

Minutes of a meeting of STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 5th July 2017 in Stanford Village Hall

**Present: Cllr.P.Lewis(Chair) Cllr.Warren Cllr.Gill Cllr.Isaacs Cllr.Bailey Cllr.Jenkins
Cllr.Howes Cllr.Fitzgerald-O'Connor(OCC) Cllr.Sharp(VWHDC) M.Dew(Clerk)**

6 Parishioners

01/07/17 To receive apologies and reason (If Offered)

Cllr Williams Cuss (Business) Cllr.N.Lewis(Business) Cllr.Jackson

02/07/17 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on any agenda item

Nil

03/07/17 To receive,approve & sign as a true record minutes of previous meeting 7th June 2017

Amendments: 06/06/17 last line add *Cllr.Gill was concerned about rate of progress*

14/06/17 Heading add *Church and Upper Green*

19/06/17 Last line delete *art grant* after s106 agreement add *to proceed*

After these amendments **ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAILEY
SECONDED BY Cllr JENKINS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record**

04/07/17 To receive report of County Councillor

OCC has confirmed that it will keep its entire network of 7 Household Waste Recycling Centres open in the medium term (with no change to opening hours or days they are open) due to a new contract awarded to W & S Recycling. The Dorset based firm manage 5 of Oxfordshire's sites so there will be minimal disruption when the new contract starts on 1 October 2017

OCC's new minerals and waste core strategy which outlines planning and policies for Oxfordshire until 2031 is set to be adopted following support from the Government. They concluded following an independent examination that it meets legal requirements and provides a sound basis for planning of future quarrying and waste management for the next 15 years. Minerals include sand, gravel, limestone, ironstone and clay which are naturally occurring materials dug from the ground and recycled concrete and ash.

OCC has approved start-up funding for a further 10 community schemes to run open access services at children's centres. These are the latest proposals to be considered as part of the transitions from Council funded to Community led services at children's centre locations. Community services will compliment the Council's new service for 0-19 year olds which meets the needs and aspirations of children at risk of abuse and neglect and ensure that families needing extra help are identified at an early stage

OCC's Trading Standards Service in partnership with TV Police, banks and other agencies have saved over £250,000 for victims of rogue traders in last 12 months. This is the largest amount of money ever saved by the Doorstep Crime team. The team targets rogue traders who prey on the

vulnerable and elderly claiming to be legitimate companies. The team consists of 3 Trading Standards Officers and a seconded Police Officer. Any concerns about rogue traders should be reported to Trading Standards via **03454 04 05 06**

A small amount of money has been allocated to each County Division. Details can be found on www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/communities-fund Parish Councils and local organisations may well be eligible for access to this funding for a project. Go to the site directly. As the County Councillor I would need to countersign the application and would be happy to talk through the process.

05/07/17 To receive report of District Councillor

Little to report. The Chief Executive D.Hill had resigned and as from 1st July Mark Stone appointed as the new Chief Executive of Vale of White Horse DC

06/07/17 Questions/comments from Parishioners

Parishioner asked definition of Non-Pecuniary Interest. This declares a non-financial interest and declarer is permitted to vote and take part in discussions
County Council asked about Mobile Children's Centres – No information yet
Parishioner produced correspondence from Wessex Trust stating that the Old URC Chapel was still not sold and that they intended to market the property during the autumn.

07/07/17 To receive report of Millennium Green AGM

There were a number of Trustees absent due to illness, bereavement and holidays although the meeting was quorate. There was discussion regarding hedging and the offer of electrical access from neighbours. Improvements were identified and took on board complaints of lack of action while acknowledging that Natural England whose permission was needed for any improvements were not the quickest in responding

08/07/17 To receive correspondence

Parishioner – regarding Millennium Green & AGM. The relevant correspondence had been circulated to Council and had also been posted by the parishioner on the Village Social website

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that the meeting be closed to discuss the correspondence from the parishioner

Following the discussion:

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr BAILEY

IT WAS RESOLVED that the meeting be re-opened

Chairman stated that the suggested improvements had been put to Natural England previously (as per his letter to Mr Wood from 2 years ago), and their response was unfavourable at that time. The trust funds amount to some £6,000 to maintain the Green in perpetuity and so careful stewardship is required. Whilst the suggestions

may not have been implemented the trust has dealt with general management of the area, including regular mowing and dealing with hedge cuttings, removed litter, repainted gates and currently arranging a cap for the flagpole base. Millennium Green has been available for benefit of the inhabitants throughout this time, as required by the Deed of Trust. Also, the trustees are finalising arrangements for a Community Archaeological Dig on the site. Given this, Chairman felt trustees were compliant, so no justification to change current arrangements

09/07/17 To receive report of Clerk

a) Increase in number of Parish Councillors – Chairman advised VWHDC would review / perform governance following Council resolution to increase, if agreed increase would be expected to align with the elections in 2019.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS
SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the increase be for two new positions

Item to next agenda

- b) Charity donations – details circulated. Item to next agenda
- c) Jubilee Garden and school involvement – Item to next agenda
- d) Red Ensign Day – No action
- e) Grass contract with OCC signed and sealed – Noted

Councillors reported overgrown footpaths: Hatford and Marlborough Lane
After the meeting Clerk spoke to Footpaths Officer (B.Hudson) who said that he had walked the paths which were passable and he had cut some back)
Council had received a request for a seat at the bus stop in High Street – It was felt that this was not feasible as there was no space, the stop being on a public footpath

10/07/17 To discuss presence of Water Voles Bow Road Verge

Further request received from BBONT to mow less width of verge or even leave areas uncut. It was also thought that the ditch dredging authorities be informed. It was also considered that signs should be produced regarding the presence of the water voles, as well as an item for the newsletter.

