

**Minutes of a meeting of STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 5th February 2020 in Stanford Primary School**

Present: Cllr.Lewis(Chair) Cllr.Isaacs Cllr.Warren Cllr.Bailey Cllr.Jenkins
Cllr.Howes Cllr.Middleton
County Cllr.Fitzgerald O'Connor District Cllr.Boyd D.M.Dew (Clerk)
Wantage Town Cllr.Walters(Trustee Wantage Indep Advice Centre)

01/02/20 To receive apologies and reason (If offered)

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

02/02/20 To receive Declarations of Interest from Cllrs on any agenda item

Cllr.Middleton Item 7, Cllrs Warren & Bailey Item 13

03/02/20 To receive, approve & sign as a true record minutes of previous meeting 8 Jan 2020

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.BAILEY

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

04/02/20 To receive report of County Councillor

A Councillors priority fund has been approved again this year applications for grants to the County Councillor.Budget meeting scheduled for next Tuesday , money has already been allocated for highways The Councillor with two other local county councillors have formed a group to discuss A420 improvements. Cllr Lewis noted that there had been discussions regarding the A420 but Stanford had not been invited to any discussions. He also pointed out that OCC does not communicate with The Parish Council.

There were to be discussions regarding Oxford congestion and it was reported that Oxfordshire had some of the best recycling rates in the country

05/02/20 To receive report of District Councillor Stanford Ward

The climate emergency advisory committee

Met for over 3 hours on 28 January and discussed the Oxfordshire Electric vehicle Infrastructure Steering Group and the appointment of a Councillor to represent the Council, the Year one Work Programme, Forward Programme and car Park fees and Charges. The last item was debated at the exclusion of the press and public. The Committee will make recommendations to the Vale Cabinet. The next meeting will be held on 30 March 2020

Cabinet Meeting

The February meeting was on Monday 3 February. There was a long agenda which includes Affordable Housing & Oxfordshire Growth Deal, Neighbourhood Planning Funding , the budget 2020/2021 and Capital Programme 2024/25 – details are on the vale website. The Cabinet will make recommendations to the full Council which will meet on 12 and 19 February. The second meeting is necessary as TYhames Valley Police are not meeting until 14 February to set their precept. Once received the Vale Council will be in a position to complete its budget and set Council Tax for the forthcoming year.

Planning

The Vale has published an update on Planning pPolicy which is a useful document and all Town & Parish Councils will have received a copy. If not please let us know.

Recycling

A number of waste enforcement events have been arranged during February and March. The nearest to Shrivensham will be held on 28 February between 1100 hours and 1300 hours at The Beacon in Wantage.

The Vale Recycling Team are supporting the Sustainable Shivenham event which will be held on Saturday 28 March 2020.

Defence Academy

The Station Commander has arranged for the Local Liaison Group to meet on 17 March. It has been almost three years since this group last met

Neighbourhood Action Group

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6 February

Footpath

The legal side of the Bow Farm footpath was now in progress and the Parish Council should hear more on this in the coming weeks and months

Budget

Please see the link to the budget papers here(as discussed)

<http://democratic.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/ielistDocuments.aspx?Cld=108&Mld=2591>

06/02/20 Questions/comments from parishioners

Nil

07/02/20 Presentation by Cllr C.Walters (Trustee Wantage Indep Advice Centre)

Cllr.Walters wished to inform Council on the activities of the WIAC which is a "crucial" service , an open door for many people and offer face to face, (Booked and drop in) email support for people with multiple involved problems.. Volunteers have dealt with mental Health, Welfare rights and Universal Credit problems. There are 60 volunteer drivers Cllr Walters gave a breakdown of numbers of people helped and reminded Council of volunteering and funding.

It was suggested to her that some improvements could be made to the annual report book that is produced and more emphasis be placed on the advert for volunteers and funding and number of people from each area helped or advised

08/02/20 To receive report of Clerk

Mower repairs/service – Following discussion regarding the latest invoice it was decided that there was confusion as to which mower was which. Clerk to obtain make/model of each mower and it was suggested that multiple quotes be obtained before any further servicing. Chairman felt this was impractical for servicing, but that he expected greater clarity as to what works we were asking / expecting to be undertaken over and above a service (e.g. most recent included replacing blades).

