finishes required for the project. SPC would conduct a public consultation when complete.
Action: Cllr Fitzgerald to continue engagement with Openreach and OOS, then SPC will seek legal advice regarding land management, as part of wider due diligence.
SPC would re-start its subscription to the OOS, given their ongoing advice. Proposed: Cllr Howden. Seconded: Cllr Campbell.
Action: Clerk to action SPC re-joining OOS and add invoice to payment list for next meeting.
- **Action:** SPC to consider potential future local CIL projects for 2027 and inform CIL bids to Cllr Heritage. (Suggestions so far include: Pavilion.) Deferred.

184/0326 Nelhurst Cottage boundary challenge. Deferred until the next meeting.

Action: Cllrs Fitzgerald and Howden would continue to conduct wider due diligence to understand the boundary change request.

185/0326 Grant Applications.

Due to the timing at the end of the financial year, the PC will receive and consider the grant applications at its next meeting to ensure the process is carried out in line with proper governance requirements. Allocated SPC

community grant funding for this FY would be carried over, considered and awarded to applicants in the next FY.

Action: Clerk to forward all grant applications to Councillors for review ahead of the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to add this as a standing item on future agendas.

186/0326 Other Matters Raised and Volunteers requested.

- Stadhampton Village party 4th July 2pm-9pm. SPC gave permission for the Stadhampton Village Party to be held on the Green as in previous years. Proposed: Cllr Howden. Seconded Cllr Edwards.

Volunteers required:

- To actively drive the Parish Neighbourhood Plan.
- Hampden Meadow resident representative on the Parish Council.

Opportunity:

- Allotments. Residents who would like to take on an allotment, or seek mentoring individually or as a group in how to do so, contact Clerk or Chair.

187/0326 Finance: The monthly RFO report along with bank balances on 28/02/2026 of Lloyds current account £1,154.09, deposit account £5,637.33 and CCLA Fund £47,734.68 were received and bank reconciliations approved. Proposed: Cllr Fitzgerald. Seconded: Cllr Campbell.

189/0326 Payments: The March Payment list was received and signed. Proposed: Cllr Howden. Seconded: Cllr Fitzgerald.

190/0326 Items for the April Parish Council (planning focus) agenda.

Cllr Howden gave his apologies in advance of the next meeting.

The April meeting will be a planning-focused meeting; therefore, only planning items will be considered unless there are urgent matters requiring attention.

There will be a celebration marking 50 years at the Stadhampton Primary school.

Action: Cllr Edwards and Cllr Howden to liaise with the Friends of Stadhampton Primary School.

Date and time of Next Meeting: Monday 20th April 2026 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, St John the Baptist Church, The Green, Stadhampton OX44 7UA.

Meeting closed 9.30pm