

**Minutes of a meeting of the STANFOD IN THEVALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 in Stanford Village Hall.**

**Present:** Cllr.P.Lewis(Chair)                      Cllr.Warren                      Cllr.Bambury                      Cllr.Gill  
                    Cllr.Jackson                      Cllr.Williams Cuss      D.M.Dew(Clerk)  
                    Cllr.R.Sharp(District Council)      3 parishioners

There were no questions from Parishioners

**1/09/14 Apologies**

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

**2/09/14 Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any agenda item**

Cllr. Warren – Item 9 - Planning 23 Joyces Road

**3/09/14 Minutes of previous meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 to be received and signed as a true record**

Item 5/05/14 Cllr.Isaacs statement add after times untrue..and it would be good if those present had the opportunity to share a second time to correct obvious mistakes

Item 14/07/14 2<sup>nd</sup> line *Delete plan replace with questionnaire results*

Cllr Warren statement *delete facilities test replace with feasibility study*

Following these changes:

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

**4/09/14 Report of County Councillor**

Nil

**5/09/14 Report of Clerk**

Casual vacancy – Letters from 2 persons asking to be considered for the vacancy were read out. There followed a discussion as to whether both could be offered the vacancy. Clerk advised that this could not happen (*Confirmed by OALC*) and it was resolved that the Chair and Deputy Chair would meet both candidates in the hope that one would stand in a “helping” capacity and hopefully put their name forward at the May 2015 elections.**ACTION PL, JW**

Possibility that District Council had paid second precept payment twice – awaiting bank statement (*Now confirmed as an error by VWHDC*) Questioned about Post Office refurbishment Clerk said that he had emailed the Post Office stating dismay and objections to the proposed change from present. Copy to Chair

for further action **ACTION PL**

Questioned about replacement of damage flower boxes. Clerk thought that the school was carrying this out as a project whereas Cllr Warren thought that Darren Rolls was doing it **ACTION Clerk**

Had contacted OCC through County Cllr Tilley regarding the work starting on Challow Bridge 1 week before that date notified. Reply from Network rail apologised at not letting PC know and explaining that prep work necessary could not be completed from the steep embankments and single file traffic and lights were needed

Cllr. Warren commented that the litter bin requested had been sited on Forest Grove

### **6/09/14 Report of District Councillor**

Local Plan second consultancy finishes at end of October and will then be forwarded to the Inspector for validity. Asked about any requests for reduction in the number of houses planned for the district and the local MPs involvement the Councillor said that as far as he knew there had been no communication. Also answered questions (Car Parking) regarding the new crematorium near Venn Mill A338

### **7/09/14 Report of Chairman**

- DWH/Nursery End – Vale believe developers are compliant with their conditions and have therefore discharged the surface water condition – currently in the process of verifying the information that this was based on as it had not been forwarded on to PC and no specific details appeared to be available on the Vale’s planning portal.
- As an aside, Mark Doodes, one of the Vale Planning Officer’s left last week. I did speak to him before he left as he had been handling DWH, Bow Road & Horsecroft sites. These are in the process of being assigned to other officers, and we are expecting Martin Deans to be assigned both DWH & Bow Road sites.
- Understand from Cllr Isaacs that OCC are having their contractors back to remedy sub-standard surface dressing, particularly along the central surface of High Street & to re-paint the white line on the corner of Horsecroft/Sheards Lane.
- Discussions are ongoing between myself, Cllr Issacs & Cllr Melinda Tilley (OCC) regarding the QEII (recreation) field – the matter is now in the hands of OCC’s Director of Environment & Economy.
- Challow Bridge – have chased Network Rail to confirm what improvements on the time-scales they have agreed with their contractor....awaiting response.
- I have attended a number of NP meetings – thanks to all councillors who have done the same. Everyone should be aware that there will be another public consultation towards the end of September.
- Bow Road – reports of vegetation in the brook – I will contact the land owner to discuss.
- Investment options – as you are all aware, we are expecting to receive a significant sum of money from the Nursery End development (circa £104k) for the ongoing maintenance of the Public Open Space within the site. We have previously discussed the importance of finding the best way to invest this capital and as agreed I have discussed the matter with my own IFA. He has found what appears to be an

- attractive solution, which will accept the Council as an investor. I am in the process of double checking that there is no reason for us not to use such a scheme, via OALC & will report back in more detail, once those discussions are complete.

