

Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 4th May 2016 in Stanford Village Hall

Present: Cllr.P.Lewis(Chair) Cllr.Warren Cllr.Gill Cllr.Williams Cuss
Cllr.Jackson Cllr.Bailey Cllr.Jenkins
Cllr.Tilley(County Councillor) D.M.Dew(Clerk)

1/05/16 Election of Chairman

Cllr.P.Lewis was nominated by Cllr.Gill seconded by Cllr.Jackson. There being no other nominations, Cllr.P.Lewis was elected Chairman for 2016/2017 and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

2/05/16 To receive report of County Councillor

Chairman invited the County Councillor to address the meeting out of agenda order as she had other meetings to attend. She outlined that the evaluation of 3 or 4 Unitary Councils, as proposed by the affected District Councils, was not supported by the County Council partly due to the cost and the (unreasonable) conditions attached. The County Council would therefore be commissioning their own evaluation to assess all options (including a single Unitary Council). The government proposals regarding school academies were not supported across all parties. Following questions to the Councillor she stated that she would take the complaints and comments to the appropriate officers: Parking in Nursery End – an item the parish Council had highlighted at planning stage only to be overruled by OCC Highways –and the delays in answering correspondence e.g lighting A417 crossing
There was a question regarding the s106 funding for Faringdon – Wantage bus service and if the current operator decline to continue if the money could be diverted to the Community Bus via an application
It had been decided that the unused mobile library vehicles would be converted into playbuses
Councillor will look into the grass cutting grant which had not yet been received

3/05/16 To receive apologies and reason (If offered)

Cllr.Isaacs (Business) Cllr.Fletcher (Business) Cllr.Sharp(District Councillor)

4/05/16 To receive declarations of Interest by Councillors on any agenda item

Nil

5/05/16 Election of Officers

- a) Deputy Chair - Cllr. Warren - Proposed by Cllr P.Lewis seconded by Cllr Jackson
- b) Hon Secretary – Cllr Williams Cuss – Proposed by Cllr Warren seconded by Cllr P.Lewis
- c) Senior Councillor – Cllr Gill – Proposed by Cllr P.Lewis seconded by Cllr Bailey

6/05/16 Election of Committees

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.JACKSON

IT WAS RESOLVED that membership of committees be as per previous year

Public Works of Art liaison committee – Cllr Williams Cuss – Cllr Bailey – Cllr Jenkins

Speedwatch – Item to next annual meeting

6/05/16 Appointment of PC Members to Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr.P.Lewis – Cllr.Gill – Cllr Warren

7/05/16 To receive, approve and sign as a true record minutes of previous meeting 2nd March 2016

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.WARREN

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

8/05/16 To receive, approve and sign as a true record minutes of Annual Parish Meeting April 2016

Item to next agenda

9/05/16 To receive report of District Councillor

Report and correspondence from Cllr Sharp read by Clerk. To be circulated to council

10/05/16 To receive report of Clerk

Change of Electricity supplier – All paperwork completed for change from Scottish Power to Axis

Festival Flower Funding: Cllr Williams Cuss agreed to arrange the display

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr WILLIAMS CUSS

SECONDED BY Cllr WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that funding of up to £25 be allocated for the display

Charitable donations – 3 organisations had requested donations: Independent Advice Centre

Wantage South & Vale Carers – Oxfordshire Assoc for the Blind

Bearing in mind possible loss of grants and financial commitments:

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAILEY

SECONDED BY Cllr JACKSON

IT WAS RESOLVED that £50 be donated to each organisation

Grass verge Knolles Drive - Waiting report from OCC technician

Dropped Kerb, Chapel Road

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr JACKSON
There are no objections to this application

11/05/16 To approve and sign External Audit “Annual Governance Statement”

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr WARREN
SECONDED BY Cllr WILLIAMS CUSS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the statement be signed

12/05/16 To receive report of Chairman inc items for next agenda

Thanks to all Councillors that assisted with the QEII Recreation Field consultation - particularly to Cllr Tina Jenkins for collating feedback responses.
Of particular note was an offer to assist with contacts regarding levelling, and separately suggestions from neighbouring land owners with regards to grant funding for hedgerows. Planning application delayed until the details around this are known, since the expected change of use may invalidate this possibility.

Email from Mark Stoneham ref. suspected arson to a haystack in Horsecroft – take as read.

I've been working with the Clerk to finalise last year's accounts ahead of the annual village meeting & I've now also circulated these to members, they are of course subject to internal audit.

I'm also continuing to support the Neighbourhood Plan wherever I can – there is a need for lots of effort over coming months to both submit the Sustainability Appraisal and develop the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr.Gill reported that there were problems with 2 tyres/wheels on the mower while there were still problems with the John Deere which were being looked into by the garage
Cllr Jenkins asked that the play area not be cut at 3pm when there were children from the preschool in that area

13/05/16 To discuss School traffic calming

It was envisaged that OCC would not fund flashing signs. Chairman suggested that council receive a plan from the school governors detailing plan, design, location and cost

14/05/16 To discuss Community Emergency Plan

Cllr Jenkins said the plan has to be completed by September 2016 in order to obtain grant funding for emergency items eg heaters, blankets in fact anything that the community thinks that it may need. Cllr.Warren to complete the plan. Item to next agenda

15/05/16 To discuss HM Queen's birthday

Cllrs Warren & Jenkins said that there were 7 street parties scheduled and although road closures had been suggested this was not possible. There were donations from Waitrose and VWHDC grants had been applied for Bunting, hats etc. There is to be a Community Church service on 12 June which the Council supports

16/05/16 To discuss Burial Ground

Nothing had been received from the District Council. Item to next agenda

17/05/16 Correspondence

- a) CALA Homes – regarding possible building sites – noted
- b) Kemp & Kemp - Regarding possible building site – to meet members 12th May 7.30pm

18/05/16 To discuss Planning Applications

Nil. There was notification of Appeal relating to 25 Hunters Field. Council are concerned that the VWHDC website list the Parish Council as objecting to the application. The only comment made by the Council was regarding installing matting on grass verges

19/05/16 To approve Monthly Statement of Accounts

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.JACKSON
SECONDED BY Cllr WARREN
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Monthly Statement of Accounts be approved

20/05/16 To approve Accounts for Payment

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS
SECONDED BY Cllr JENKINS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts for payment be approved

21/05/16 To discuss/agree amendments to Standing Orders

Item to next agenda

22/05/16 To receive report of Neighbourhood Plan progress

Nil – Following complaints from parishioners it was requested that the Neighbourhood Plan notice board be removed from the wall in Hunters Field

23.05/16 To approve dates of meetings 2016/2017

It was agreed that council should meet on the first Wednesday of each month except June & August 2016