

**Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 in Stanford Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr.P.Lewis(Chair) Cllr.Warren Cllr.Bambury Cllr.Gill Cllr.Isaacs Cllr.Jackson  
Cllr.Williams Cuss Cllr.Punfield

Cllr.Tilley(OCC) D.M.Dew(Clerk) 11 Parishioners

**1/03/15 Apologies and reason (If offered)**

Cllr.Monahan Smith (Business) Cllr.N.Lewis (Business)

**2/03/15 To receive Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any agenda item**

Item 7 Planning – Cllr.Bambury, Cllr.Williams Cuss, Cllr.Gill, Cllr.Warren

**3/03/15 To receive, approve and sign as a true record Minutes of previous meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015**

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

**4/03/15 To receive report of County Councillor**

Very little to report. Asked that any response to the A420 strategy be forwarded to her by hard copy. There is debate at the moment regarding one unitary authority for Oxfordshire with the advantage that it was possible that more power to be handed over to parishes

**5/03/15 To receive report of District Councillor**

Nil

**6/03/15 Questions/Comments from parishioners**

3 members of First Responders were in attendance and talked about provision and location of a defibrillator within the village.. They gave details of cost and would be applying to PPC for funding. Council fully supported their efforts and also search for locations and felt that 2 defibrillators would be even better.

Parking - Complaints of cars being parked outside other peoples houses. This is not something that the Parish Council can do anything about it is a police matter . There was however a concern regarding the access for emergency vehicles especially in Hunters Field  
There has been further sewage overflow problems in High Street

**7/03/15 Planning**

**P15/V0259/FUL St. Denys Church** Installation of glass entrance doors, installation of photovoltaic panels on south side of the nave roof..  
There was some concerns by Councillors regarding the metal door hardware and that the plans

were too modern for such an old church.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr. BAMBURY

IT WAS RESOLVED that there were NO OBJECTIONS to the application but that the comments regarding design and type of metal door handles and fittings be taken into account

**P15/V0182/FUL Priors Farm Chapel Road** Conversion of existing outbuildings to form a 4 bed dwelling , ancillary external doors and demolition of outbuilding.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.JACKSON

IT WAS RESOLVED that the application be FULLY SUPPORTED

**P15/V0450/HH 12 Joyces Road** – Proposed rear extension , front porch and alterations

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.JACKSON

IT WAS RESOLVED that there were NO OBJECTIONS to the application

#### **8/03/15 To receive report of Clerk**

- a) Grass cutting contract – Nothing heard from OCC .Clerk to contact OC for update
- b) Burial ground – Parochial Church Council still making enquiries. Regarding limiting of village residents only this had been a decision of the PCC. Due to composition of the ground it was virtually impossible to invoke the 99 year levelling (Reuse of burial plots)
- c) Purchase of Hawthorne trees.Previously reported cost of £25 was now £34.94 and was included in Accounts for Payment

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.WARREN

SECONDED BY Cllr.GILL

IT WAS RESOLVED that the increased figure be paid

- d) As will be reported under Recreation & Leisure a near accident had occurred when a young child ran out into the road from the playarea. The parent concerned has offered £50 to fit child proof latches to the gates nearest Joyces Road.. Clerk has sourced these latches at £30 each

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr. WILLIAMS CUSS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk purchase the latches and invoice the parent for his offer

- e) Conservation Ditch Project – Item to next agenda

#### **9/03/15 To receive report of Chairman**

OCC: regarding footpath opposite Horse & Jockey – the email that we had on the Wednesday evening of the Feb PC Meeting stated that works were due to complete by the Friday.

Unfortunately , it was Thursday evening , when I read through the entire email intending to contact OCC – however , in light of the fact it was due to reopen on Friday , there was little to be achieved by contacting OCC on this particular item.

I recently attended the tree planting ceremony held in memory of Cllr. Peter Twentyman , on behalf of the Council – a very fitting tribute

Thames Water – I am still chasing their full response , however , we are led to understand that the clean of the sewers in Faringdon Road has now been completed , but they are “unsure” as to whether or not further works are required. We are still awaiting their leaflets (for the newsletter) as well as information on the water pressure investigations.

Complaint ref. footpath along Bow Road. Inspected Bow Road , footpath appeared to be ok , however, roadside gulleys seemed to be generally full of muck . Of more concern , on the opposite side of the road , in addition to a pothole , the verge has been damaged by vehicle wheels and is beginning to collapse into the brook.

I have spoken to Biffa and asked them to arrange to get Bow Road swept – they advise its on an 8 week rota , but have asked if they can make an extra/unscheduled visit. I have also reported the verge issue and pothole to OCC who advise that they are going to deal. Also potholes in Cottage Road – these too reported to OCC who are in the process of resolving.

