

Minutes of a meeting of STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 3rd January 2018 in Stanford Village Hall

Present: Cllr.Warren (Deputy Chair) Cllr.Gill Cllr.Isaacs Cllr.Jackson Cllr.Bailey
Cllr.Jenkins D.M.Dew(Clerk) 2 Parishioners
County Cllr. Fitzgerald O'Connor(OCC) District Cllr.Sharp(VWHDC)

In the absence of Cllr.P.Lewis , Cllr.Warren took the Chair

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

Cllr.P.Lewis(Business) Cllr.Williams Cuss(Business) Cllr.N.Lewis(Business)
Cllr.Howes(Business)

02/01/18 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on any agenda item

Nil

03/01/18 To receive , approve and sign as a true record minutes of previous meeting 1st Nov 2017

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

04/01/18 To receive , approve and sign as a true record minutes of previous meeting 6th Dec 2017

ON THE RESOLUTION OF CllrGILL
SECONDED BY Cllr JACKSON
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record

05/01/18 Report of County Councillor

OCC is planning to set a new budget having made difficult choices in previous years to manage a combination of squeezed budgets and more people needing council services. There are increased demands for both children's and adult social care. At this time plans are based on a Council tax rise of 4.99%(1.99% referendum limit plus 3% social care precept). In December Central Govt announced Councils could add an additional 1% should they choose – this is currently under consideration , the budget has to be approved on February 13th. Consultation can be found at https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/budget_1819/consultationhome.

Criminals are targeting pubs and clubs to peddle illegal tobacco. Taxpayers lost £2.5 billion from the illicit trade in 2016-2017 .Report anonymously 24 hours a day 7 days a week on 0300 999 6 999

The Ardley plant has marked the 1 Millionth tonnes of waste received and converted into electricity and produces enough to power 38,000 homes

OCC has produced a SNOW GUIDE for clearance. For more info

Highwaysenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Regarding site for school the CC asked that the MG trust suggest dates for a meeting with the County and inform her. She understood that the trust consisted of Parish Councillors and therefore the PC would also be involved

06/01/18 To receive report of District Councillor

Reported the slight increase in base rate for Stanford from 888.50 to 893 due to the number of dwellings erected in the past year. 50% (£10,833) of the cost of removing pylons from QEII field has been awarded to Stanford in the Vale and on the resolution of Cllr.Isaacs seconded by Cllr.Jenkins it was resolved that Cllr.Sharp be thanked for his work and efforts in obtaining the grant for the village.In turn Cllr.Sharp stated that Cllr.Isaacs should also be thanked for his part in the award

07/01/18 Questions/comments from Parishioners

Nursery End – Concerns about driving down to a dead end and private road and DWH were going to install private Road/Dead End signs and bollard. This is a VWHDC matter and the PC should not be involved as the Vale have an enforcement policy. Cllr.Bailey to speak with Vale planning as the PC have been advised previously not to get involved with these matters.
Bow Road – Footpath lower than the road causing flooding on single track footpath. Advised to put on Fixmystreet site as many times as necessary

08/01/18 Report of Clerk

Thanks to volunteers who cleared footpaths after the recent snow and ice. Unbelievably there were complaints that they should not be doing it and concerns regarding the legal consequences should pedestrians slipover. Legally there is no responsibility or blame attached to anyone clearing footpaths or public areas. The salt bins around the village are due to be replenished

09/01/18 To receive report of Chairman inc items for next agenda

- .OCC – have Heads of Terms with SSE and we are hopeful that a wayleave for the QEII field will be produced in early January
- After we had the snow I took the spreader out and the axle snapped on me. The Clerk is aware – I have asked the supplier for a price for a replacement , yet to hear back. I partially refilled 2 of the salt bins, but these probably need to be checked again
- Drayton Construction started digging a hole on High Street just before the corner of Horsecroft (Separate to SSE works). They then decided it would need a road closure as it is a bus route and the bus wouldn't be able to negotiate temp traffic lights , so they refilled it , except it subsided. It was reported on fixmystreet, but I called Drayton Construction direct and they arranged to come out the next day and have made a better repair. I suggested a road closure was a bit over the top , and that surely the bus could be temporarily rerouted.....In theory, they will discuss further with OCC
- Over the Christmas period there was a car parking two wheels on Church Green and damaging the edge in the process. I have asked them to park on the road to avoid damaging the Green, which seems to have resolved the issue. However, following the snow etc. there are lots of area of soft grass (e.g.Triangle at Upper Green) which may need to have the edges compacted

- It might be worthwhile trying to get Biffa to send the road sweeper once SSE works have finished – I believe this can be requested via VWHDC – I think Bow/Cottage Road/Chapel Road and all through High Street would all benefit, but there may well be more
- Police to be asked to help with the parking problems around the school
- Discussions about the repairs needed to the Village Hall fence. Darren to be asked to complete
- Fixmystreet to be contacted when the “Stanford in the Vale “ entrance signs become so dirty that the name cannot be read
- Councillors were asked to check the new “pecuniary interest forms” and complete the new forms if any of their details and interests have changed

10/01/18 To receive correspondence

Vale of White Horse DC – Notification of award of £10,833 for removal of pylons – Noted as per Item 6

11/01/18 To discuss planning

There were no applications but notification had been received regarding change of flight paths Oxford Airport (new flightpath over Stanford in the Vale) and RAF Brize Norton. The notification had been circulated to Councillors and this item to next agenda February

12/01/18 To approve accounts for payment

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT JAN 2018

6 th Dec	C.Robey	Bus Shelter refurbishment	425.00 **
21 Dec	Foxtail Garage	Mower service	235.79
29 Dec	D.M.Dew	Salary	680.50
29 Dec	C.Stallard	Litter pick	60.00
29 Dec	HMRC	PAYE & NI	193.53

** replacement cheque original out of date

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.JACKSON
 SECONDED BY Cllr.GILL
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be approved/paid

13/01/18 To approve monthly statement of accounts

CASH AT BANK

12,070.15

30 NOTICE BUSINESS ACCOUNT

2,903.75

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ACCOUNT

4,237.20

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr.JENKINS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the monthly statement of accounts be approved

14/01/18 To revisit precept setting for 2018/2019 following initial setting £22,500

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.JENKINS
SECONDED BY Cllr.BAILEY
IT WAS RESOLVED that the precept be confirmed as £22,500

15/01/18 To receive report of Environmental Committee

Meeting 10th January 2018

16/01/18 To receive report of Recreation & Leisure Committee

Mower due for servicing. Log steps need looking at yet again, still loose

17/01/18 To receive report of Neighbourhood Plan

Nil

18/01/18 To receive report of Public Work of Art Liaison Working Party

Nil

19/01/18 To receive report of Millennium Green Trust

Meeting 17th January 2018

20/01/18 To discuss appointment of Internal Auditor

Cllr.Isaacs to contact last years auditor Mr.P.Neal (*After the meeting it was confirmed that Mr.P.Neal would continue as Internal Auditor*)

21/01/18 Date of next meeting

7th February 2018 **NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE TO STANFORD SCHOOL**

22/01/18 Questions/comments from Parishioners

Nil