

Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 10th December 2014 in Stanford Village Hall

Present: Cllr.P.Lewis(Chair) Cllr.Bambury Cllr.Gill Cllr.Isaacs Cllr.Warren
Cllr.N.Lewis Cllr.Punfield Cllr.Monahan Smith D.M.Dew (Clerk)

6 Parishioners

01/12/14 Apologies and reason (if offered)

Cllr.Tilley (OCC) Cllr.Sharp(VWHDC) both District Council meetings

Cllr.Williams Cuss (Personal) Cllr.Jackson (Personal)

02/12/14 To receive declarations of Interest by Councillors on any Agenda item

Nil

03/12/14 To receive and approve minutes of previous meeting 5th November 2014 and sign as a true record

Page 4/7 Bow Farm Application Delete *it was decided that Cllrs P.Lewis and Gill should meet and discuss with the applicant. Action Cllrs P.Lewis & Gill. Insert It was decided that the Planning sub committee should meet and discuss*

Following this amendment

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr GILL
SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS

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

04/12/14 Report of County Councillor

Nil

05/12/14 Report of District Councillor

Nil

06/12/14 Questions/Comments from parishioners

Reported that wire fences had been erected across footpaths in Park Lane areas./ **Action Cllr. Isaacs** Discussion regarding amended plans 6 Frogmore Lane. Applicant spoke of changes . Objector still objected

Mr.Ponting spoke about the recent case of sheep worrying in which 2 sheep were killed and provided photographs of the attacked sheep which Council will put in the next newsletter. Council have obtained signs from "Farmers Guardian" asking walkers to *Keep their Dog on a Lead* . Mr.Ponting said that these are already displayed on the footpath and he felt let down by Council , village and footpath users. Chairman stated that we had every sympathy with Mr.Ponting and that he would meet with him to discuss the problem

07/12/14 Planning

P14/V2338/FUL (Amended) 6 Frogmore Lane Erection of new 3 bed dwelling

Following lengthy discussion

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr GILL
SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the application be refused in its current form but had the following comments:

The Parish Council does not object in principal to a development on the proposed site , within the conservation area. We commend the use of materials proposed , and understand the wall highlighted by the Conservation Officer does not form part of the historic built form. However in the present location , due to the suspected impact on the neighbouring property (which is not sufficiently detailed on the enclosed map) , we consider that the application should be refused in its current form. However , we are of the opinion that further relocation of the proposed property to the south-south- east (closer to Frogmore Lane) would help reduce the impact on the neighbouring property.

08/12/14 Report of Clerk

Broken fence post at football field repaired , invoice not yet received

As previously reported Dogs on lead signs received and have been placed on notice boards

Pay award, hours and office rental to be discussed later in meeting. Details of award circulated to councillors

09/12/14 To receive report of Chairman inc items for next agenda

I recently attended the Vale Town & Parish Forum – these are now regular events organised by VWHDC with the aim of improving communications between Vale’s various departments, & the Town & Parish Councils within the Vale. These are incredibly useful events and I would encourage any councillor who can to clear space in their diary to attend the next one (due to take place in April 2015).

The forum included stands beforehand from various associated agencies (such as Sovereign Vale, Thames Valley Police, Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue), with the opportunity to discuss particular issues or simply to gain a greater understanding of the services offered. There then followed a set of presentations from VWHDC before a Q & A session.

The most recent event featured an update on Vale’s Local Plan, Part 1 which is currently in the final stages of consultation. Vale provided a good insight into their newly published Design Guide – this contains detailed planning guidance for the design/style of various developments. It follows a flow-chart process so specific sections for different types of application, and is further split into regions within the Vale, and aims to promote the local vernacular. Vale hope to bring this into use ahead of the Local Plan, and we can expect it to become increasingly relevant to us as we consider future planning applications.

There was also an update on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), which will effectively be a replacement to S106 agreements, but will apply to a wider range of planning applications rather than just major applications, as at present. Vale are pushing to implement CIL by the end of 2015, and we therefore need to be aware of this. Parishes with a Neighbourhood Plan are automatically allocated 25% of CIL funds. I understand that the funding can be used for:

(a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or

(b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.

Accumulated funds are likely to be paid to the PC twice per annum. There is a time limit (possibly 5 years) within which those funds must be used for the purposes above, otherwise Vale could requisition the funds back. It should be possible to create specific "CIL" income/expense accounts within Quickbooks, which should make this a simple process to maintain/refer back to over time.

