

Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 6th November 2013 in Stanford Village Hall

Questions/comments from Parishioners

Chairman welcomed all to the meeting

Could agendas be placed on website and why were minutes not placed on site after a meeting. Webmaster to be informed of request re agenda, the minutes are not approved until next meeting but a draft copy could be put on the site.

What is the situation regarding the future of the URC – Chairmans report will deal with this although it is understood that it is on the market for offers around £300,00.

Trimming of trees in Chapel Road(The Apostles) – carried out privately, Chair to talk to owner of property close to trees.

Present:

Cllr Gill (Chair) Cllr. Bambury Cllr P. Lewis Cllr N.Lewis Cllr Monahan Smith

Cllr Williams Cuss

County Cllr Tilley District Cllr Sharp M.Dew (Clerk) 8 Parishioners

1. Apologies

Cllr Isaacs (Business) Cllr Jackson (Business) Cllr Warren

2. Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any agenda item

Cllr Monahan Smith Item 10 Planning Bow Farm and Chairs report (Blue Cedar)

3. Minutes of previous meeting 4th September 2013 to be received and signed as a true record

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr N. LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr MONAHAN SMITH

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

4. Report of County Councillor

Huge cuts in budget due to Government grant reductions. Childrens centre closures although Cllr is trying to get the return of the Playbus. It is a possibility that one of the home to school routes will be taken off , either Wantage or Faringdon although this will not happen for at least 2 years and will not affect those currently using the services. The axed service may run on a pay system

5. Report of Clerk

30mph solar power sign on A417 not working – Reported

Notice boards – On going

Benches – 3 sites identified inc round tree seat on Church Green

Winter road salt – free issue ordered and expected delivery this month

Casual Vacancy – Application received from Mr.P.Twentyman. Having met the legal requirements it was proposed that Mr. Twentyman be coopted to fill the casual vacancy

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS
SECONDED BY Cllr WILLIAMS CUSS

IT WAS RESOLVED that Mr.P.Twentyman be coopted as a casual member of the Stanford in the Vale Parish Council

6. Report of Chairman

Finance- Any passport ID not sent should be shared as soon as possible.

This November meeting will 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 are now submitting our evidence to the Enquiry team (Peter Lewis co-ordinating) This will take place from November 19th at Abbey Hall, Abingdon. Councillor Sharp thinks we may not know the outcome for some time (weeks or months).

Taylor Wimpey Homes have not formally replied as yet but the Land Agents have indicated they are waiting for other outcomes to be forthcoming.

Now Blue Cedar Homes have expressed an interest in a development at Horsecroft. Again they have asked for a meeting prior to consultation with the Village.

We need to consider the Bow Road Farm application again tonight.

After a well-attended Village Meeting re A Neighbourhood Plan at which we were given a clear mandate to start such a process we need to formalise tonight and form the Steering Group.

Please see format attached (or shared at the meeting).

Maintenance- I have discussed all the maintenance issues with Darren Rolls. 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 still have 3 requests for placement of Benches. (To discuss placements) Millennium Green, High Street and Church Green.

7. Progress of Neighbourhood Plan

Council thanked all those who had volunteered to act in some capacity in formulating the plan

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr N.LEWIS
SECONDED BY Cllr WILLIAMS CUSS

IT WAS RESOLVED that we open the process to formulate a Neighbourhood Plan for Stanford in the Vale

8. Report of District Councillor

Reported on various housing applications within the district including Grove airfield and the result of the DWH appeal would possibly not be known for some weeks after the appeal was heard. Confirmed that a Bow Farm application had been rejected as not density of housing.

9. Correspondence

PPC – Approval of grant application £3,575 for further play equipment in play area

Parishioner – Request for tree planting and volunteer help – Passed to Environmental Committee. It was noted that Woodland Trust have a “Free Tree” project at the moment

NALC – Seeking nominations for their *Smaller Councils Committee*

Blue Cedar Homes – Seeking meeting with PC regarding proposed application for Horsecroft

Sheriff of Oxford Community Awards – Nominations for deserving persons invited

War Memorial Trust – Information regarding maintaining memorials

10. Planning applications

P13/V2291/PDH 4 Huntersfield Erection of Conservatory – Permitted Development Rights

P13/V1949/0 Bow Farm Erection of 20 new residential units – It was felt that the access/egress was hazardous. The units were not in keeping with the village.. It was felt that further investigation into objections were required before sending comments to District Council meanwhile

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr N. LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that further information was required and the application was not supported

P13/V2318/FUL Horse & Jockey – New emergency exit staircase and associated door

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr N.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the application be fully supported

11. Monthly statement of accounts inc budget balances

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr WILLIAMS CUSS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the monthly statement of accounts be approved