Litter picking - Emptying waste bins – Clerk considered that the hours advertised were not sufficient to carry out the task which included taking street collections to the recycling site. Council considered that the weekly waste collection should remove the bags but the Clerk said this did not always happen and he either took them to the recycling site or phoned Biffa for a collection. There was confusion regarding the whereabouts of the wheeled bin used by a previous street cleaner with Clerk thinking that it was with ex. Cllr. P.Gill

09/02/20 To receive report of Chairman inc items for next agenda

The Clerk was in touch with me ref. concerns relating to the electricity contract for the floodlights – updated meter readings have been submitted and a revised bill received.

Cllr. Jenkins contacted me concerning reports of a horse kicking someone using a public footpath crossing through the same field. I apologise that I've not been back in touch with Cllr Jenkins directly, but I have been trying to ascertain the position surrounding this. The legislation refers to dangerous animals, but I cannot find anywhere that suggests a horse could be deemed a dangerous animal. Further, the landowner has also approached me separately reporting numerous instances of people meandering off the footpath, allowing their dogs and/or children to roam throughout the field and thereby worrying the horses in the process. I believe we need to remind people via the newsletter of their own responsibilities and potentially seek some additional signage for this particular location.

Cllr. Middleton and I have finally managed to meet with the OCC Highways Inspector, Hannah Wood. She is extremely enthusiastic, keen to see issues resolved and frankly a breath of fresh air from OCC – we have agreed that Cllr. Middleton will aim to co-ordinate a monthly summary of urgent matters which we hope will result in progressing these to a swifter conclusion than has been the case of late. I have spoken to the Planning Officer again in relation to the pre-app advice that we are seeking – hopefully we will receive their formal response shortly.

I will take as read my e-mails with the District Council in respect of the proposed election charges – the matter is clearly ongoing.

Cllr. Howes reported issues with the temporary signs for the Penstones Farm development obscuring the sight lines for drivers at the top of High Street – the developer does seem to have rather a lot of signs and I'm not aware of any planning permission in relation to these.

I met with our District Councillor in relation to the footpath link between Bow Farm and Horsecroft and also to understand some concerns that Shellingford have raised in respect of the proposed expansion of the quarry, especially with regards to dust control measures – the impacts on Stanford in the Vale are not immediately apparent, although we did ask OCC to ensure that air quality measurements were taken the quarry and the village when they consulted in the summer. Following this I had a visit from someone living in Shellingford (I believe linked to Shellingford Parish Meeting) setting out similar concerns – albeit one of the challenges they have is that the data is limited and doesn't appear to be aligned to the best practice/recommendations issued by Public Health England. I have undertaken an Accessibility audit of the PC website, using automated 3rd party tooling, which scores the site at 89 out of a possible 100 for accessibility. Whilst there are always improvements that can be made, the site should be compliant on this basis. Finally, I have received a copy of the presentation that was given during December in relation to the owners' proposals for Cottage Farm, which are shared with you for your information.

10/02/20

To receive correspondence

OCC Deposit under Highways Act 1980 land SAE of 30 Horsecroft Prevention of unrecognised right of way being legally recorded – Noted

Wild Oxfordshire – Local Environment Groups Conference - Cllr.Middleton to attend Cost £40 to be approved at March meeting of PC

OPCC Thames Valley Police – Vacancies for lay members of the joint Independent Audit Committee – Circulated and noted

11/02/20

To discuss Planning Applications

P20/V0030/FUL Faringdon Road – Erection of temp sales suite with assoc.planting,parking and advertising /signage

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

Seconded by Cllr.HOWES

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Council OBJECTS to the application

P20/V0031/A Faringdon Road -Erection of advertising/signage

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.HOWES

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Council OBJECTS to the application

P19/V3242/HH – 1 Upper Green SN7 8HY – Amended application – *remove existing conservatory, pitched roof kitchen extension and logstore/WC. Erect new single storey flat roof rear kitchen and study extension(as amended by plans and additional info 27 Jan 2020*

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.LEWIS

SECONDED BY CllrJENKINS

IT WAS RESOLVED that there were NO OBJECTIONS to this application

P20/V0111/FUL – Mill Farm SN7 8NP – Erection of single dwelling as stockman accommodation at Mill Farm access driveway from Park Lane gateway previously approved P18/V0587/FUL

