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Stadhampton Parish Council

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

Present: Cllrs Fitzgerald (Chairman), Howden, Campbell and Bayoumi.
In attendance: Laura McDonald (Clerk/RFO)
Members of the public: 10

Public Participation: for any resident of the Parish to raise any issue, petition or question (15 minutes in total, or by consent of the chair). Once this item has closed members of the public are welcome to witness the meeting but are not allowed to participate.

Resident 1: reported the Stadhampton defibrillator(BP Station) was not working.

- **Action:** Clerk to contact the first responder. EH offered to take over responsibility for the defibrillator.

Resident 2: raised concerns about a hole outside the wall near RD's house, close to Copson Lane.

- **Action:** Clerk to contact Thames Water.

Resident 3 raised concerns about brambles obstructing bridleway on the back-loop near Askett Park.

- **Action:** Cllr Campbell to contact John Osborn and Roy Brown to establish land-owners.

Resident 4: raised ongoing concerns regarding the width of the bridleway at the Wild Pig. The PC noted the legal width requirement was 2.5 metres and that horses are still able to pass through if various obstacles are moved out of the way. Whilst Arthur McEwan-James (Countryside Access Team of the Oxfordshire County Council) had met previously with the Wild Pig manager, and had stated at that there was no obstruction at that time, the PC believes given some ongoing concerns, the situation should be monitored; since users should not have to ask staff to clear the path. **Action:** Cllr Campbell will contact Arthur McEwan-James.

Resident 5:, The Crown's new owner Sanjay introduced Sherry, the new manager, and updated]on the refurbishment and proposed reopening. Work is due to start on 2 November. A new hoarding and a mood board will display plans for residents. A soft opening is planned for mid-March 2027. Sanjay is liaising with resident who had raised concerns about privacy. The new clerk raised concerns about parking and the potential impact on Lucerne Drive. Sanjay will seek to mitigate these issues through signage and social media. The plans currently include nine parking spaces and bicycle parking hoops.

Resident 6: advised a pop-up pub event with live music by Josie Florence would take place on 30 October, with a further fundraising event planned nearer Christmas. The Crown kindly offered to donate drinks for the event.

69/1026 Apologies: Received from Cllr Edwards; and Ward Cllr Georgina Heritage.

70/1026 Declarations of interest: Nothing to report.

71/1026 Minutes (D): To approve as an accurate record the minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2026. Proposed: Cllr Howden. Seconded: Cllr Campbell.

72/1026 Matters arising: from the previous minutes that are not on the agenda.

- Cllr Fitzgerald will buy Sue White's flowers this week for service to the community and the pavilion.Cllr Howden reminded residents about the new late Friday and Saturday night bus departing Oxford at 2300 to the villages .

73/1026 Report from Ward Councillor (D): Report from South Oxfordshire District Council (Cllr Georgina Heritage has been circulated. **Action:** Clerk to upload to the website.

74/1026 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/

- **Planning Application P26/S4523/PIP** Land adj former Newington Nurseries Newbury Hill View.

Erection of a minimum of 9 and a maximum of 9 residential dwellings. Comment deadline 22nd October. PH raised concerns about the track from the Wild Pig to the bottom corner of the field adjoining Newington Nurseries. The Clerk has requested an extension to the consultation deadline. Cllr Fitzgerald agreed to review PH's email, and Cllr Georgina Heritage has indicated that she would submit comments.

Actions:

- Clerk to follow up the extension request with planning officer AH.
- P**H** to forward the relevant details to Cllr Campbell.
- Clerk to update the Parish Council's previous comments and submit the response.

The Parish Council submitted its comments on 21 October 2026, following the meeting.