10/12/14 To discuss and decide any further response to the Local Plan

Cllr Warren to circulate paperwork regarding *Vale of White Horse School Site Expansion Analysis*. Item delegated to Planning subcommittee

Action Cllr Warren

11/12/14 To discuss amendments to Standing Orders

Chairman explained that at the course that he and Cllr Warren had attended it was recommended that the Standing Orders be reviewed every 2 years. It was therefore decided that existing Standing Orders be read with a possible review

12/12/14 To discuss and decide soil sampling of the proposed QEII Rec Field

There has been a request from OCC that "things might move faster" if the Council contributed 50% of the estimated cost of sampling (approx £2230) It was suggested that s106 money could be used for this and it was felt that it was a measure of goodwill to agree this payment

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that OCC be informed that a payment of up to 50% of cost of soil testing be made. **Action Cllr.Isaacs**

13/12/14 To discuss and decide to take over responsibility of Woodland Management

Cllr Isaacs explained that there was a grant for taking over this responsibility £750 now and £250 pa for the next 10 years

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Parish Council take over the responsibility of the woodland

Action Cllr.Isaacs

14/12/14 Correspondence

RoSPA – Certificated of Playground Inspection Course handed to Cllrs Warren & Williams Cuss
Chair of Playgroup – Need for extra accommodation for 2 year olds – Noted for further discussion and appraisal from Preschool

Parishioner - Drainage – Further blockage Farm Piece and to DWH site. It was decided that Cllr P.Lewis will contact Thames Water regarding this problem

Cllr.Isaacs -Footpath Horsecroft to Bow Farm - A meeting of VWHDC is to be convened to discuss this problem and Parish Councillors will be invited to attend

Parishioner - Observation that DWH are marketing 2 bedroom house as 3 bedroom. District

Councillor is aware and Enforcement Officers are also aware and acting on this information
 Parishioner – Complaint that parishioners are unable to interact with Council. Chairman has explained that under present laws and guidelines parishioners are unable to speak or take part during a council meeting

15/12/14 To receive and approve Monthly Statement of Accounts

Due to no Bank Statement received since previous meeting a statement and reconciliation was no available although a Budget v Actual statement had been provided

16/12/14 To approve Accounts for Payment

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/APPROVAL November/December

N.Middleton	Paint(High St seat)	16.00
Stanford School	Hall Hire(NPL)	145.75
Mellors of Challow Ltd	Fuel	20.00
P.Benson	Hedge cutting	240.00
D.M.Dew	Salary Nov	1378.87
C.Stallard	Litter picking	120.00
Post Office(HMRC)	PAYE & NI	185.40
Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	50.00
OCC	Soil Testing (If approved by Council)	2229.60
Village Hall	Hall Hire(NPL)	135.10
ORCC	Planning Survey(NPL)	1810.80
D.M.Dew	Salary Dec	617.13
C.Stallard	Litter picking	60.00
Post Office (HMRC)	PAYE & NI	169.15
Mellors of Challow Ltd	Fuel	20.00
Village Hall	Hall Hire	17.35
D.Rolls	Mowing	604.00
H.Wood	NPLan	183.40
C.Mitchell	NPlan	63.60
J.Grinsted	NPlan	22.99
D.M.Dew	Consolidated Pay Increase	100.00

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr. GILL

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Remembrance Wreath be purchased with a £50 donation

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr. P.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Accounts be paid

17/12/14 To consider budget and precept 2015/2016

It was decided that further discussion was required for example grass cutting grant unknown at this time with a possible short fall of £3 or £4 thousand . Precept to be set at January meeting

18/12/14 To receive reports from committees inc grass cutting response

Cllr.Isaacs reported his visit to a grants seminar where it was revealed that there were grants available and lots of help in obtaining them.

Road markings Sheards Lane/ Horsecroft Cllr Isaacs thought that this had been agreed to change the markings but had received an email stating that the road was not wide enough. To pursue Cllr.Isaacs has not receive a reply to his request regarding grass cutting contract . To pursue

19/12/14 To receive report from Neighbourhood Plan progress inc finance

Progress reports as per newsletter. Long process with a referendum probably not due until 2016 As it stands the Nplan accounts are over £800 in the red although £10,000 has been deposited in PC account by VWHDC but as previously reported no Bank Statement to support this

20/12/14 Date of next meeting

7th January 2015

Questions /Comments from parishioners

What pollutants are being tested for and concerns over radiation at QEII field. Cllr.Isaacs to send relevant paperwork to Parishioner

Woodland cannot be left to nature and needs to be looked after. Parishioner stated that BBONT would be willing to assist

At this point the parishioners left and the meeting sat to decide the Clerks pay award , hours and Home Office rental. The Clerk left the meeting at this point

Following discussion

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr MONAHAN SMITH

IT WAS RESOLVED that the NALC recommended award be paid £13.22 ph

As for hours worked it was thought that further discussion should be taken and with the office rental which could involve a taxation problem