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.JENKINS

IT WAS RESOLVED that there were NO OBJECTIONS to this application

12/02/20 To discuss Climate & Environmental Emergency Policy

As per report circulated. There was concern about limiting dairy and meat consumption and produce

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr MIDDLETON

SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS the phrase was amended to read “ More sustainable diet”

Council thanked Cllr Middleton for producing the policy

13/02/20 To approve accounts for payment

3:32 PM

03/02/20

**Stanford in the Vale Parish Council
Reconciliation Detail
Current Account - TSB, Period Ending 07/02/20**

Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance						9,182.12
Cleared Transactions						
Cheques and Payments - 9 items						
Bill Pmt -Cheque	19/12/19	BACS	Stallard	X	-65.00	-65.00
Bill Pmt -Cheque	24/12/19	BACS	EE Broadband	X	-34.00	-99.00
Bill Pmt -Cheque	03/01/20	2472	J.Warren	X	-29.10	-128.10
Bill Pmt -Cheque	24/01/20	BACS	ABA(Construction) Ltf	X	-1,217.40	-1,345.50
Bill Pmt -Cheque	24/01/20	BACS	D.M.Dew	X	-828.20	-2,173.70
Bill Pmt -Cheque	24/01/20	BACS	HMRC	X	-250.63	-2,424.33
Bill Pmt -Cheque	24/01/20	BACS	Stanford PCC (St D...	X	-98.89	-2,523.22
Bill Pmt -Cheque	24/01/20	BACS	CPRE	X	-36.00	-2,559.22
Bill Pmt -Cheque	24/01/20	BACS	A.Bailey	X	-12.50	-2,571.72
Total Cheques and Payments					-2,571.72	-2,571.72
Deposits and Credits - 4 items						
Bill Pmt -Cheque	19/01/20	BACS	HMRC	X	0.00	0.00
Bill Pmt -Cheque	19/01/20	BACS	HMRC	X	0.00	0.00
Deposit	31/01/20	DEP	Interest on Investm...	X	0.00	0.00
Deposit	03/02/20			X	20.00	20.00
Total Deposits and Credits					20.00	20.00
Total Cleared Transactions					-2,551.72	-2,551.72
Cleared Balance					-2,551.72	6,630.40
Uncleared Transactions						
Deposits and Credits - 1 item						
Bill Pmt -Cheque	24/01/20	BACS	British gas		0.00	0.00
Total Deposits and Credits					0.00	0.00
Total Uncleared Transactions					0.00	0.00
Register Balance as of 07/02/20					-2,551.72	6,630.40
Ending Balance					-2,551.72	6,630.40

14/02/20 To approve Monthly Statement of Accounts

**Stanford in the Vale Parish Council
Statement of Accounts - Summary
As of 31 January 2020**

	31 Jan 20
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash at bank and in hand	
Current Account - TSB	
Reserves - CIL	2,285.12
Reserves - NP	1,752.00
Reserves - Play Equipment	750.00
Current Account - TSB - Other	1,783.90
Total Current Account - TSB	6,571.02
Redwood 35 Day Savings Account	
Reserves - NP Savings	5,274.05
Redwood 35 Day Savings Account - ...	30,343.17
Total Redwood 35 Day Savings Account	35,617.22
Petty Cash	39.10
Total Cash at bank and in hand	42,227.34
Total Current Assets	42,227.34
NET CURRENT ASSETS	42,227.34
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	42,227.34
NET ASSETS	42,227.34
Capital and Reserves	0.00

15/02/20 To discuss VE Celebrations inc British Legion Involvement

On going

16/02/20 To receive report of Environmental Committee

As discussed at item 12/02/20

17/02/20 To receive report of Recreation & Leisure Committee

Next meeting Wed 19th Feb 2020 7.30pm Committee room. Weekly equipment checks continue. Companies have been contacted for quotes for replacement equipment. Concern that now our litter picker has retired that a weekly bin collection will not be enough. Clerk to monitor until a replacement picker is employed

18/02/20 To receive report of Public Works of Art Liaison Working Party

Have looked at sites for the new signs

19/02/20 To receive report of Neighbourhood Plan

Draft strategic Assessment to be circulated. It was requested that the Website be updated

20/02/20 To receive report of Millennium Green Trust

Nil

21/02/20 Date of next meeting

4th March 2020

22/02/20 Questions/comments from parishioners

Nil