

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

Present: Cllr.P.Lewis(Chair) Cllr.Gill Cllr.Isaacs Cllr.Warren @ 20:10
Cllr.N.Lewis Cllr.Bailey Cllr. Jenkins Cllr.Jackson
District Cllr.R.Sharp(VWHDC) D.M.Dew (Clerk) 1 Parishioner

01/02/17 Apologies and reason (If offered)

Cllr. Williams Cuss County Cllr.M.Tilley (OCC)

02/02/17 Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any agenda item

Cllr.Isaacs – Item 7 and item 13 - regarding CPRE membership

03/02/17 To receive, approve & sign as a true record minutes of meeting 4th January 2017

Cllr.Bailey highlighted several typo errors in the minutes and it was decided that these should be corrected and circulated before the minutes were approved. This item to next agenda

04/02/17 To receive report of County Councillor

Nil

05/02/17 To receive report of District Councillor

Nothing to report. Was asked for the decision on Gleeson planning application he stated that he had not yet seen the result. Archaeological digs, were there any grants available – he thought not but would find out if there were and report back

06/02/17 Questions/comments from parishioners

Nil

07/02/17 To receive report of Clerk

Grass cutting verges for OCC – No reply received from OCC regarding the areas and length of verges to be cut despite several attempts

Whirly Bird seats fitted (Cllr Jackson plus a parishioner)

CPRE Membership – Application for renewal of membership received and as there was some doubt last year about renewal Clerk was asking for instructions. Membership was £36 pa as last year.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr GILL

SECONDED BY Cllr JACKSON

IT WAS RESOLVED that the membership be renewed

08/02/17 To receive report of Chairman inc items for next agenda

Further to our January meeting, I have both emailed and spoken to the planning office, Peter Brampton, removing Council's objection to the application on "part 2" of the strategic site, on the basis that OCC have removed their objections relating to education provision. Mr Brampton is aware of our remaining observations concerning the application and I have the impression that the applicant is working closely with the planning team to address these.

I have also been in contact with both OCC & Vale regarding our planning application to change the use of the proposed QEII Recreation Field. I am delighted to report that just yesterday, I received confirmation that the application has now been approved.

Again, further to reports at our January meeting, I've been in touch with Hills Quarry Products regarding the condition of the A417 outside the quarry entrance. Having only had the opportunity to email them on a Friday afternoon, I had a phone call from one of their directors before the end of the day advising that they were unaware of the issue but would be stopping the deliveries of earth to site immediately, and would then be looking at what could be done to alleviate the issue. He also explained that a wheel wash was proposed in the plans for the quarry extension, but that if necessary, they would have that introduced sooner.

I have circulated additional correspondence relating to 63 Nursery End to the sub-committee for review, but it seems at present that the management company referred to by David Wilson Homes has not been created.

We have received an offer of some young beech saplings – I suspect that they might be beneficial for the community woodland, but wanted to seek your views before accepting.

I am still to contact OCC to highlight our concerns ref. lack of clear plans for both school and pre-school expansion – it is however, in hand.

Finally, I have been contacted by the electricity broker to advise that the contract is now eligible for renewal – I will circulate some options to you so we can ensure that we continue to benefit from competitive rates.

Cllr. Gill advised that he had been contacted by residents with concerns regarding water being pumped from Bow Farm development across the pavement/road and towards the brook. He has spoken to the contractors already. Cllr Bailey advised that the scheme had permission to discharge some water to the brook, but that would be underground, not across the pavement.

Cllr. Gill also advised that Biffa operatives have been in the village today and have made some significant improvements to paths, having removed lots of dead leaves etc. that have gathered over the winter. Chair to pass on Council's thanks.

Finally, Cllr. Gill raised concerns regarding education plans. Noted, and probably shared by all, Chairman referred to his previous statement that Council would be writing to OCC to highlight the importance of meeting the educational needs of future generations.

09/02/17 To receive correspondence

Hills – response to Chairman’s letter concerning the state of the A417. They have reduced the volume of material running on to site and deployed a road sweeper to maintain highway cleanliness – Noted
Parishioner - Offer of 6 young beech trees – Chairman to contact
The Pensions Regulator - Staging dates and requirements – Noted
Axis – Explanation of differing monthly debits – Due to difficulties at start - Noted
VWHDC – Numbering of houses New residential property 2A Kiln Close – Noted
VWHDC – Updated for Community Infrastructure Levy – Noted .No comment from SiV
TSB- Financial Services Compensation Scheme - £75,000 limit noted
High Sheriff of Oxfordshire – regarding carers Oxfordshire and offer of visit to Council to explain about carers and how they can be helped. – Noted and waiting for contact

10/02/17 To discuss Planning Applications

Nil

11/02/17 To discuss and approve appointment of Internal Auditor

Mr.P.Neal had agreed to become the Council Internal Auditor

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS
SECONDED BY Cllr JENKINS
IT WAS RESOLVED that Mr.P.Neal be appointed as Internal Auditor

12/02/17 To discuss Declaration of Parish Council Casual vacancy

Clerk informed Council that no request for an election had been received by VWHDC and therefore the Parish Council should co-opt a person to fill the vacancy as soon as practicable. Clerk had placed notices informing the Parishioners of the vacancy

13/02/17 To approve Accounts for payment

4 th Jan	Stanford Village Hall (inc4.80 NPlan)	Hall Hire	28.10
23 rd Jan	Wicksteed Leisure	Whirly Bird seats	733.42
27 th Jan	D.M.Dew	Salary	684.04
27 th Jan	C.Stallard	Litter pick	60.00
27 th Jan	Post office (HMRC)	PAYE & NI	195.71

Following the addition of CPRE membership £36

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr BAILEY
IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be approved/paid

14/02/17 To receive/approve Monthly Statement of Accounts

CASH AT BANK

Beginning Balance	25,241.97
Cleared transactions - 759.18	
Cleared balance	24,482.79
Uncleared transactions -467.50	
Register balance as at 29/12/16 balance	24,915.29
New transactions - 279.36	
Ending balance	<u>23,735.93</u>

30 DAY BUSINESS

Beginning balance	7,900.56
Cleared transactions 0.32	
Ending balance as at 09/12/16	<u>7,900.88</u>

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

3,499.80

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.N.LEWIS
SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Monthly Statement of Accounts be approved

15/02/17 To discuss next year's Budget

Item to next agenda

16/02/17 To discuss/agree archaeological surveys on Parish land

Chairman to liaise with the group including the possible "professional dig" and financial obligations to the Parish Council. There had been no permission given to dig on Millennium Green this was for the Trustees to decide

17/02/17 To receive report of the Environmental Committee

Cllr.Isaacs reported that he had not yet obtain a reduction in fees from OCC regarding the Wayleave QEII Field. Next meeting 2 Feb 2017 7.30pm

18/02/17 To receive report of Recreation & Leisure Committee

Nil

19/02/17 To receive report of Neighbourhood Plan

The scoping report is ready to submit. The scoping report being a sustainability assessment report How close are we? Cllr. Gill hoped it would be by the autumn. Cllr Isaacs was concerned that it would be a large document and was it possible for the report to be forwarded to Councillors in smaller chapters to enable them to appreciate the contents fully for their decisions. Cllr Gill stated that all groups involved would get 6 weeks to peruse the document

20/02/17 Questions/comments from Parishioners

There followed a discussion regarding the Newsletter and that the folding machine was not reliable any more. Cllr Warren had costed the newsletter being produced privately at 1100 copies £103.95 and the 8 page edition £197.78. Further discussion to be carried out

21/02/17 Date of next meeting

1st March 2017