Neighbourhood Action Group(NAG) – have been advised that they want to purchase a shared mobile speed detector,./ have a number of volunteers trained and were looking for PC financial support towards this.*After some discussion – it was suggested that the NAG trial with Thames Valley Police equipment initially and apply to the PPC for funding*

I have not yet received a reply from VWHDC regarding their proposed election charges

Reply from VWHDC s106 team has been circulated , which I take as read, although the concept that we have to apply for funds already allocated to us , is less than impressive !

I have an appointment to meet with our internal auditor next week , ahead of the internal audit.

We have also received information regarding both the A420 and Vale Science strategies, which I would encourage you all to review/respond to.

### **10/03/15 To discuss amendments to Standing Orders**

Chairman and Cllr. Warren have been looking at possible changes and are continuing to collate. Item to next agenda. **Action:Cllr.P.Lewis & Warren**

### **11/03/15 Correspondence**

a)VWHDC – Notification of Precept ( £19,200) and Parish Grant (£679) – Noted . Clerk to confirm TAX BASE

b)OALC - - Village Greens Seminar – Cllr.Warren to attend

c)VWHDC – Community Infrastructure Levy – Noted

d)VWHDC – Notification of Neighbourhood Planning Conference – passed to NPlan committee

e)Benhamlaw Ltd – terms of business and search fee invoice

f) CPRE – Membership invite

### **12/03/15 To receive and approve Monthly Statement of Accounts**

#### **CASH AT BANK PERIOD ENDING 30 JANUARY 2015**

Beginning Balance	33112.60
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Cleared transactions Cheques & Payments	-3216.44	
Deposits & Credits	487.50	
Total Cleared Transactions	-2728.94	30383.66
Uncleared Transactions		
Cheques & Payments	-620.05	
<b>Registered/Ending Balance as of 31 Jan 2015</b>	<b>-3348.99</b>	<b><u>29763.61</u></b>

**BUSINESS 30 DAY NOTICE ACCOUNTS ENDING FEB 2015**

Beginning Balance		7877.97
Cleared Transactions Deposits & Credits	1.00	
Total Cleared Transactions	1.00	7878.97
<b>Ending Balance as of 31 Jan 2015</b>		<b><u>7878.97</u></b>

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.P.LEWIS  
 SECONDED BY Cllr.GILL  
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the Monthly Statement of Accounts be approved

**13/03/15 To approve Accounts for Payment**

P.Lewis	Meeting refreshments	16.50
Scottish Power	Floodlights top up payment	22.07
Village Hall	Hall hire	10.95
Benhamlaw Ltd	QEII lease land search	400.00
D.M.Dew	Salary	666.26
C.Stallard	Litter	60.00
Post Office(HMRC)	PAYE & NI	190.04
Benhamlaw Ltd	Soil Investigation	2105.00
CPRE	Membership	36.00
D.M.Dew	Playarea Gate latches	60.00
I.Astell	Hawthorn trees	34.94
J.Grinsted	Copier Cartridges (NPlan)	124.93
S.Murrin	Copier paper(NPlan)	4.99

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

**14/03/15 To discuss Newsletter Editor and training**

It was hoped that someone could be found to take over being editor and the position would be advertised in the next Newsletter. It is hoped to move the printer within a week and Cllr. Bambury is prepared to train a new operator in its use. Council gave a vote of thanks to Cllr. Bambury for his 19 years of editing and producing the Newsletter

### **15/03/15 To receive reports from Committees**

#### Recreation and Leisure

As previously reported regarding the latches at Playarea. RoSPA had recommended that the childproof latches be fitted, this being a change in their attitude from their earlier reports. Fencing at Village Hall – Unsure whose responsibility although Clerk said that previously the Council had been told that it was Village Hall property  
Rec/football field – there was a large hole in the chain link fence opposite Perrys Road. Clerk to inform maint. Man

#### Environmental

QEII field requires renewal of planning permission – Chairman to speak to planning officer. It was time that Council considered our next steps for the field  
It was hoped that OCC request for a pipes and services survey would not now be done

#### Planning

Chairman stated that a s106 request re Bow Farm application should be submitted

### **16/03/15 To receive report from Neighbourhood Plan**

There will be a consultation on 28<sup>th</sup> March to bring Parishioners up to date on things that have been done . Reported that a new NPL consultant had been hired by VWHDC who was very helpful and knowledgeable . Clr. Isaacs thought that consideration should be given to hiring this consultant for the village to use his expertise and knowledge.  
Stonewater Housing had stated that they would work with VWDC on a 6 week consultation to accommodate local people

### **17/03/15 To set date for next meeting**

Annual Village Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015  
Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015

#### Questions/Comments from parishioners

Faringdon Road – Puffin Crossing consultation due next week. Puffin crossings differ from other crossings by having various sensors to recognise presence of pedestrians and cars

DWH site – Enforcement Officer had been there today re advertising 2 bed properties as 3 bed  
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