

**Minutes of a meeting of STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014 in Stanford Village Hall**

Questions/comments from Parishioners

Horsecroft – ditches to pumping station subsiding due to vehicles using verges and also gulleys are blocked. Parishioner willing to reinstate and place obstructions to stop vehicles. Highways to be informed as they had cleared a stretch further along.

Main A417 pavement to mill overgrown – Highways to be informed

DWH Faringdon Road site – Site clearance commenced and Right of Way blocked. Letter to be sent to VWHDC re Breach of Planning

**Present:**

**Cllr.Gill(chair) Cllr.Warren Cllr.Bambury Cllr.Isaacs Cllr.Monahan Smith**

**Cllr.N.Lewis Cllr.P.Lewis Cllr.Williams Cuss Cllr.Twentyman**

**D.M.Dew (Clerk) 6 Parishioners**

**1. Apologies**

Cllr. Jackson County Cllr.M.Tilley(Unwell) District Cllr R.Sharp (DC Duties)

**2. Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any agenda item**

Cllr/Bambury Item 11 Planning Cllr.N.Lewis Item 11 Planning

Cllr.Warren Item 10 Correspondence

**3. Minutes of previous meeting 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014 to be received and signed as a true record**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr WARREN

SECONDED BY Cllr N.LEWIS

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

**4. Minutes of Recreation & Leisure and Planning committees to be received and signed as a true record**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr WARREN

SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes of the Recreation & Leisure committee be signed as a true record

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr WILLIAMS CUSS

SECONDED BY Cllr N.LEWIS

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

## 5. Report of County Councillor

Unable to attend following illness. Any problems contact her as usual

## 6. Report of Clerk

**Litter bins:** VWHDC intimate that they will replace damaged bins if they are ones that they are responsible for emptying. Purchase of one new bin to be placed on hold until VWHDC decide what to replace

Mower service: One mower at SVS for service second mower will follow

Snowdrop bulbs: I.Astell had offered to arrange purchase of bulbs and had already asked for volunteers to plant out in village

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.WARREN

SECONDED BY Cllr.N.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that 2000 bulbs be purchased

Wages: Clerk suggested that the council handyman/mower should receive an increase. Chairman had previously suggested £10 per hour in line with other similar mowers wages. Following discussion

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the item be deferred to the next meeting

AN AMENDMENT TO THE RESOLUTION BY Cllr.P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.WILLIAMS CUSS

IT WAS RESOLVED that an hourly rate of £8 be paid as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014

## 7. Report of Chairman

**Internal Audit-** the Chair and Vice-chair have met with John Hardcastle our internal auditor and draft plans attached for discussion and adoption. There was discussion regarding the audit plans which some felt were “over the top” Clerk said that he was disappointed that as Finance Officer he had not been included in the discussions for the draft plans. The Chair stated the whole point was to ensure we were following correct procedures both Clerk and Council and this was also for our protection as well as the parish.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.N.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Audit plan be accepted. Carried 6 votes to 3

**Planning updates-** as per our February 5<sup>th</sup> Planning Committee the objections to the proposed Horsecroft development have been sent to the Vale Planners. There is an Amendment 1 to this plan to be discussed on the Agenda item 11. We also need to agree S106 statement as well.

Cllrs Isaacs,Bambury & Gill to formulate a S 106 requirement

There has been no definitive statement re our enquiry to possible widening of the vehicular access to the **Old Mill Nursery**. Our MP and Defra are looking into the situation.

**Bow Road Farm** application is ongoing but I understand that the landowner has purchased a cottage next to a property he already owns to ensure another access/exit possibility.

The latest **Local Plan** is open for consultation until April 4<sup>th</sup> and is on the agenda as well.

Planning Officers will be at the Village School at 7.30 pm 17<sup>th</sup> March to give a short presentation, re Local Plan and Stanford in the Vale, to the NP Steering committee and Parish Councillors. This will be followed by comment and questions. After some discussion Cllr.P.Lewis was asked to write to District Council with our response:

*Dear sirs,*

*I write further to your recently published consultation document, and pursuant to a resolution of Stanford in the Vale Parish Council of 05 March, 2014 . May I take the opportunity to express our grave concerns that proposed sites identified within your consultation document were not first discussed with the Parish Council, prior to being openly submitted for public consultation. We have already suffered at the hands of Vale's failed IHSP site allocations being taken into consideration by the Planning Inspectorate, despite your own forward indicating that the IHSP should not be considered a material consideration, and we fear that this document may result in similar consequences.*

### ***Background***

*Stanford in the Vale Parish Council is in the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Stanford in the Vale. Whilst it is at an early stage of development, significant weight should be afforded to the Parish's undertaking to adopt this process. There is every intention to deliver an adoptable Neighbourhood Plan at the earliest opportunity, whilst ensuring that it remains fully compliant with all required consultations, due diligence etc.*

