

Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 4th September 2013 in Stanford Village Hall

Questions/comments from Parishioners

M/s J. Grinsted thanked council for nominating her as a trustee for the PPC. She also asked that verges be cut in Horsecroft as did another parishioner in the area around Penstones

Present:

Cllr.Gill(chair) Cllr.J.Warren Cllr.P.Lewis Cllr.N.Lewis Cllr.Jackson Cllr.Williams Cuss

Cllr. Isaacs @ 2000 (Business delay) Cllr.Monahan Smith @ 2000 (Business delay)

County Cllr.Tilley District Cllr.Sharp @ 2045 (DC meeting) M.Dew (Clerk) 11 Parishioners

1. Apologies

Cllr. Bambury (Holiday)

2. Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any agenda item

Nil

3. Minutes of previous meeting 3rd July 2013 to be received and signed as a true record

Item 14/07/13 Committee reports R & L delete November add October

Following this change

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.WILLIAMS CUSS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record

4. Report of County Councillor

There is a need for the budget to save £130 million. In order to inform people of where and why savings had to be made a series of countywide road shows would be held. The only areas not to be cut were fire service and child care. There is a basic need to find primary school places

5. Report of Clerk

Benches – 3 applications to provide benches had been received : High St, Millennium Green and Church Green. There was some opposition to the High St site but a bench could be sited on a pavement corner on a temporary basis to gauge nuisance caused

Notice boards – on going

Forest Grove grass cutting – DC still responsible for cutting with no contract for Parish Council

Coop lorry damage to Church Green – Still waiting for insurance

Register of Interests – Councillors reminded that they must complete these forms for DC monitoring

Street signs – DC aware that damage signs need replacing

Vacancy – A casual vacancy still exists for a Parish Councillor and should go in the newsletter again

NALC pay award – After 4 years of pay freeze Government had awarded Clerks a 1% pay rise which in Stanford Clerks case amounted to 12p ph

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr P.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the pay award be approved

Notice of completion of audit – The notice of audit had been received from BDO (Govt external auditors) stating that *the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern*

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that the annual return has been approved and accepted

6. Report of Chairman

Finance- A reminder to all councillors re “Engagement of Internal Auditor” that we need to comply with Item 8 -money laundering. I quote- “I can only accept this work subject to compliance with the Money Laundering Regulations which will necessitate my receiving ID for each councillor– apologies but I am legally obliged to do this.” So please could you pop your ID (copy of a passport details with photo or Driving license) through my letter box at 5 Chapel Road and I will pass to John Hardcastle.

The November meeting should be the initial discussion re the Budget for 2014/15. Probable final decision to be taken at our January 2014 meeting. Could sub –committees please put forward budgets re projects/maintenance etc.

Planning- We now know that DWH have lodged an appeal. This will not take place until November and Councillor Sharp will also keep us informed. The Bow Road Farm outline application has been withdrawn at this time.

Taylor Wimpey Homes have written to us re Old Mill Nurseries as below-

“Further to our conversation I write to formally request the opportunity to meet with yourself and members of the Parish Council to discuss our proposals for Old Mill Nurseries.

Essentially, we are keen to meet to discuss our proposals for the Old Mill Nurseries site and also to understand the provisions that the Parish Council may wish to see provided for through our development. In this regard we have been advised by Matthew Green and Will Twiddy (agents for the landowner) that you may be seeking the provision of a garage type building with office accommodation over.

We are anxious to progress our scheme at the earliest opportunity but will not do so without having had the appropriate consultation with you and local residents and consequently we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this further. If you are able to suggest some times and dates that are convenient to you will we then be pleased to meet with you and your colleagues.

I look forward to hearing from you but should you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact me.” Kind regards Andy Cattermole Senior Planner

I propose we agree to meet ASAP to ascertain their proposals. It will be important to have all information re such possible developments prior to any village meeting and the possible development of a Neighbourhood Plan (as already shared in August newsletter) which is also on the agenda tonight.

I believe the whole of our village needs to be aware of all the options and outcomes so they can be in control and plan a vision for the future.

Maintenance- I have discussed all the maintenance issues with Darren Rolls (see attached) The Skate Park still needs to be tackled but lifting steel strips are being re-fixed. Councillor Williams-Cuss will report further under Leisure / Recreation.

We now have 3 requests for placement of Benches. (To discuss placements)

Regarding DWH appeal Chairman directed councillors to read Cllr P.Lewis email regarding the PC applying to become a Rule 6 party which ensures that the PC is treated in the same way as the appellant i.e. ability to cross examine and present our own evidence. There is a concern that if the appellant (DWH) wins their case there could be a liability on the PC for costs. Cllr P.Lewis to look into this.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr. WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Parish Council apply for Rule 6 party status subject to the cost to the PC not exceeding £10,000 and embracing as much of the village as possible.

