

Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 3rd July 2013 in Stanford Village Hall

Questions/comments from parishioners

Parishioner was concerned about Ragwort growing within the recently planted tree area and council liability for animals poisoned by this weed. Chairman advised that when Cllr.Isaacs arrived, (He had advised he would be arriving late) he would answer the question of ownership of land

PRESENT: Cllr.P.Gill(Chair) Cllr.Mrs.J.Warren Cllr.S.Bambury Cllr.P.Lewis Cllr.K.Williams Cuss

Cllr.M.Isaacs @ 2045 (Business delay)

District Cllr . R.Sharp(VWHDC) D.M.Dew (Clerk) 7 Parishioners

01/07/13 Apologies and reasons (if offered)

Cllr.N.Lewis (Business) Cllr.S.Jackson (Business) County Cllr.M.Tilley(Govt conference)

Apologies received after meeting from Cllr.Monahan Smith (Emergency call-out just before meeting)

02/07/13 Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any agenda item

Cllr.P.Lewis – Planning applications 1323 and 1368
Cllr.M.Isaacs – Planning application 1323
Cllr. J. Warren – Accounts for payment
Cllr.P.Gill – Accounts for payment

03/07/13 Minutes of previous meeting 1st May 2013 to be received and signed as a true record

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

04/07/13 Minutes of Planning & Finance Committee 5th June 2013 to be received, signed and accepted as a true record

Minute 3pfc/06/13 DWH application Faringdon Road - 2nd line delete *Towards the appeal through* and insert IN

After this amendment

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr WILLIAMS CUSS
SECONDED BY Cllr WARREN
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and signed as a true record

05/07/13 Report of County Councillor

Nil – Apologies as Councillor is attending a Local Govt conference

06/07/13 Report of Clerk

Purchase of equipment for village maintenance - reported purchase of a chainsaw and brush cutter head

Benches and Notice Boards – “ councillors were to visit parishioner who wished to donate a memorial bench to discuss site. Cllr P.Lewis to cost notice board(s) inc 1 for Forest Grove

Forest Grove grass cutting – District Councillor says that present contract runs until 2017. Clerk to speak to Officer at VWHDC

Co-op delivery vehicles - Co-op risk assessment official visited today and found that all delivery vehicles should drive in normally and turn within carpark. Instructions issued to this effect

Churchyard grass cutting - Unaware that the council were cutting grass in the churchyard and was concerned that he could not find a minute authorising this. Chairman was sure that it had been minuted but clerk asked that this be resolved again to satisfy any audit concerns

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr.P.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the grass cutting in the churchyard be carried out as required

Mower/equipment garage roof – A fallen bough from a tree in the adjacent Manor House had caused damage to the roof of the garage. It is understood that a contractor was working on the trees at the time. Rain is coming through the hole in the roof . It was decided that the clerk will write to the occupants informing them of the damage to be delivered in person by Cllrs Gill and Lewis

Scarrotts fair visit – Fee of £75 paid and also an additional £25 towards the cost of repairing the ground after last years rain deluge

Village greens – Clerk was concerned as to whether the greens were registered or not.. District Councillor Sharp to enquire through VWHDC records

Register of Interests – each councillor has to declare their interests after every election , this information being held by District Council. Government regulations now require that this information be held on a Parish Council website although the county Monitoring Officers have deemed that this information can be accessed via a web link to the District website.

Grass cutting Diesel – Clerk is concerned about the cost of the extra grass cutting. Previous years have meant purchase of one delivery of diesel whereas this year half of the delivery in May has been used. Council considered it had budgeted enough to meet the extra expense

Village road systems – Cllr Williams Cuss had previously talked about alleviating High St congestion by investigating a one-way system from junction Huntersfield to Church Green. She had listened to concerns about costs,legalities and disadvantages of such a system and with the proposed resurfacing of High St would see how the effects of slow signs and other road markings would have

Street signs – Several street signs were damaged and Joyces Road sign has disappeared. Clerk will contact District Council

07/07/13 Report of Chairman inc items for next agenda

- **Finance**- all councillors have received copies of correspondence re the internal audit. John Hardcastle has offered to help us formulate an action plan.