- **Planning Application P26/S4234/DIS** Anchor Gate, The Green, OX44 7UW.
  Discharge of condition 3(schedule of materials) on application ref. P26/S0655/S19
  Variation of condition 2(approved plans) on application ref. P23/S4165/LB - change to use of extension spaces from the approved uses (Single storey rear and side extension). Comment deadline 21st October 2026. No comment.
- **Planning Application P26/S3062/FUL** Newells Farm OX44 7XJ.
  Demolition/ removal of the existing single storey (cafe) to the rear of the original farm shop and erect new extension with alterations to the existing Class E facility, together with relocation of existing store and freezer and provision of parking area and access and pathways (part retrospective). Comment deadline 30th September 2026. Still under Consideration.
- **Planning Application P26/S3689/LDE** Chiselhampton Lodge OX44 7XH.
  Certificate of Lawfulness Existing Use for the erection of a dwelling and raised terrace. Comment deadline 23rd September 2026. To be determined.
- **Planning Application P26/S3263/LB** 5 School Yard OX447TT.
  Repair of building including historic timber frame using like for like materials where possible. Replacement of modern kitchen and bathrooms. Restoration of historic fireplace opening and addition of wood burning stove. Comment deadline 2nd October 2026. To be determined.
- **Planning Application P26/S3902/S73** Poplars Ascott OX44 7UH
  Removal of Condition 3 (UNIQUE Specified use) of Planning Permission Reference P18/S1175/FUL Change of use of agricultural tractor shed to self contained holiday letting associated outside amenity space. Comment deadline 1st October 2026. To be determined.

Decisions on planning applications:

- **Planning Application P26/S3786/PIP** Land adj former Newington Nurseries Newbury Hill View.
  Erection of a minimum of 9 and a maximum of 9 residential dwellings. Planning Permission Refused 1st October 2026.
- **Planning Application P26/S3672/FUL** Newells Farm OX44 7XJ.
  Demolition of the existing dwelling and the erection of a replacement dwelling with parking and amenity space. Planning Permission refused 12th October 2026.
- **Planning Application P26/S1972/FUL** The Crown Thame Road Stadhampton Oxford OX44 7TX. Refurbishment, alteration and extension of the existing public house. Additional Plan showing privacy screen to the external staircase.Planning Permission granted 21st September 2026.

75/1026 Reports from Working Groups and Projects:

- **Biodiversity and sustainability** (Cllr Campbell). Nothing to report.
- **Highways and Traffic Calming:** (Cllr Fitzgerald). Ken and Linda King raised Highways safety concerns regarding Vine Cottage onto A329. **Action:** Cllr Fitzgerald to follow up and clerk to add to the next agenda for follow up.
- **Allotments (Julian Humm).** Two allotments are overgrown and a quote has been received from KT. Proposed: Cllr Howden. Seconded: Cllr Fitzgerald. **Action:** Clerk to list services of all contractors for councillors to review.
- **Flooding activity:** (Cllrs Fitzgerald/ Campbell). Cllr Fitzgerald would seek a volunteer to draft a grant funding bid for Phase 2 of Chalgrove Brook project.
- **Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.** Volunteers required to coordinate.
- **History Group - Potential projects:** deferred until next meeting. Cllr Campbell notified the PC that the owner of No.5 School Yard proposes to put up a noticeboard with the history of the school yard out the front.
  - Displaying old photos of the Village.
  - Parish Council archives need to be sorted and officially stored.

- **CIL current project - Land Management Project.** KT and BG have inspected the site and advised that reseeding would not be worthwhile at this late stage of season. KT recommends removing all the matting, in line with the quote received from H&J. Councillors would endorse replacing the existing matting like-for-like basis, on receipt of the quote from KT/BH.
  Proposed: Cllr Howden. Seconded: Cllr Fitzgerald. **Action:** KT to provide a quote for replacement matting for consideration at the next meeting.

76/1026 Recruitment of new Clerk/RFO. Cllr Fitzgerald welcomed Diana Angell-Manning as the new Clerk/RFO. Diana is a local resident and would officially take up the role on 1 November. The Council thanked Laura McDonald for remaining in post while a suitable replacement was recruited, and for supporting Diana's handover. The PC wished Laura well in her future endeavours.

77/1026 PC archives and records. Deferred until the next meeting.

78/1026 Other Matters Raised and Volunteers requested.

Volunteers required:

- Neighbourhood Plan co-ordinators.
- Pavilion custodian.
- Allotment Opportunity – Mentoring available.
- OCC FixMyStreetSuper Users - authorised to directly task pot-hole repair to OCC Highways. Contact Cllr Fitzgerald.

79/1026 Finance: The monthly RFO report along with bank balances on 30/09/26 were approved and the bank reconciliations signed. Proposed: Cllr Fitzgerald. Seconded: Cllr Howden.

80/1026 Payments: The October payment schedule was approved and signed. Proposed: Cllr Fitzgerald. Seconded: Clr Campbell.

81/1026 Items for the November Parish Council Meeting.

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