12. Accounts for payment and approval

Broker Network	Insurance	1548.94
Mellors	Fuel	20.01
D M Dew	Salary	647.48
C Stallard	Litter picking	60.00
HMRC	PAYE & NI	185.02
Orange Home	Broadband & Tel	35.88

Scottishpower	Floodlights	36.00
P.Johnson	Salary	140.00
Village Hall	Hall hire	17.00
Mellors	Fuel	20.00
SVS	Puncture repair	54.00
S Finney	Flower boxes paint	17.98
M Johnson	Salary	231.00
C Stallard	Litter picking	60.00
D M Dew	Salary	667.48
TVE	Strimmer petrol cap	7.14
Allplay	Play area equipment/installation	4590.00

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAMBURUY
 SECONDED BY Cllr P.LEWIS
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be paid/approved

13. Budgets 2014/2015

There were preliminary discussions regarding the budget and it was generally felt that there was no need for an increase although a final decision would be made at the January meeting when further financial figures would be available.

14. Committee reports

Minutes from the Parish Council Recreation and Leisure Sub Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd October 2013 at 32, Huntersfield at 7.30pm

- All councillors were welcomed
- Members Present – Councillors K Williams-Cuss, J Warren, P Gill, S Jackson, D Monahan- Smith
- No declarations of Interest voiced
- Apologies – Councillor N Lewis
- Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting –

Check list on agenda

Rubbish bins in recreation field and village hall area are regularly emptied by Chris Stallard and Mike

Actions :

KWC - Need to review hours spent on maintenance around the village . We need a list of tasks and hours spent Karin to speak to Mike.

PG - Replacement of bin in Village Hall Car Park still needs to be done

KW - Ensure everyone who uses PPE Equipment need to sign a ‘waiver’ if the appropriate PPE equipment not used.

Skate Park – Ashley Amies has repaired the screws on the skate park

Max Johnson to repaint the skate park

KW - Darren needs to have a time frame to do any jobs and if work is not achieved in the timeframe work to be commissioned out elsewhere.

- ROSPA Inspection Report and resulting actions – 2 Quotes for repair work to both recreation fields had been received
- Prioritisation of work to be completed/ repairs -

From All Play - PPC to be asked to fund these new bits of equipment - £3575.00

PG to sort out the grant application

Replace balance beam : £ 395.00

Pods replaced with mushrooms : £600.00

Step log replace : £ 600.00

Supernova play item – safety surfacing softmulch :£ 1,980.0

From last PC Meeting this committee authorised to spend - £2000.00 + £500.00 from OCC

PG to authorise the repairs for £2405.00

Tower repair /replacements as required : £ 920.00 (reduced from original quote)

Kompan caps replace: £ 50.00

Wetpour repairs : £ 450.00

Nougats' and crosses panel : £ 595.00

Replace wood/ bolts on timber bridge :£ 400.00

Replacement of at least 1 swing seat – cost to be asked for

TOTAL : £2405 + swing seat

Zip Wire - SJ Get a quote for reseeding area under zip wire then close it down for the winter, reseed and look after and reopen in the spring.

- Maintenance Forecast - Still to do : New hydraulic gate : £ 875.00
Wickstead x 4 seats on roundabout : £
800.00
Other maintenance : £ 250.00
Barber pole ply section item softmulch :
£880.00

Painting of Skate Park
Reseeding under zip wire

- Budget Requirements Quote being sort for the above maintenance work
- New Checklist and Inspection Rota- KWC went through Weekly/ Monthly check sheets. All members to try out sheets . Completed sheets to be passed onto Mike each week so that he can see what actions need to be taken. He can then tell Darren to repair.

All members of PC to be on the weekly check rota

KWC to bring folder to each R & L Committee meeting so that repairs can be monitored.

All PC to meet in Recreation Area on Saturday 26th October 9.30 am to go through check list.
Rota to start in November.

- AOB - Maintenance and development of Jubilee Gardens within the recreation field - School have offered to take on looking after this as another community project and can get a grant for any equipment needed. They will discuss their plans for the area with the PC.

Floodlighting- it had been set for under 6's football and did not come on. They need to be reset.

Concern about usage of floodlights on the Skate Park and Mugger. Going to trial time changes, not Monday/ Tuesday and 7 -8pm other days.

Chain link fence around football field is broken and a health and safety concern – 1 post, 15m of fence for£465.50. Proposed this goes ahead as it is unsafe and needs to be repaired urgently. Other unsafe posts to be quoted /repaired at the same time.

New Notice for Play Area - KWC to design a poster to put on the notice board

Annual meeting of on OPFA on 17th October 2013. KWC to try to attend

- **Next meeting** - **5th February 2014 at 7.30pm at 32 Huntersfield and 4th June 2014**

15. Date of next meeting

8th January 2014 To be confirmed