

Minutes of a meeting of STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 5th September 2018 in Stanford Village Hall

Present: Cllr.P.Lewis (Chair) Cllr.Gill Cllr.Isaacs Cllr.Warren Cllr.Bailey Cllr.Jenkins
Cllr.Sharp (VWHDC) D.M.Dew(Clerk) 2 Visitors

01/09/18 To receive apologies and reason(If Offered)

Cllr.Howes (Personal) Cllr.Williams-Cuss (Illness) Cllr.Jackson (Work)
Cllr.Fitzgerald O'Connor(OCC)

02/09/18 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on any agenda item

Cllrs. Gill , Isaacs , Bailey – Item 11 Accounts for payment
All Council members of Village Hall Committee – Item 13 Village Hall grant

03/09/18 To receive , approve & sign as a true record minutes of previous meeting 4th July 2018

Cllr Bailey asked for an explanation of wording of item 06/07/18

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAILEY
SECONDED BY Cllr.WARREN
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record

04/09/18 To receive report of County Councillor

Nil

05/09/18 To receive report of District Councillor

Government had announced a “Growth Deal” of £215 m for present projects over all Oxfordshire districts. £60m allocated for extra affordable housing. There were discussions to be held regarding improving highways

06/09/18 Questions/comments from parishioners

Nil

07/09/18 To receive report of Clerk

Casual vacancy – No applications received.
Complaint regarding trees and electricity cables – S&SE contacted and are inspecting

08/09/18 To receive report of Chairman

Thanks to Cllr. Bailey who, along with myself, met OCC Highways to discuss Upper Green. OCC agreed that the erosion of Upper Green alongside Cottage Road, exposing the kerb was dangerous and arranged for it to be reinstated with additional topsoil and seeding. Unfortunately, this appears to have survived for less than a week before being driven over! OCC have also recommended that we consider installing 2x

“Bell Bollards” on the small triangle of grass between Chapel Road, Upper Green & Cottage Road – there is a separate agenda item to discuss this.

QEII Field – grant application is finally completed and I have received the signed paperwork in the last few days. 50% of the grant is due to be paid to the PC by Tues 11 September. Unfortunately, there is yet another application process to go through in order to release the final 50%.

Our thanks to SJ Willis who arranged to dig the entire cable trench free of charge, and also to Earthline who similarly provided 60 tonnes of sand at no cost. We are extremely grateful to both of these local companies for their time and support towards this vital initial part of the process. I met with Cllr Lovatt, Chairman of VWHDC on-site mid-morning on the Friday, expecting everything to be in full swing, only to find that Willis’ team were still waiting for SSE to bother to turn up! When SSE finally arrived around 13:00 – they insisted they hadn’t been there first thing as we were supposed to have laid the sand in the trench – yet SSE’s own instructions specifically stated we shouldn’t! My thanks to Cllr Jackson who has been doing lots of coordination between the (lacking) SSE Project Manager and our volunteer contractors, as well as attending and securing the site in between.

S106 application (ref. Village Hall improvements) – after yet more mind numbing Vale process, whereby they rejected a letter of intent from the Parish Council and instead insisted on a copy of (non binding) minutes from the Village Hall, I am advised that the application has gone to the head of service for final approval. That must now be 3 weeks ago – I’m slightly surprised that we don’t yet have the funds.

Vale Planning Committee ref. 59 Faringdon Road – my thanks to District Cllr Sharp who also attended, we were the last item on the agenda, so 2.5hrs later we did finally get to put the case. Committee were attentive and whilst they didn’t believe they had enough to refuse permission, we did see 3x additional conditions placed on the consent: 1) that the design must include brick detailing as per the Design Guide, 2) that the established deciduous trees must be retained and 3) a condition relating to slab heights. I had hoped to see a condition around the proposed dormers, but there was little appetite in this instance.

Meadowlands planning application has gone to appeal and I have been supporting concerned parishioners in their efforts to ensure appropriate representation with the Planning Inspectorate.