## 8/09/14 Correspondence

Communication from 2 applicants re Casual vacancy – as reported  
 RoSPA playarea inspection report – passed to Cllr.Williams Cuss  
 OCC Highways – Rail Electrification Programme – A417 Challow Bridge Road Closure and diversion routes map – Placed on notice boards  
 Vale Ramblers – Parish footpath/bridleway map – passed to Cllr.Isaacs

## 9/09/14 Planning

### **P14/V1826/HH – 23 Joyces Road – Single storey extension & shed**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.JACKSON

IT WAS RESOLVED that there were no objections to this application

## 10/09/14 Monthly statement of accounts

### **CASH AT BANK PERIOD ENDING 31/07/2014**

Beginning balance		32,015.87
Cleared transactions & payments	-3,734.43	
Cleared balance		<u>28,281.44</u>
Uncleared transactions	-328.29	
Register balance as of 31/07/14		<u>27,953.15</u>
New transactions litem	-240.00	
Ending balance		<u><b>27,713.15</b></u>

### **BUSINESS 30 DAY NOTICE ACCOUNTS ENDING 31/08/2014**

Beginning balance		7,874.44
Cleared transactions	0.32	
Cleared balance		7,874.76
Register balance as of 01/08/14		7,874.76
Ending balance		<u><b>7,874.76</b></u>

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FUNDS**

Beginning balance		6,300.00
Balance as of 16/08/14		<u><b>3656.75</b></u>

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.WARREN

SECONDED BY Cllr.BAMBURY

IT WAS RESOLVED that the monthly statement of accounts be approved

## 11/09/14 Accounts for Approval/payment

### ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/APPROVAL JULY/AUGUST/SEPT

KJB Agricorp	Hedgecutting	144.00
Mellors	Fuel	20.00
Village Hall	Hall hire	10.50
D.M.Dew	Salary	617.12
	Hedging	19.20
		636.32
C.Stallard	Litter picking	60.00
Post Office	HMRC PAYE & NI	177.26
M.Johnson	Strimming	203.00
D.Rolls	Grass cutting	740.00
	Maint	16.00
		756.00
BDO	Audit fee	240.00
Mellors	Fuel	20.00
Playsafety	Playarea inspection	228.00
<i>C.Davis</i>	<i>NPlan website</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>J.Grinsted</i>	<i>NPlanThames Water plans</i>	<i>284.40</i>
D.M.Dew	Salary	607.48
C.Stallard	Litter picking	60.00
Post Office	HMRC PAYE & NI	165.09
M.Johnson	Strimming	140.00
P.Johnson	Hedging	56.00
Broker Network	Insurance	1515.64
D.M.Dew	Secaturs	19.99
TVE Hire & Sales	Strimmer Line	53.10
Cancer Research	In Memory of P.Twentyman	50.00

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr.P.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be approved and paid

## 12/09/14 Reports from committees inc Playsafety inspection report

Cllr.Williams Cuss highlighted some of the report ie swings which is of concern each report although the fault in question , loose fittings to wood are affected by weather conditions and according to constructors are quite safe. Still waiting for Allplay to complete repairs/refurbishment to play equipment. There have been reported incidents of children running from area through unsecured gates but the gates are in accordance with playsafety guidelines. OCC have been contacted regarding placing appropriate traffic warning signage in Joyces Road. There are grants available for climbing equipment especially to help with diabetes in children and Councillor will be making further enquiries. A committee meeting to be arranged for 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 **ACTION KWC**

## 13/09/14 First World War Centenary

Cllr.Williams Cuss was concerned that the Parish Council had not marked the centenary of the start of the war. It was obviously too late now but asked that council keep it mind for future anniversaries

### **14/09/14 Neighbourhood Plan progress**

As per the village newsletter , with another consultancy due and results can be seen on the Neighbourhood Plan website. Clerk had set up £20 direct debit to service this website

### **15/09/14 Date of next meeting**

5<sup>th</sup> November 2014

### **Questions/comments from Parishioners**

Further complaints re footpath A417 to mill – Further calls to OCC needed  
Crab apple tree planted in allotments in memory of Peter Twentyman  
DWH Faringdon Road site hedging removed although it was agreed that looked alright  
Discussion regarding QE2 field , contamination and the fact that levelling the field would unearth close to surface rock which obviously would curtail provision of sports pitches. There were further delays regarding transfer of lease ownership to PC that although OCC councillors had agreed it seems that their Solicitors have raised objections mainly about responsibility for any potential contamination. It was asked if there were any restrictions, conditions of use or land registry documents regarding the football field , Cllr.Jackson will search the council archives