

**Minutes of a meeting of STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 4th December 2019 at Stanford in the Vale Village Hall**

- Present:** Cllr.Lewis(Chair) Cllr.Warren Cllr.Isaacs Cllr.Bailey Cllr.Middleton Cllr.Williams
D.M.Dew (Clerk) Cllr.N.Boyd(VWHDC) 1 Parishioner
- 01/12/19 To receive apologies and reason (If offered)**
Cllr.Williams Cuss(Business) Cllr.Jenkins(Medical) Cllr.Howes(Business) Cllr Jackson (Business) County
Cllr Fitzgerald O'Connor
- 02/12/19 To receive Declarations of Interest from Cllrs On any agenda item**
Nil
- 03/12/19 To receive, approve & sign as a true record minutes of previous meeting 6 Nov 2019**
ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr.MIDDLETON
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record
- 04/12/19 To receive report of County Councillor**
Nil
- 05/12/19 To receive report of District Councillor**
There is FREE parking in Abingdon , Wantage & Faringdon leading up to Christmas. Abingdon &
Wantage Sat 7th, 14th & 21st. Faringdon 7th & 14th
The new Climate Emergency Advisory Committee has recommended over reaching goals in achieving
carbon neutrality. Work has begun seven themes – council business, housing , partnership,
infrastructure , transport , biodiversity and behaviour change. These goals are currently being
evaluated along with identifying the feasibility of some of the options. In addition student
consultancy support from the Oxford University programme has been secured. The students will
prepare a report and the Committee will consider it in the New Year.
Future Homes Standard Consultation – The consultation on options to increase the energy efficiency
requirements of new homes is open until 10th January 2020. Details are available on the Government
website – www.gov.uk
Protect yourself online - The Community Safety Partnership is sharing some tips to help residents
avoid scam particularly over the festive period: An offer that seems too good to be true probably is
Look for the online padlock symbol // Use a secure payment method // Install app updates and latest
software // Use strong , unique passwords // For more information , visit actionfraud.police.uk or
contact them on 0300 123 2040 if you think you have been a victim of fraud
I am keeping up to date with all planning applications and if you need any to get in touch please do
- 06/12/19 Questions/comments from parishioners**
Why no playarea following construction at Bow Farm? – Council explained that the number of
dwellings meant that the developers were not obliged to provide a playarea. At present Council
finances were being allocated to existing play areas as well as the proposed recreation field.
Metal fence in Bow Road broken – Cllr.Middleton to report on Fixmystreet
The PPC have purchased new lights for the village Christmas tree
- 07/12/19 To receive report of Clerk**
Website should read January meeting 8th January 2020
- 08/12/19 To receive report of Chairman inc items for next agenda**
Thames Water Road Closed/Diversion signs had been re-erected across Bow Road on the morning of
Saturday 09/11 – I've removed these, and arranged for them to be stored in a neighbours garden
until TW could have them collected.

Remembrance Sunday: wreath laid on behalf of the Parish Council.

I have met with a parishioner concerned regarding the future of the community website, which requires further investigation. They also made a suggestion regarding planting of fruit trees around the parish – I explained we had planted a small number at the woodland last year and were hoping to increase the number/were planning a community orchard as part of the new recreation field.

I was also contacted by someone who has recently purchased a property on High Street enquiring around planning policies etc – and provided them with an overview of the planning process and the PC's involvement in this. I have separately replied to OCC's survey regarding their proposed toucan crossing for the strategic site on the A417.

No further updates in relation to the proposed Openreach works along Bow Road. I have however been contacted by a resident in Bow Road in relation to blocked manholes and hedgerow growth blocking visibility of the 30mph signs as you enter the village. I have asked that they report the drainage issue via fixmystreet and Cllr. Middleton has kindly agreed to look at the signs.

Savills have been in contact regarding the ownership of the parking area on Chapel Road.

I have already responded to Vale's Town & Parish Forum survey that was referred to earlier.

Details of the meeting regarding Cottage Farm have been circulated: apologies for the short notice on this, I am unclear as to the urgency, given the time since the last meeting, but it's not something that I have organised.

Cllr Jackson has ordered (and received) the replacement toddler swing seats, so these should be in place soon, and I have instructed the contractors to proceed with refurbishing the aerial runway.

I have also had a brief conversation with the officer dealing with our pre-app advice for the QEII levelling site, to answer some questions and share some of the background/vision for this. I don't yet have proposed dates for a meeting, but will advise when these come through.

Following reports of a tent in the community woodland, I have been in touch with Vale's homelessness team and they are arranging for one of their team to attend later this week.

I've been contacted regarding flooding issues around the drains on the A417 between High Street and the edge of the village – whether this relates to ongoing issues in High Street, I'm not clear. However, OCC are still awaiting results from the storm drain survey so there's little progress to report on this for the moment.

Finally, I've been contacted with regards some minor vandalism in the vicinity of Horsecroft – a group of 3 youths who appeared to throw a canister at a car before running off. In hindsight, it's possible that the canister was spray paint, since the same evening there was an issue with graffiti in Hunters Field.

09/12/19 To receive correspondence

Request from Village Hall Trustees for contribution towards Christmas raffle/bingo

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr MIDDLETON

IT WAS RESOLVED that £20 be allocated. Cllr.Bailey to arrange

10/12/19 To discuss Planning Applications

MW.0020/11 Shellingford Quarry – Extension of areas of extraction and restoration to agricultural to 2044

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr MIDDLETON

IT WAS RESOLVED that there were no objections but the PC would like to be consulted re restoration at the end of the extension date

P18/V2031/RM – Land North of Ware Road – Amendment No.5

P18/V2056/RM – Land West of Ware Road – Amendment No.5

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr MIDDLETON

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Chairman would request a meeting with the Planning Officer and submit concerns in relation to the density

- 11/12/19 To discuss Tree damage Perry's Road**
No further action
- 12/12/19 To approve purchase of grass seed in bulk**
ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr WILLIAMS
IT WAS RESOLVED that up to £200 be allocated to purchase grass seed
- 13/12/19 To discuss VE Anniversary Celebrations**
Item to next agenda
- 14/12/19 To discuss Pre-School signage after inspection of samples**
It was resolved that Cllr Warren would speak to the Pre-School
- 15/12/19 To discuss Hedgecutting**
Still waiting for quotes
- 16/12/19 To approve accounts for payment (see Finance Report)**
ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr WARREN
IT WAS RESOLVED that subject to change the accounts for payment be approved
- 17/12/19 To approve Monthly Statement of Accounts (see Finance Report)**
ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr LEWIS
SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Monthly Statement of Accounts be approved
- 18/12/19 To discuss Precept 2020/2021**
Budget/Precept Item to next agenda
- 19/12/19 To receive report of Environmental Committee**
As circulated
- 20/12/19 To receive report of Recreation & Leisure Committee**
Nil
- 21/12/19 To receive report of Public Works of Art Liaison Working Party**
Still considering self watering systems for flower boxes
- 22/12/19 To receive report of Neighbourhood Plan**
Strategic Environmental Plan required by VWHDC being prepared by Bluestone. While the request was to keep everything simple, it was far from that
- 23/12/19 To receive report of Millennium Green Trust**
As circulated. Application to PPC for picnic tables. Clerk to speak to litter picker to arrange glass collection protection kit
- 24/12/19 Date of next meeting**
8th January 2020
- 25/12/19 Questions/comments from parishioners**
Consideration should be given to requesting that all new developments include Fast Chargers (For electric vehicles)