- Julie Grinstead has offered to be a Parish Council Trustee to the PPC. I have notified the Trustees.
- **Planning-** I am not aware of any further news re the proposed Faringdon Road development.
- **Maintenance-** Dog Bins- Two bins on Cottage Road and Horsecroft have not been replaced with Litter Bins as yet. Labels have been placed on all bins stating that dog dirt can be deposited in all bins. We have changed the position of two bins on Church Green. We have still to replace Parish Council Bins that are broken or missing.
- Quotes for work on surfaces on play areas as reported in my last report have not arrived and will now look for others. We will soon have another ROSPA report so must make sure our procedures are in place and decisions taken.
- Grass cutting is going well but we have footpaths to trim re bramble and nettle growth.
- **Highways-** The 30 mph signs are partially in place. An OCC Officer looked at the Horsecroft / High Street junction as discussed at our last meeting. Improvements will be made when the road is being resurfaced.

I also asked another Officer to look at overgrown shrubs on pavement from Stones Farm to the Mill on the A417. This is not a County Council responsibility. I have asked our normal hedge trimmer to do this work as a H/S concern. He will also tackle the Bow Road verge as well. Are there any other areas that are causing problems

Cllr Williams Cuss asked that **9th October** be added to next agenda

08/07/13 Neighbourhood Plan (Village Plan)

See Planning/Finance meeting 5 June 2013. Faringdon Road and Bow Road residents action group had suggested a village plan but it was felt that this type of plan holds no weight whereas a Neighbourhood plan if adopted becomes part of a District Council Local Plan. A Neighbourhood Plan has to be agreed by a Government Inspector and the District Council and sets out a plan for the development of the area not just housing development. It was proposed that a meeting be arranged for 16th July 2013 to include ORCC and District Council to investigate a plan including cost and length of time required

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr Gill
SECONDED BY Cllr WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that a meeting on 16th July 2013 or other suitable date be convened to investigate and formulate a Neighbourhood Plan
Carried by 5 for - 1 against

09/07/13 Correspondence

Nil

10/07/13 Report of District Councillor

Referred to amount of applications for new housing within the Vale. Cllr Lewis questioned the length of time between approved applications and actual commencement of work ie is *spade in the ground* an indication that work has started. Cllr Sharp stated that all approved sites were being worked

11/07/13 Planning applications

P13/V1325/FUL – 25c High St. – Change of use A1 Pharmacy to A3 Café - Supported with observations regarding car parking

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr. WARREN
IT WAS RESOLVED that the application be supported with car park observation

P13/V1323/HH – 51 High St – Single storey lean-to extension to rear and conversion of garage/workshop into multi-purpose family room – Supported

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAMBURY
SECONDED BY Cllr WARREN
IT WAS RESOLVED that the application be supported

P13/V1368/HH - Stanford Place Faringdon – Ground floor side extension – Supported

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS
SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the application be supported

12/07/13 Monthly statement of accounts inc budget balances

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS
SECONDED BY Cllr WARREN
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Monthly statement of accounts be accepted

13/07/13 Accounts for payent

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

14/07/13 Committee reports

Recreation & Leisure

The June recreation & Leisure committee meeting was cancelled due to the need for Councillors to attend the Planning & Finance committee meeting which was held on the same date. The next meeting is due to be held in November .

Notification has been received of the Annual RoSPA Inspection. This is due to take place in the summer and the report will be forwarded to the Chairman/Clerk detailing any action that is required . An “action plan” will be produced in tandem with this report detailing future works/requests for new equipment.

KWC and JW have arranged to meet at the Play Area on Saturday 13th July at 10am to re-instate monthly checks. Any other Councillors who wish to learn how to conduct monthly checks/wish to be considered on the “check list” rota are most welcome to attend. A new form to be used in the above checks is near completion.

Environmental

Meeting with OCC officers on Friday to discuss the recreational field and responsibility for any toxic waste.

Hatford footpath partially completed, unsure whether it was local landowner/farmer or via Cllr.M.Tilley (OCC)

Woodland trees growing well. Will talk to OCC regarding ragwort

15/07/13 Date of next meeting

4th September 2013

Questions/comments from parishioners

Website not up to date last minutes March – May and June minutes only approved this evening for display

Flower boxes growing weeds – Being re-planted this week by Primary school

Bench – replace metal bench in High St – Bench of historic value possible inspection and repair

Concerns over proposed café – Noted but council have supported application

Churchyard gravestone chipped – by mower ? Chairman to investigate with parishioner