### ***Consultation Response***

*Whilst Council should already be familiar with our Sustainability Assessment, I have reattached these items here for your convenience.*

*I also point out that HM Inspector of Planning, Simon Hand stated categorically in his decision of Appeal APP/V1320/A/13/2203341 Land west of Faringdon Road, Stanford in the Vale that "the proposal should not set a specific precedent for other development on the western side of the road. The rest of the land between the site and the northern end of the village has a different character and relationship to the village than the appeal site". Your proposed development sites are at odds with the Planning Inspectorate's recommendations.*

*Therefore, pursuant to the Representation of the People Act, 2000 and the Localism Act, 2011 Stanford in the Vale Parish Council, formally requests the removal of the Development Sites proposed in the emerging local plan within the parish of Stanford in the Vale. In its place, we recommend a housing allocation for the Parish (not to exceed the number of dwellings in the current proposals, for the term of the Local Plan). It will be the task of our Neighbourhood Plan*

*to identify suitable sites to accommodate these dwellings, as well as much needed infrastructure, employment and recreation improvements that are required in order to support the proposed developments. These improvements will need to include measures to provide Primary Education, deal with existing fresh & foul water issues as well as the fact that the existing provisions for burial will be at capacity within the next 5 years (not allowing for any increase in population). This is after all, the very essence of Localism and we therefore urge you to fully adopt the new democratic processes that the Localism Act affords the parishioners of Stanford in the Vale, whom we are elected to represent.*

*As a final note, your Infrastructure Improvements map does not feature the Western Vale at all. We therefore additionally request that you forward details of infrastructure improvements for the Western Vale as without this information it is impossible to provide a full consultation response. Additionally, there are several other concerns that I personally have, now that I have had the opportunity to review the entire SHMA, which were not available to us at the PC meeting of 5th Mach, which I will forward separately.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Peter Lewis  
Cllr - Stanford in the Vale Parish Council*

**Neighbourhood Plan-** Since the first meeting in December the Steering Committee have met 4 times. There are 6 working groups – Trends, History/nature/conservation, Infrastructure, Facilities and Services, Development Sites, Design and Build policies. There is a full explanation of these groups for you to share. You could join one of these groups.

The first village event will be on Friday March 28<sup>th</sup> 2-8 pm. This will be an opportunity for parishioners to view work in progress, ask questions, answer questions ,, GIVE INDIVIDUAL COMMENT for the PLAN TO GATHER EVIDENCE.

## **8. Report of District Councillor**

Nil

## **9. Future provision of grave spaces**

There are no obvious areas at present and it was thought that this could be part of a S106 project

## **10. Correspondence**

St.Denys Church – Permission to use Church Green for Summer Festival 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> June 2014

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that permission be granted

VWHDC Above ground heating oil tank Glebe Road – Intention to remove oil from tank - Noted

VWHDC – SV Neighbourhood Plan Area Publication – Noted

Charles Church – Land NE side of Faringdon Road - Identifying potential development sites in Stanford in the Vale. Possibility Football Club and Skatepark. Charles Church to be informed that if the council decide this and other developments due to the Neighbourhood Plan they may approach them. Cllr.P.Lewis spoke of sites identified by District Council and our Neighbourhood Plan should include the number of houses

Parishioner – 3 letters (Copies of letters sent to VWHDC planning and Bruton Knowles) regarding development of the farm at Bow Road for housing – Removal of boundary wall and “*disregard for the comments provided by the public*” – Noted

A Group of Stanford Residents (AGSR) – Planning application land off Faringdon Road - Current concerns Foul Water and Surface Water Sewers - Noted

Parishioner – Roadside ditch A417 end of cottages past garage. Completely blocked for a 43 m stretch – OCC to be informed. Previous work carried out by OCC had not improved the problem and future building development would make the matter worse as further road surface water is divereted into this ditch. Mr. N.Pontin (Attending parishioner) stated that he would clear the ditch

## **11. Planning applications**

### **P14/V0080/FUL Amendment 1 Land at Penstones Farm**

Previous objects still stood

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr. N.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the application amendment be refused

### **P14/V0334/HH 38 Joyces Road - Single storey extension to front side & rear**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr.MONAHAN SMITH

IT WAS RESOLVED that there no objections but wished the following comments be taken into account:Total size in relation to existing and surrounding properties. Flat roof out of keeping

## **12. Monthly statement of accounts**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.P.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Monthly statement of accounts be approved

## **13. Requests for donations from local organisations**

Requests had been received from 3 organisations

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the following donations be made

First Responders £200 Independent Advice Centre£100 South & Vale Carers Centre £100

Oxfordshire Assoc for the Blind £100

**14. Accounts for Payment**

Councillors requested a more detailed breakdown of outgoings ie salaries or expenses, mowing or maint.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.N.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be paid

**15. Committee reports**

As per minutes previous

**16. Dates of next meeting**

16<sup>th</sup> April 2014 Annual Parish Meeting

7<sup>th</sup> May 2014 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council