

Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 1st March 2017 in Stanford Village Hall

Present: Cllr.P.Lewis(Chair) Cllr.Gill Cllr.Isaacs Cllr.Warren Cllr.Williams Cuss
Cllr.Bailey Cllr.Jenkins Cllr.N.Lewis
Cllr.M.Tilley(OCC) Cllr.R.Sharp(VWHDC) M.Dew(Clerk) 1 Parishioner

01/03/17 To receive apologies and reason (If Offered)

Cllr.Jackson

02/03/17 To receive declarations of Interest by Councillors on any agenda item

Nil

03/03/17 To receive report of County Councillor

The Unitary consultation has now closed although comments can be made direct to peter.clark@oxfordshire.gov.uk. The OCC budget has been approved. 96.5 secondary school applicants received their preference

04/03/17 To receive report of District Councillor

Budget approved. Unitary proposal – vale are responding but do not like it although they are working with OCC re changes. Cllr.Bailey is to update both OCC and DC Councillors on the problems at Nursery End. Cllr.Isaacs enquired if DC held maps of the parish. Cllr.Gill has details of where to obtain maps following the need of maps for the Neighbourhood Plan

05/03/17 To receive, approve & sign as a true record minutes of previous meeting 4th January 2017

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

06/03/17 To receive, approve & sign as a true record minutes of previous meeting 1st February 2017

Following type error 15/02/17 – change to Discuss
ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr.JENKINS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record

07/03/17 To discuss applicants for Parish Councillor vacancy

Two Councillors had received enquiries but the Clerk has received no applications. Clerk will explain regulations to any applicants

08/03/17 Questions/comments from parishioners

Nil

09/03/17 To receive report of Clerk

Further to the report of damaged manhole cover Huntersfield garages, it is confirmed that it is the responsibility of the relevant householders. Chairman to check deeds and D.Rolls to estimate cost of repair. Also reported that village hall fence needs attention. On inspection it appears that several posts also need replacing. Clerk reminded Council that the second part 1% of the previous year's pay rise was due as from 1st April 2017 and had been approved last year.

For information to Councillors – there had been reports of a person knocking on doors and alarming residents – on investigation it appears to have been a tradesman touting for business
Chairman to talk to manager of co-op regarding parking in front of shop following a business flier from a separate business distributed around village advertising parking.

10/03/17 To receive report of Chairman

Discussion with David Ashby regarding additional proposed archaeological investigations – he is proposing to use ground penetrating radar on the QEII field, and is looking to secure Council's agreement for a test pit on Upper Green. He has also expressed a desire for a longer, community dig on the Millennium Green, the details of which I will pass onto the Chair of Trustees for their consideration.

Have contacted Vale's "Big Clean Up" team to express Council's thanks in relation to the work recently conducted around the village.

2017-2018 Budget – I've been reviewing last year's spend and have proposals for this year's budget, to be considered as a separate item later this evening.

I have also been in touch with OCC regarding the verge maintenance (grass cutting) enquiry that was raised. This is currently split into two areas "Urban Area" – anything within the 30mph signs and "Rural" covering anything beyond this to the parish boundary. OCC claim that other parishes find the rate they pay covers more than a single cut with a private contractor. Given the length of verge in question, and our previous experience regarding the budget cut for this, I have personal reservations about taking on the rural areas.

I have been contacted by a resident in Manor Crescent who has issues with children kicking a ball against the wall of their house, from the shared/communal garages area, along with a request for a "no ball games sign". I have advised that it's not public land, but that it is definitely worth approaching parents, and if this causes issues, perhaps someone here might know individuals concerned and can also assist.

I've received an email regarding parking concerns outside the school entrance on Hunters Field and have shared these with the governors.

Finally, the electricity contract – whilst it had been my intention to share the details of the rates on offer, these were changing at such a rate, that it was actually necessary to agree these and therefore an extension with the current provider was best value at the time and has been secured.

11/03/17 To receive correspondence

VWHDC – Confirmation of precept payment dates 2017/2018 - Noted

Axis – Renewed 12 months electricity contract details Energy account 92586

VWHDC – Local Plan update March 2017 – circulated

VWHDC – Invitation to Councillors briefing session – circulated
NALC - Confirmation of s137 increase 2017/2018 to £7.57

12/03/17 To discuss Planning Applications

P17/V0438/HH 2 Bowling Green Cottages – *proposed 1st floor rear ext. & internal remodelling of existing layout*

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr WARREN
SECONDED BY Cllr BAILEY
IT WAS RESOLVED that there were no objections to this application

P17/V0235/AG Mill Farm – *Development work. Erect as building under permitted development rights*

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS
SECONDED BY Cllr JENKINS
IT WAS RESOLVED that further details were not necessary for this agricultural application

P15/V1752 Penstones Farm – *Variation of Condition 2*

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS
SECONDED BY Cllr BAILEY
IT WAS RESOLVED that this application be deferred and delegated to the Planning Committee after discussion with DC planners

13/03/17 To approve Accounts for Payment

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr P.LEWIS
It was resolved that the accounts be paid

14/03/17 To receive Monthly Statement of Accounts

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

15/03/17 To discuss next year's budget

It is not yet known when s106 money will be available. Following discussion on figures provided by Chairman.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr N.LEWIS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the figures be accepted

16/03/17 To receive and approve Risk Assessment 2017/2018

This risk assessment was as previous year and compiled by a previous Internal Auditor. Cllr Isaacs was concerned that risk to electronic records was not on the list. This item to next agenda and subject to this being revisited

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS
SECONDED BY Cllr GILL
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Risk Assessment be approved

17/03/17 To receive report of Environmental Committee

A Woodland Guardian has been appointed E.Crichton and it is hoped that more can be found. Two Woodland Officers visited the site and it is found that there is *ash die back* destroying all the Ash trees. They will be replaced by other types of tree
Footpath officer Mr.B.Hudson is walking the paths and it is hoped to produce a map detailing the circular path
QEII field - waiting for a quotation for moving pylons. People are still asking about radiation in the field. The detailed investigation into radiation in QE II field revealed no contamination.

18/03/17 To receive report of Recreation & Leisure Committee

Nil

19/03/17 To receive report of Neighbourhood Plan

The Scoping report had been sent to the Policy officer. The following consultation will be circulated to Council prior to being circulated to the village

20/03/17 To approve Parish Council meeting dates 2017/2018

2017

5th April 26th April (Annual Parish Meeting)

3rd May (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council) 7th June

5th July 6th September 4th October 1st November 6th December

2018

3rd January 7th February 7th March

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.WARREN
SECONDED BY Cllr WILLIAMS CUSS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the dates be approved and published

21/03/17 Questions/comments from Parishioners

Concerns about parking in Huntersfield especially on grass verges – could the grass not be replaced with blocks or tarmac. It was thought that the existing concrete reinforced parking sections, with grass growing between had been installed by private households, but the Chairman said he would investigate costs.

22/03/17 Date of next meeting

5th April 2017 7.30pm