Regarding the Taylor Wimpey Homes and Old Nuresey site – Clerk considered that council were breaking a resolution not to visit this application until the decision re DWH was settled. Council disagreed with Clerk's advice because there had been no actual resolution, just an agreement not to open any negotiations until we had a clearer picture re the Faringdon Road development.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Chairman write to Taylor Wimpey to ask them to send us written information about their proposals.

7. Neighbourhood plan

After discussions regarding attendance at any village meeting as to what is a necessary and justifiable number in attendance, following recommendations from ORCC necessary numbers should include a steering group of around 12 plus numerous volunteers. It was suggested that a meeting which should be extensively publicised should include ORCC and a rep from DC. This meeting should explain what a neighbourhood plan is and the need for many villagers to be involved. Without village support the plan would not be undertaken.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr WARREN

SECONDED BY Cllr N.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that a meeting to discuss and present a neighbourhood plan be held

There was 1 abstention to this resolution – Cllr Isaacs

The meeting will be held in the Stanford Village Hall on 11th October 2013 at 7.30pm

8. Report of District Councillor

DWH appeal to be heard January/February when DC case to be presented by a barrister. Questions were answered regarding whether the housing figures were completion or approved applications

9 Correspondence

VWHDC – Chairmans community awards lunch – Nomination forms with PC Chairman
County Cllr Tilley – Big Society grant £700 towards Playground repairs and Village meeting
Came & Co Parish Council insurance Quote of £1630.46 (less than previous year) but a long term agreement (LTA) will reduce the premium to £1,548.94 . LTA until 30 Sept 2016

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr GILL

SECONDED BY Cllr JACKSON

IT WAS RESOLVED that the 3 year LTA be signed and a premium of £1,548.94 be paid

10.Planning applications

P13/V1822/LDP Horse & Jockey - Certificate of Lawful Development. To proceed without a planning application

In response Council resolved that the following be sent to VWHDC planning:

On the basis that the application wholly supports the 3 dimensions of sustainable development outlined by NPPF:

An economic role by virtue of being a local business

A social role supporting a vibrant local community

An environmental role, as it forms part of our built historic environment

Stanford pC fully supports the application. We urge VWHDC to progress this matter as quickly as possible to ensure the detrimental effects of the loss of this facility on the community are kept to an absolute minimum

11. Monthly statement of accounts inc budget balances

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr N.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr WILLIAMS CUSS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the monthly statement of accounts be approved

A vote of thanks to Cllr P.Lewis for his work with the clerk on budget set-up was approved

12. Accounts for Payment

Mellors	Fuel	20.01
Buildbase	Paint bus shelter	68.28
BDO	Annual external audit	240.00
D.M.Dew	Salary	601.32
C.Stallard	Salary	60.00
P.Johnson	Strimming/Maint.	119.00
Post Office (HMRC)	PAYE/NI	169.68
Stanford Village Hall	Hall hire	17.00
TV Hire & Sales	Maint.Equipt	206.10
Mellors	Fuel	54.69
Playsafety	Playarea inspection	225.00
Stanford Village Hall	Hall hire	30.60
Viking Direct	Office equipt	105.90
D.M.Dew	Salary	596.72
C.Stallard	Salary	60.00
Post Office (HMRC)	PAYE/NI	163.68

D.Rolls	Mowing/Maint.	329.88
P.Johnson	Strimming/Maint.	288.00

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr JACKSON

IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts for payment be approved and paid

13. Cllr.Williams Cuss – 9th October

Councillor said that she had discovered that 9th October had been an original date for a Stanford Feast and asked council that this should be considered for the future – item to the news letter

Due to the lateness of the hour

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr GILL

SECONDED BY Cllr JACKSON

IT WAS RESOLVED that Standing Orders be suspended in order to continue the meeting

14. Committee reports

Environmental – Still no progress re pollution responsibility. Request to use field for parking on football match days. Not possible, concrete blocks to stop *visitors*

Recreation & Leisure RoSPA report highlighted High Risk of skate park although this was normal and the report stated problems that had mostly already been noted by council inspection. Quotes for developments had been obtained:

Playarea - £10,000

Zipwire ground £3,250

It was considered that council should obtain further quotes and investigate other means of repair. It was also agreed that the committee should prioritise repairs Grants were available but only to purchase new equipment and it was agreed that the Chair would see what was available

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr WILLIAMS CUSS

SECONDED BY Cllr WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that up to £2000 be spent on essential repairs to existing equipment

15. Date of next meeting - 6th November 2013