I have requested quotes from 4 or 5 tree surgeons ref. the later item on Manor Green, following an e-mail from a parishioner concerned that the trees were going to cause damage to their property.

I have also looked at the Allotments entrance following the concerns around access/parking. I can find no evidence of potholes/similar preventing the use of the dropped kerb. There is space to park up to 2 vehicles on the verge, but there isn’t an obvious way (to me at least) of marking out the spaces for this. However, I understand that allotment holders have been reminded again and the issue does appear to have become less frequent.

09/09/18 To receive Correspondence

VWHDC – Addition of alias property name 40 Joyces Road – Kaleidoscope – Noted Parishioner – Overhead cables Church Green – As noted in Clerk’s report
Parishioner – Speeding traffic complaint (Joyce’s Road), Cllr. Bailey also highlighted that Faringdon Road is increasingly bad – Speedwatch & Neighbourhood Police teams to be engaged.

10/09/18 To discuss planning

P18/V2031/RM Land North of Ware Rd – residential development of up to 78 dwellings

P18/V2056/RM Land West of Faringdon Rd –Residential development of up to 100 dwellings

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAILEY
SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the applications be deferred to a meeting on 12th September 2018

Due to the nature of the applications and lessons learned from previous applications and avoid what happened at Nursery End, Chairman asked for concerns, comments and other points to be shared, which he would discuss with the planning officer and report back at to the Planning Sub-Committee meeting on 12th September in the village hall, 7pm start for an informal, private preview of plans followed by the public Planning Sub-Committee meeting at 8pm

11/09/18 To approve accounts for payment

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.WARREN
SECONDED BY Cllr. GILL

IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be approved/paid

12/09/18 To approve monthly statement of accounts

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr.WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that the monthly statement of accounts be approved

Profit & Loss accounts circulated for information only

13/09/18 To consider/approve restricted grant to Village Hall(s106) Nursery End)

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr.BAILEY

IT WAS RESOLVED that the money when received to be released to Village hall

14/09/18 To discuss Upper Green repairs and protection

Due to the damage caused by turning vehicles it is necessary to protect the green by some sort of barrier. A quote had been received for bollards but at £1,834 it was felt that this was expensive and it was felt that other ideas/suggestions be considered. Cllr Isaacs suggested the use of large boulders, and agreed to investigate further. Item to next agenda

15/09/18 To discuss tree works Manor Green

Following comments from a resident of Manor Green 4 quotes had been requested to carry out work to remove branches in close proximity to roof. Clerk had met representative of one company on site.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.JENKINS
SECONDED BY Cllr.BAILEY

IT WAS RESOLVED that up to £400 be allocated for these tree works

16/09/18 To discuss monies received from Summer BBQ/Fete held on Football Field

Following correspondence from the organising committee asking if the PC would accept the profits on their behalf prior to being spent purchasing recreational equipment,

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.JENKINS

IT WAS RESOLVED that :

Cllr.Lewis to contact the organising committee stating *Subject to understanding an acceptable spending intent the PC would be prepared to hold the funds in question as a restricted grant*

17/09/18 To receive report of Environmental Committee

Nil

18/09/18 To receive report of Recreational & Leisure Committee

A volunteer had offered to repair/maintain recreational equipment

19/09/18 To receive report of Neighbourhood Plan

Latest information shared in August Newsletter and on the website or contact Peter Gill. Finalising Scoping report, Policy Statements and design Features all in draft to be shared with District Council Consultants.

Next Meeting 24th September

20/09/18 To receive report of Public Work of Art Liaison Working Party

Nil

21/09/18 To receive report of Millennium Green Trust

Nil

22/09/18 To receive report of Data Protection Officer

Nil. It was thought that this item could be removed from future agenda

23/09/18 To discuss WW1 commemoration Nov 11th – Finance

Item to next agenda

24/09/18 Date of next meeting

3rd October 2018

25/09/18 Questions/comments from Parishioners

Nil