11/07/17 To receive report of Chairman

You will all have received my e-mail to SSE, seeking to substantially reduce their quote for the relocation of the HV pylons. No further response has been received to date, but I am continuing to chase this up.

Trotter Treeworks advise that they are confident that modest crown lifts will not be of interest to Vale's Tree Officer, and have therefore been instructed to proceed.

At our previous meeting, it was reported that trees on Manor Green had low hanging branches that were obstructing the footpath – these have also been dealt with.

My thanks to Cllr. Isaacs for progressing matters with OCC in relation to the wayleave – the planning permission has now been shared with OCC and I have finally confirmed that there was

an oversight by our solicitor regarding the land registry process, which she assures me is now in hand.

Co-Op parking – I am still to arrange a meeting with the manager.

Perry's Road trees – appears to be intention of Sovereign Vale to fell the trees – I am meeting them and their tree surgeon on Thursday to discuss in more detail.

Speedwatch – confirmed that they run sessions along the High Street, but most frequently for traffic heading towards the A417 – have shared neighbours' concerns.

12/07/17 To discuss planning applications

P17/V1548/HH – 2 Upper Green – Ground & 1st Floor extension to “Hollyhocks”

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAILEY

SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that there were no objections but concerns regarding parking as shown and practicality of leaving spaces as shown

P17/V1502/FUL – Unit 1 White Horse Business Park – Proposed single storey garage & store

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr BAILEY

IT WAS RESOLVED that there were no objections

P17/V1717/HH – 1 Wordsworth Close – replacement single storey porch

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr BAILEY

IT WAS RESOLVED that there were no objections

13/07/17 To approve accounts for payment

7/6	Stanford Village Hall	Hall Hire	34.30
7/6	Stanford Village Hall	Hall Hire (Nplan)	12.80
7/6	Stanford Village Hall	Hall Hire (MGreen)	4.80
20/6	Stanford Village Hall	Hall Hire(Arts Group)	4.80
20/6	NCT C10	Membership(Nplan)	150.00
20/6	Sweetfuels	Mower diesel	276.99
30/6	D.M.Dew	Salary	680.30
30/6	C.Stallard	Litter pick	60.00
30/6	Post Office(HMRC)	PAYE & NI	193.73

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be paid/approved

14/07/17 To approve monthly statement of accounts

CASH AT BANK

Beginning balance		<u>31,160.40</u>
Cleared transactions		
Cheques & payments	-2,919.78	
Deposits & credits	297.00	
Total cleared transactions	-1,722.78	
Cleared balance		<u>29,035.29</u>
Uncleared transactions	-1,671.11	
Registered balance as at 29/05/17		<u>28,035.29</u>

30 DAY BUSINESS ACCOUNT

Beginning balance		<u>7,902.21</u>
Cleared transactions deposit	0.31	
Cleared balance		<u>7,902.52</u>
Registered balance as at 09/05/17		<u>7,902.52</u>

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

As at 14/06/17 **3281.00**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS
SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS

It was resolved that the monthly statement of accounts be approved

15/07/17 To discuss and approve accounting statements for BDO Audit

Chairman reported that the Internal Audit was completed

16/07/17 To discuss/accept quote to relocate HV electricity pylons crossing QEII field

There was discussion regarding requests for funding Wren and PPC being mentioned and it was decided to pursue further funding sources. The quote received from SSE was £21,665.47

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr JENKINS

It was resolved that the quote be accepted and paid

17/07/17 To receive report of Environmental Committee

It was considered that a village tree survey was needed. A Nursery End walk round/audit had been carried out – list to follow. There still had been no response from RoSPA

18/07/17 To receive report from Recreation & Leisure Committee

Nothing to report. Meeting required

19/07/17 To receive report of Neighbourhood Plan

Still awaiting feedback from Vale Officers re Sustainability Assessment Questionnaire. Hope we will have information at our next meeting 10th July
Sites are being assessed for Education use if OCC decide present school site cannot be expanded. OCC not prepared to fund Desk Top Studies but suggest we look for further funding from Locality. Our bid of £7,500 was successful and we have commissioned Atkins for the studies. We await the results.
We have renewed the Community Land Trust membership for any projects into the future.

20/07/17 To receive report of Public Work of Art Liaison Working Party

It has been arranged that the chosen artist will walk the village with members of the working party

21/07/17 Date of next meeting 6th September 2017
Planning meeting - Provisional 26th July 2017

Questions/comments from parishioners

Complaints that only about 10% of discussion could be heard. Would not the use of the small hall be better? Microphones as an answer ?
Regarding the Millennium Green – PC Councillors were chosen as Trustees because the PC was always in place